

# DANVILLE INTELLIGENCER

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## TWO ENLISTMENTS ARE MADE

Bert Light, of Milton, and Fred Hopkins, of Mt. Carmel, have enlisted at the local recruiting station. They were accepted Tuesday evening and Wednesday they left for New York where they will join the coast artillery. William Konecior of Mt. Carmel, another applicant Tuesday, was rejected on account of impaired vision.

The recruiting office was opened here on June 4th under Corporal Cohen. There have been, all told, a round dozen of applicants, but two above named, accepted Tuesday were the first that came up to all the requirements.

Corporal Cohen Tuesday stated that recruiting officers generally expect to reject at least 70 per cent. of those who apply. The principal defect seems to be in the hearing and sight; heart trouble, also, is often the cause of rejection. The very general defect in the hearing, the recruiting officer explained, is largely due to cigarettes and excessive smoking of cigars. This does not always disqualify the applicant; in cases where in other respects the man is all right, if the heart action is only slightly impaired, and the applicant will agree to modify his indulgence in tobacco it very frequently happens that he is accepted notwithstanding.

Defective eyes are apt to occur at places like Danville, where men are employed about mills and furnaces; the glare and the intense heat of the fire often proves injurious to the sight, to say nothing of the effect of foreign matter, which is so apt to find its way into the eye. The best material for the army as well as for any other calling, the officer states, comes from the country.

## Dodging Taxes in Schuylkill.

The recent sale of a tract of coal land in Schuylkill county valued at one thousand dollars an acre, is assessed at fifty dollars. With this as a basis an investigation was made and it has developed that coal lands generally are assessed at about one twentieth their real value, which means an evasion of taxation to an enormous extent. The coal companies are all represented in what they call the "Taxpayers' Association" and have for years used their influences with the county commissioners to get a rate of taxation on their coal lands far lower in proportion than that paid by the workingmen and business men on their small homesteads. In order to combat the work of the corporations through the Taxpayers' Association the small property owners have formed a "Home Owners' League." This organization is being perfected in Pottsville and will extend to all parts of the county. It is proposed to ask the county commissioners at the time of the revision of the valuation of taxes to raise the assessment upon corporation lands many million dollars. If the commissioners do not comply with this request these people will go into politics and elect their own commissioners two years from now.

## Frazier Farm Was Not Sold.

One of the biggest crowds that ever gathered at a public sale in Montour county was present yesterday when the fine Frazier farm, near Washingtonville was put under the hammer.

The farm was not sold however. It was bid up to \$10,700 by Clarence Campbell, but the owners refused to let the property go for that price. All the other articles were sold, including 5 prime horses, stock, farming implements, etc.

Some idea of the enormous crowd that was present can be gathered when it is stated that nearly 600 wagons and carriages were tied near the scene of the sale.

## At West Point Commencement.

Mrs. Phillip Mettler, Mrs. Eckman, of Klingsgrove, and C. P. Gearhart, Esq., returned Friday evening from West Point Military Academy, where they attended the commencement exercises. In the class that just graduated was Charles Mettler, who stood 14th, out of a class of 68.

## Miss Weiss Resigns.

Miss Elfriede Weiss, who for the past three years has held the position of teacher of music in the public schools of Danville, has accepted the position of supervisor of music in the Tyrone public schools.

## Married at Philadelphia.

David C. Williams and Mrs. Ida Van Horn, both of this city, were married in Philadelphia Tuesday evening.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the groom's sister at 8 o'clock.

## For Excellence in Vocal Music.

Among the institute prizes awarded at Bucknell university appears the name of Miss Emma Gearhart, of this city, as having won the aviragant prize for excellence in vocal music.

## Farmers' Picnic.

The members of the farmers' tri-county picnic association will meet at the court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

## Moved to Danville.

Mrs. Margaret Girtton, who resided with her mother, Mrs. B. Stohner, on Iron street, is moving to Danville today.—Bloomsburg Daily.

## NEWTON SMITH ELECTRICIAN

Newton Smith, engineer at the power house of the Danville and Bloomsburg trolley company, was Friday elected borough electrician to succeed Samuel H. Jones.

Mr. Jones, on his return home the week before last, tendered his resignation to the committee on light, which was acted upon Friday eve. Mr. Jones asked that his resignation take effect June 15th, or as soon thereafter as possible.

On motion Friday eve Mr. Jones' resignation was unanimously accepted to take place immediately. There were two applications for the position of borough electrician. D. L. Domb, who has charge of the United telephone lines at this place, proposed for a compensation of \$75 per month to do the work in conjunction with his brother, Clyde Mc. Domb, who is a skillful electrician. Mr. Domb's plan was to attend to the duties as borough electrician in conjunction with the telephone work. The plan, however, did not find favor with the committee.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, Newton Smith was elected borough electrician to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jones at a salary of \$75 per month. Mr. Smith gave a long list of references covering a period of fourteen years, which attested to his skill and experience both as an electrician and a machinist.

A petition to the president and directors of the D. L. & W. railroad company, signed by 90 of our business men, was read before council urging that the D. L. & W. railroad company permit the Danville & Bloomsburg electric railroad company to cross the tracks of the said D. L. & W. company on Mill street in the borough of Danville. In addition to the other signatures the twelve committee last night affixed their signatures to the petition after which it will be forwarded to the railroad company's headquarters. The attention of the borough solicitor was called to the fact that the time limit of ninety days expires today, which was given the Danville & Bloomsburg street railway company in which to make repairs on A street. A protracted discussion ensued as to what measures were advisable under the circumstances.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the rider on the plans and specifications for improvements on A street be attached to the petition, which completed according to specifications was made subject to approval of the street commissioner and the committee on streets and bridges. Next, on motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that an extension of ten days be given the Danville and Bloomsburg street railway company in which to begin improvements on A street.

On motion of Mr. Russell the water commissioners were requested when extending the water main to Gulick's addition to make an additional extension of sixty-five feet of one-inch pipe to take in the residence of James Dailey.

A petition was received from Carl McWilliams, Jacob Engle, and Mrs. S. Wurga asking that an extension be made to the sewer on Mill street from the corner of Hemlock street to Little Ash street.

Jacob Fischer appeared before council to call attention to the intolerable conditions existing in the vicinity of his residence and store on North Mill street.

On motion of Dr. Sweisfort it was ordered that the borough sewer be extended from Centre street out North Mill street to Little Ash street.

On motion of Mr. Finnigan it was ordered that the borough sewer be extended on Centre street from Mill street to Pine.

On motion of Dr. Sweisfort it was ordered that a joint meeting of the sewer committee, the committee on ordinance and the borough solicitor be held to consider the changing of the sewer ordinance or the enactment of a wholly new ordinance relating to sewers.

The following communication was received: We the undersigned property holders respectfully petition your honorable body to extend the borough sewer on Centre street to Pine street from its present terminus on West Centre street. (Signed) G. P. Murray, John F. Pursell, Josiah Jobborn, George C. Stickle, L. X. Grier, Mrs. D. M. Boyd, Mrs. A. A. Geisinger, M. I. O'Reilly, David Shellhart and Harriet M. Kaufman.

Mr. Jacobs called attention to State law prohibiting the throwing of waste paper and other trash on public streets, which is generally violated in our town, notwithstanding the fact that garbage cans have been installed as receptacles for refuse. He suggested that it is, he said, not only market people, but even merchants throw their refuse on the street adding to the work of the street cleaning gang. He suggested that the clerk look up the law reporting at the next meeting as to its full provisions. His view prevailed and it was ordered that the officers in the meantime do what they can to secure the enforcement of the law.

Mr. Jacobs called attention to the poor condition of the ditch on Ferry street in front of the residences of Wellington Rote and Mrs. Gomer Thomas, which, he thought, should undergo extensive improvement. On motion it was ordered that the committee on streets and bridges visit the spot and report at the next meeting as to what improvement it thinks necessary.

The following members were present: Gibson, Eisenhart, Jacobs, Finnigan, Bedon, Dietz, Boyer, Yastine, Sweisfort, Russell, Angle and Hughes.

## MAY CHANGE SEWER RATES

It does not seem unlikely that there may be a radical change in sewer rates in Danville, raising the tapage fee somewhat and wholly eliminating the annual rental. The general effect would be to lower the cost of using the borough sewer. Heavy pressure is being brought by the property owners to effect a change in rates and council, it would seem, is pretty evenly divided.

At the last meeting an opinion of the borough solicitor was read, which advised against such a change. At the same time it was decided by council to take the matter up and to investigate it in all its bearings. In a few days a joint meeting of the sewer committee, the committee on ordinance and police and the borough solicitor will be held to decide whether or not a change shall be made in the sewer rates. This may result in a wholly new ordinance relating to sewers.

At present in addition to the tapage fee of ten dollars additional yearly charges are made for each connection, which are in part as follows: For each dwelling, store, shop, or office, each dwelling, store, shop, or office, each restaurant, or bottling works, five dollars per year; for each hotel, ten dollars per year. The highest yearly rental is for breweries, twenty-five dollars.

It is to the yearly charges that objection is urged. These together with the tapage fee, it is claimed, make the cost prohibitive with people of moderate means. The idea is to eliminate the annual charges and to raise the tapage fee. A reasonable limit of \$25 or \$30 would be set for the latter, so that while the advance of tapage fee would to some extent compensate for the loss of rental, the burden of the property owner who availed himself of sewerage would be materially lightened and he would not for all time be burdened with a heavy rental.

No one can be compelled to connect with the sewer except where it can be shown that without such connection the premises becomes a nuisance. Only those voluntarily make connection who can afford to pay any price for the luxury. As one of the members in favor of changing the rates put it, "A tax is thus placed upon good sanitation" with the result that the splendid sewer which was designed for general use is limited to a few.

It is true that at each meeting of council there is one or more resolutions for sewer extension. But it is shown that while two or more, who are generally the prime movers, get onto the sewer as quickly as possible the rest of the signers are slow enough in connecting and often do not connect at all. It is held that with the yearly charges out of the way and with a tapage fee fixed to cover merely the cost of labor and material in making the connection the sewer would be popular in the second and fourth wards as it is in the first and third wards. It would not be long before the sewer would begin to pay for itself by the increased revenue from the water department due to the increased numbers of bath rooms and like conveniences that follow in the wake of the sewer.

Those opposed to the change of sewer rates advance many arguments. Any ordinance different from the present, they urge would not be fair to the citizens of those wards into which the sewer has not yet extended. These citizens having none of the benefits of the sewer should not be expected to bear the burden, which rather should be distributed among those who directly share the benefit. It is especially urged in defense of the yearly charges that these are needed to meet the after expenses of extensions and of keeping the sewer in repair.

## Decayed Floor Causes Bad Fall.

Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mill street, met with a singular accident about 10 o'clock last evening, as the result of which she was obliged to take her bed. Mrs. Smith was attending to some household duties on the rear porch, when a rotten board gave way beneath her weight and her left limb dropped down through the aperture. As she fell her back struck the washing machine and in addition to the injury sustained on the limb her back was very badly bruised by the force of the blow.

For a few moments her position was most terrifying and perilous. With her limb imprisoned between the boards she hung on the edge of the porch clinging to a barrel for support. Charles Schuster heard her cries for help and he ran to her rescue.

Before the woman could be released it was necessary to pry up another board from the porch floor. Although not seriously injured, so far as could be determined, yet Mrs. Smith sustained several painful abrasions and bruises and suffered considerably.

The porch is elevated at some distance from the ground. The treacherous board, although much decayed underneath showed no evidences of weakness on the surface.

## GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

They have a good roads association in Westmoreland county also an admirable institution which should have many imitators. At a recent meeting of the association representatives from various districts spoke enthusiastically of the prospects for better roads throughout the county.

## Largest in the World.

The Pennsylvania Steel company will build five of the largest open heart steel furnaces in the world at its works at Steelton. They will each be of seventy-five tons capacity greater than any now in existence. They will be ready for operation about the first of the new year.

## MOULDERS' PICNIC FINE SUCCESS

The picnic held by the Iron Moulders' union at DeWitt's park on Saturday proved to be a fine success. The attendance was large, the day's program was fully carried out and not an event occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

The parade to the park, shortly after ten o'clock, was quite a feature and it no doubt helped to create an interest in the picnic. There were sixty-five men in line, music for the march being furnished by the Washington drum corps.

The game of base ball between Springfield and nine picked players representing Danville and Bloomsburg was a well played and interesting contest, the score being 4 to 1 in favor of Springfield. A large crowd witnessed the game.

Dancing was much enjoyed during the afternoon and evening. The merry-go-round, pending the completion of the electric railway, is being operated by a traction engine the same as last summer. It was the center of attraction among the little ones, Saturday, and the proprietor did a land office business. All the licks available were kept busy during the day.

The crowd on the grounds surpassed all expectations and the big supply of refreshments provided was inadequate to supply the demand.

No. 173 was the lucky number that drew the chair, which was on exhibition in the window of John Doster's Sons for some weeks previous to the picnic. The holder of the ticket is a stranger from Chicago. The man was evidently in Danville when he bought the ticket to help the moulders along. In all there were 750 tickets sold for the chair. The stove will not be disposed of until September.

The committee of arrangements, of which John Mintzer was chairman, was kept very busy for several weeks preceding the picnic and it was due in no small degree to their painstaking labors that the picnic proved such a marked success.

## G. A. R. Picnic at Edgewood.

The picnic executive committee of the Susquehanna district, G. A. R., met in Washington house at Northumberland yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and decided to hold the veterans' annual outing at Edgewood park, near Shamokin, on Thursday, August 10th.

There were two factions at the committee meeting, one desiring that the picnic be held at Island park, near Sunbury, and the other favoring Edgewood. The Edgewood comrades carried the day.

The G. A. R. picnic is always one of the biggest events of its kind in this section of the State, not only the old soldiers and their families attending, but also Sons of Veterans and kindred organization, besides many outsiders, as the invitation that is extended is general. The Susquehanna district is composed of some 21 posts.

The executive committee has already been at work on the arrangements for the big day. The newly elected department commander of Pennsylvania, Comrade Gherst, of Easton, will be present; also a number of his staff, and the newly elected State commander of the Sons of Veterans.

Present at the meeting were: President Haas, of Northumberland; Vice President John Osler, of Shamokin; Secretary J. C. Miller, of Danville; and Comrades Caldwell, of Milton; Van Gaskins, of Shamokin; Bucher, of Sunbury; William Heddens, of Danville.

## A Berwick Damage Suit.

The Yeager damages suit against the borough of Berwick on trial at Bloomsburg during the past week came to a close yesterday with a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$3,500. The case attracted a good deal of attention and will stand as an object lesson for other boroughs, showing the necessity of properly protecting all dangerous places. The trial was a very hard-fought one, with James Searle of this city for the plaintiff and Fred Kleker of Bloomsburg for the defendant.

The plaintiff in the case was Mrs. Clara Yeager, who is a sister of Mrs. George W. Roat, of this city. The accident in which injury was sustained occurred September 4, 1904, on Front street while a pavement was being laid before Garrison's store and Heller's saloon. While the work was in progress an opening where a cellar door had been removed was temporarily covered with a board and a box, the latter being placed where the board did not reach. The board was either kicked away or the box was removed with the result that Mrs. Yeager passing along that way at night fell into the opening and was seriously injured. The jury went out on Tuesday afternoon. At 9 o'clock p. m. the jury came to an agreement. The verdict according to instructions was sealed. The associate judges opened court yesterday morning when the verdict was opened and read. The jury awarded Mrs. Yeager \$3,225 and her husband, Wilson Yeager, \$225.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Alice Keefer, of Sunbury, is the guest of Miss Margaret Cole, Bloom street.

Miss Laura Essick, of Bloomsburg Normal school, is the guest over Sunday of the Misses Ruth and Ava Gearhart.

John Danner, of Shamokin, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Edward Jennings, of Scranton, spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. I. H. Jennings, West Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cromwell, of Philadelphia, arrived in this city Saturday for a visit at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Cromwell, Bloom street.

A. C. Feinor, of Pittsburg, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rossmann, Pine street.

Miss Henrietta Lyon, of Williamsport, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. H. Jennings, West Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Border, of Williamsport, spent Sunday in this city as the guests of Mrs. Border's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rogers, Mill street.

Mrs. James Riffel and daughter Catherine have left for a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. John McGlinchey, at Harris, Kansas.

Mrs. Henry Reich of Cooper township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Miss Helen Lyon, of Mahanoy City, is visiting Mrs. Eva Mayer, Lower Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gross, of Bloomsburg, spent yesterday with relatives in this city.

Miss Miriam Smith, of Middleburg, student at the Bloomsburg normal school, was the guest yesterday afternoon of Miss Sue Shindel.

John L. Voris and son Jack, of Pottsgrove, called on friends in this city yesterday.

T. S. Pettijohn, the entergetic promoter of the People's telephone system, left yesterday for his home in Illinois.

The Misses Miriam and Alice F. sold, of Berkettsville, Maryland, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rossmann, Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, Miss Frances Welliver, Harry Welliver and Howard Lammert drove to Muncy yesterday afternoon in the Welliver Rambler car.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ickes and daughter Ida and Mary, of Milton, are guests at the home of D. F. Slattery, Ash street.

Miss Martha Gibson is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Worth, Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. L. Myerly will return to New York today after a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Harpel, Ferry street.

Joy Brader will leave today for New York City after a several days' stay with relatives in this city. Mr. Brader has accepted a position there.

Miss Katherine Francis returned to Lewistown yesterday after a visit with Miss Katherine McCormick, West Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, of Muncy spent yesterday with relatives in this city.

Warren Gearhart, of Berwick, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Miss Louisa Wolf, of Hazleton, is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Paulus, Bloom street.

Miss Lucretia Rhodes, who is taking a course in nursing at Bryn Mawr hospital arrived in Danville yesterday to spend a vacation at the home of her grand father, David Shellhart, Centre street.

## Shareholders Organize.

The share holders of the People's Telephone company held an important and enthusiastic meeting in Exchange Hall at Exchange on Tuesday, at which an organization was effected and other business transacted.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. L. W. Welliver; vice president, Dr. J. E. Shuman; secretary, D. A. Cox; treasurer, J. W. Lowrie; trustees, Lloyd Bombo, Boyd Tressott, B. S. Hartranft, Henry W. Shade, D. R. Riffel, B. C. Dennin and C. E. Shires. A constitution was drawn up and adopted. There were about one hundred share holders present at the meeting, and an enthusiastic and progressive spirit pervaded the proceedings that indicated that progress will continue to be the watchword of the company in the future as it has been in the past.

The company now has an extensive system in operation taking in parts of Montour, Columbia, Northumberland and Lycoming counties. There are 186 subscribers. 130 phones are installed on 16 lines and construction work is under way nearly all the time.

## Will Graduate in September.

Word was received in this city yesterday that Randall Jacobs had been chosen as one of 87 in the senior class at the United States naval academy at Annapolis to graduate next fall.

## THE BOLDEST OF BURGLARIES

One of the boldest burglaries ever committed in this section took place in this city Monday night. The shoe store of Andrew Schatz situated in the heart of town and fully equipped with a burglar alarm was broken into at half past eleven o'clock; with the light dimly burning in the store the thief carefully selected forty-three pairs of the most valuable shoes and after changing his own shoes and stockings, which he left behind, he gathered up his booty and escaped leaving no clue to his identity.

When John Kilgus entered by the front door Tuesday morning he was at first much mystified by the appearance of things. The first thing he encountered were several empty shoe boxes where he least expected to find them; the next thing that attracted his attention were several shoes that had been dragged out of the window and were lying on the floor. A glance around revealed more empty boxes and as the truth that burglars had been at work began to dawn upon the man he entered upon a tour of investigation, which resulted in finding an additional pile of empty boxes in the back room and discovering that the rear window had been broken open.

The burglar had carefully selected his booty and the manner in which he went about his work would indicate that he was no stranger on the premises or at least was familiar with the value of shoes and the ways of shoe dealers in arranging their goods on the shelves. Forty-three pairs of shoes, at least, were stolen and these were selected from the entire stock of goods, a couple of pairs being taken from the shelves at one place, another pair from the shelf above and so on until there was not a shelf in the entire system around the store room that yesterday morning did not reveal gaps where shoes had been taken.

The burglar's booty included fourteen pairs of men's fine shoes, the rest being women's and misses shoes. Mr. Schatz estimates his loss at about two hundred dollars.

The surprising part of the whole affair is that Mr. Schatz's store is fully equipped with a burglar alarm, that the alarm went off in regulation style and that notwithstanding the fact the burglar was enabled to proceed unmolested. Every night upon leaving the store Mr. Schatz is careful to connect the burglar alarm, after which it is impossible to open any of the doors without the alarm being set off.

The alarm going off. The alarm was in good working order Monday night. When the burglar went in at the rear window it went off clear and distinct. Hon. R. S. Ammerman who resides on one side of the store and Register and Recorder W. L. Sidler, whose property adjoins on the other side, both heard the alarm. It was then only half past eleven o'clock and neither of the men associated the alarm with a burglar at that hour, but thought it must be Mr. Schatz, himself, belated at the store, who caused the alarm to sound.

The burglar must have relied wholly upon the early hour of the night to disarm suspicion, otherwise with the burglar alarm beating its lively tattoo in front of the store he probably would not have ventured to enter the store. As it is the fellow must have been a man of infinite nerve. Once inside the store he proceeded in the most deliberate and leisurely way, selecting only such goods as he wanted, even crawling into the window in full view of pedestrians still passing and taking his pick there of the fancy foot wear on display. That he added to his recklessness a sense of humor is revealed by the fact that he sat down and took off his shoes and stockings, evidently replacing the shoes with a pair from the store.

The burglar succeeded in forcing an entrance through the window, first by breaking the sash, which enabled him to reach through and unfasten the blind. Next by means of a jimmy he forced the window upward. A desk stood against the window on the inside and this the burglar in gaining admittance pushed to one side. In leaving the store the burglar passed out the rear door which was easily unfastened from the inside. The door proper he closed after him, but the screen door, usually fastened, was left swinging open.

Whether there was more than one burglar or not is a matter of doubt. Forty-three pairs of shoes would constitute a pretty good load for one man but there is no evidence that one man did not get away with the booty. As to the burglar there is no clue.

## No Drift Wood in the River.

One fact brought out by the rising in the river this year is that the days of driftwood are past, as no more timber is seen running with every slight rise as was the case in years gone by. The scenes of years ago when boatmen by the dozen made a business of catching driftwood, good lumber and timber of all kinds which came floating down, are recalled and the question is asked, why is there no driftwood in the river at the present day? This is explained in the fact that the timber along the river is all cleared out and there are no more lumber camps.

There are 228 in the senior class and Randall is 66th, in his class. There have been chosen 87 of the class to graduate next September while the rest will go on a cruise and receive their diplomas in February.

## SUPERVISORS ARRESTED

George Y. Mourer, D. L. Gruber and Asa Deiley, supervisors of Montour township, Columbia county, were arrested Tuesday eve for neglect of duty. The information, which was lodged by Samuel Harman, of Bloomsburg, charges the above supervisors with neglect in keeping the roads of the township and especially the road between Evans' farm and the county line near Grovania in proper repair.

The supervisors waived a hearing before Justice of the Peace Jacoby at Bloomsburg, at 7 o'clock Tuesday and furnished bail in one hundred dollars for their appearance at court.

The stretch of road from Evans' farm to Grovania runs parallel with the trolley track and those who have not had the agonizing experience of driving over the highway have no doubt noticed its condition while riding in the trolley cars. The condition of the roadway has been much commented upon.

For long stretches at a time limestone, unbroken, has been dumped on the road. The stone, in all sizes from that of a brick to a cobble stone, lies spread over the surface of the road. The plan of the thrifty supervisors is of course to follow the time honored custom and let traffic break up and wear down the stone. By this process, of course, a very good road is finally evolved, although it is very hard on the unfortunate people who are obliged to use the highway for the first three months or so. It is not strange that in these days, when the tendency is toward road improvement, that a general protest should be entered and some method of road improvement urged that would conform with the requirements of the law.

The automobiles, especially, are the loudest in their protests. The road in its present state is practically prohibitive to rubber tires. It is stated that the autoists are back of the prosecution and will press the matter until the road is put in better shape, left behind were No. 6 box calfs and had a stumpy worn appearance exceedingly suggestive of a hobo wearer. The stockings were nearly worn out and were saturated with water. The shoes were stained with mortar and there were chunks of the same adhering to the heels. This fact gave rise to the theory that the burglar was a workman, but during yesterday it was discovered that during Monday night some one had walked across the road as at R. S. Ammerman's new barn almost in the rear of the shoe store where there is no light sufficient to make the way clear. A tub of water near by showed where the person who had stumbled into the mortar had attempted to clean off his shoes.

## Paving Blocks on River Bridge.

The story from Catawissa relative to the bulging of the wooden pavement on the river bridge as the result of the frequent rains, which is printed in these columns elsewhere, has a counterpart in a clipping from the Harrisburg Telegraph of June, 19th, which describes a similar defect in the wooden paving of Pine street, that city.

Pine street, Harrisburg, was paved by the United States wood preserving company, the same firm that put down the paving on the river bridge at this place and also at Catawissa. While the pavement on the bridge here is perfectly sound and intact revealing no sign whatever of swelling as the result of many rains the wooden blocks elsewhere, it seems, act quite differently. At Harrisburg the swelling and the consequent bulging was more marked, if possible, than at Catawissa. At the corner of Pine and Court streets the pavement bulged up three feet. A touring car while passing over the damaged portion Tuesday afternoon broke through and it was necessary to lift the car from the hole.

As a result of these unfavorable reports a close watch is being kept on the paving of our bridge by a good many persons, but up to the present not the least evidence of any such defect can be detected. The creosoted blocks used here seem to be of perfect quality. They were so heavily charged with the ingredients that they readily sank in water and every block that fell overboard from the bridge while building went to the bottom of the river.

It was charged at the time the paving was put down on the Catawissa bridge that the blocks were lighter than those used on the river bridge here.

The whole affair is not discouraging to Danville, as it serves to establish that our handsome bridge is first class in all its parts.

## Pleasant Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pritchard held a pleasant party at their home on E. Front street, Tuesday evening in honor of their daughter Emma. Those present were: Blanche English, Bessie Bloom, Barbara Foust, Olive Roat, Agnes Hurley, Lizzie Jenkins and Anna Marr; Messrs. John Mourer, Howard Freeze, William Vanhorn, William Rank, William Jenkins, Larry Seidel, Ralph White, Charles Kear, Grier Morgan, Howard Body, John Jones, George Jones, Harry and David Pritchard, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Pritchard. A delightful evening was spent after which a supper was served.

## READY FOR ROOF BY JULY 1ST

The walls of F. Q. Hartman's silk mill in Riverside are now rapidly approaching completion and the unfinished structure is becoming quite a conspicuous object, visible from many different points.

The brick work all around the building has risen nearly to a level with the top of the floor and window frames all of which have been in position for a week or more past. C. H. Ammerman, who has charge of the brickwork, yesterday stated that by July 1st the building would no doubt be ready for the roof.

From that point on building will proceed very rapidly. Work on the roof and the flooring will soon be out of the way, after which the machinery will be installed. Long before autumn, according to present indications, the new mill will be in operation.

The building is built along lines that have especial reference to solidity and strength. Instead of a thirteen-inch wall or even thinner as is often employed in structures of that sort, Mr. Hartman is building a wall eighteen inches thick, the outer course of which is composed of Keim's best red brick and the remainder of the wall of fire brick obtained at the bessemer blast furnace. The effect is to give the interior of the mill a light or drab appearance. Three walls of solid masonry, foundation high, sixteen feet apart, extend through the middle of the plant the whole length. On these walls already rest the heavy oak sleepers that will support the floor system.

In some of the other mills the floors along the center of the building are supported on piers, but Mr. Hartman has learned by experience how to construct floors that will carry the heaviest machinery without any of the evidences of weakness