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RAILROAD OFFICERS MAKE ARREST

The P. & R. railway company, which for some time past has suspected that it is being systematically robbed of coal, established indisputable evidence of that fact yesterday morning and arrested the foreign quarterer who was committed to jail.

The story of the arrest contains some sensational features. As soon as the railway people became convinced that large quantities of coal were being stolen here while in transit, Special Officers Parsley and Simmers were put on the case.

The two officers made it a point to be on the ground yesterday morning about four o'clock, before daylight, just at the time when the south bound freight carrying large quantities of soft coal was expected to pass through. No sooner did the train come rolling toward the officers, who were hiding in a place in Danville, than they discovered that their trip to Danville was not in vain.

As usual the train—a long one—stopped north of the station, which left the rear end standing in the vicinity of Sycamore street. Scarcely had the cars stopped when a man made his appearance and mounting a car proceeded to fill a bag with coal.

The officers were after evidence of an indisputable sort, and they permitted the man to carry off three bags of coal; when he returned for the fourth bagful Officer Parsley proceeded to make an arrest. He failed, however, to properly size up his man, who was a stout and wiry fellow and no sooner did Parsley lay hold of him than he clinched with the officer. In the struggle the two men fell down over the high embankment, which flanks the railroad at that point. The officer physically was hardly a match to the coal thief and no sooner did he regain his feet than he was thrown down again and repeatedly the two men rolled over and over not stopping until they were at the foot of the embankment and within a few feet of the creek, which flows by at that spot.

This time Officer Simmers had come to the rescue and the two officers hurried the arrested man down to city hall, and delivered him to Chief-of-Police Minceoeyer, who put the fellow in the lock-up. The man arrested gave his name as George Gudalevich and his residence as on Sycamore street.

Eight o'clock was fixed as the time for the hearing. Meanwhile the two P. & R. policemen, accompanied by Chief-of-Police Minceoeyer, visited the dwelling of Gudalevich and in the kitchen found the three bags of coal abstracted from the train yesterday morning while in the cellar was a deposit of four tons of soft coal.

Upon being arraigned before Justice Oglesby Gudalevich declared that he had picked up the coal alongside the railroad. The justice held him for court in three hundred dollars bail, which he was unable to procure at that time and consequently was committed to the county prison.

Gudalevich has a wife and five children. After he was committed to jail some of his friends in the foreign quarter began to interest themselves in the matter. About noon through their efforts a bondsman was procured and the man was released until court.

11-YEAR-OLD GIRL VICTIM OF FIRE

One of the most shocking and heart-rending tragedies that has ever taken place in Danville occurred Saturday afternoon, when the clothing of little Lizzie McVey, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McVey, Ash street, took fire, the last shreds nearly burning from her body, the injuries inflicted being of such a serious nature that death resulted about twelve hours later.

The terrible occurrence took place shortly after one o'clock. The family of Harry Hancock, who resided a couple of doors from the McVey home, were moving and some papers, which had lain under the carpet, had been carried out into the back yard and set on fire. The fire, it was supposed, had burned out and the several women who were assisting at the moving were busy in the house, when they were startled by loud and agonized screams in the back yard while nearly at the same moment Margaret Powers and Cora Scott, two little girls playing in the rear, came dying from crying that Lizzie McVey was on fire. Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. E. Eugene Harder, and Mrs. George F. Bondman, followed by Ralph Fisher, who was hauling the goods, instinctively rushed into the back yard to save the child.

A spectacle followed that will haunt them to their dying days. The child was already a pillar of flame and, frantic with pain and terror, could not be controlled long enough to make the efforts to extinguish the fire of any avail. While Ralph Fisher, regardless of his own safety, tried to tear the clothing of the child, Mrs. Harder and Mrs. Hancock seized a rug with the intention of smothering out the fire, but before they could use it the child broke loose from Mr. Fisher and made a dash for Mrs. Bondman. Every one was in peril of being set on fire by the frantic child, who screaming and beating off the flames that darted upon her face dashed first in one direction and then in another. Mrs. Bondman barely escaped coming in contact with the burning child, when Mr. Fisher, assisted by Wallace Scott, who by this time had arrived, again caught the child and tore from her body the remnant of clothing that still remained on her person. In the operation both men were burned about the hands. Mr. Fisher so badly that he was unable to continue at work.

The child herself was a frightful object. Her hair and her eyebrows were burned from her head. Her face and her lips were shockingly burned and the blood oozed from her mouth. Her one limb from her hip to her knee was burned raw, while on her entire body from her knees to the top of her head the skin was burned off in large spots. Notwithstanding she did not lose consciousness.

Some one flew to Frank Russell's grocery, a square or so away, and called Dr. Paulus by telephone. Pending the physician's arrival the child bore her awful agony in a way that was remarkable. Her little body with its awful tortures presented a picture that melted the stoutest heart, while the nauseating odor of burned flesh added to the horror of the situation.

As soon as Dr. Paulus arrived the usual remedies in such cases were applied. The body was wrapped in cotton, which excluded the air and brought some relief. The child seemed to rest fairly easily Saturday evening, but while the doctor did what he could to assure the family he could not lose sight of the fact that the injuries were of a very grave sort. The month was still bleeding and the amount of injury sustained internally could not be fully ascertained. In cases of that kind, even when the patient promises to recover from the immediate effect of the burning, it frequently happens that a stomach derangement follows that results in death.

In the case of little Lizzie McVey the result did not long hang in the balance. Her injury as can easily be imagined was of the very grave sort. Death proved kindly and came to her rest shortly after midnight.

How the little girl happened to take fire is not exactly known. With the other two little girls both smaller than herself, it would seem, she was playing in the back yard of the residence being vacated. Whether she revived the flame and continued to feed it with paper and thus took fire, or in playing accidentally came in contact with the smoldering embers no one seems to know. It is a very sad affair. Lizzie was a bright and lovable child and the stricken parents have the deepest sympathy in this hour of their sad trial and bereavement.

Elysburg Couple Wedded.
Miss Sadie Reichbach and Simon P. Haas, both of Elysburg, were united in matrimony last evening. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. Rishell, pastor of the Elysburg M. E. church, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Reichbach, near Rushtown. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties and a few invited friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Haas will reside for the present at Elysburg.

CONCRETE WORK IS COMPLETED

Employed in Painting D. L. & W. Station—Fine Improvements.

The D. L. & W. railroad company yesterday completed the extensive concrete work embracing station platform and lengthy walk down to Church street, on which a large force of workmen were employed for nearly four weeks. The concrete gang is now off the ground and their place is occupied by the painters who are giving the station and other buildings a new coat of paint. All must agree that the D. L. & W. railway company is showing a vast amount of enterprise and the sum total of improvements made is rather more than was to be expected in one season.

Embracing platform and pavement leading to Church street, the stretch of concrete work constructed is over five hundred feet in length. The platform was completed last week. The pavement, which was thrown open to the public yesterday, is a very fine affair and is a feature that will be especially appreciated by the traveling public.

Before the concrete pavement was constructed, people on approaching or leaving the station walked close along side the track which, when trains were passing, made it just a little dangerous. The concrete walk, therefore, has been laid at the extreme southern side of the tract owned by the railroad company, some ten feet from the track. It was stated at the station yesterday that the strip between the walk and the rails will be sodded over.

Between the station platform and the concrete pavement, opposite the alley coming down from Lower Mulberry street, is a wide driveway cobbled with heavy stones to be used by teams approaching or leaving the station.

All that is needed now is to complete the painting, when the D. L. & W. company can boast of improvements that will compare favorably with any other company and east the P. & R. station, with its homely gravel walks, far in the shade.

Hallowe'en Spirit.
The youngsters have already caught the hallowe'en spirit and the streets are becoming pretty noisy at night. Last evening some boys appeared on the street with horns, but they were promptly repressed by the chief-of-police, who read the law to the youthful serenaders in emphatic terms.

Time was when it was customary to begin the celebration of hallowe'en about two weeks before the date on which it occurred and to keep it up for a week or so afterwards. It was very entertaining to the youngsters but life was hardly worth living to the other seven-tenths of the population. No considerate person who has not forgotten that he himself once was young, will deny the juveniles the privilege of observing hallowe'en with all that such observance implies, but let the saturnalian revelry as far as possible be confined to one night. This should be quite sufficient for all sensible young people who have been taught that older persons have rights which they are bound to respect.

Chief Minceoeyer has succeeded in keeping the observance of the Fourth of July within a sane and sensible limit and it is probably not going too far to assert that he will succeed in holding down the youngsters when it comes to hallowe'en. Meanwhile all lovers of comparative good order and quiet will applaud his efforts.



DRAGGED BY RUNAWAY HORSE

County Commissioner C. W. Cook, of Valley township, while attempting to control a runaway horse Monday was dragged nearly a square, but escaped without very serious injury.

It happened about 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Cook untied his horse, which had been standing in front of Joseph Smith's meat market, on Mill street, and was in the act of stepping into the carriage when the horse, taking fright, sprang forward and began to run. Mr. Cook, who had not yet gotten into the vehicle slipped down inside the wheels.

He had succeeded in grasping one of the lines, and either entangled in the cars or else pluckily holding on, hoping to stop the horse he was dragged underneath the buggy all the way from the meat market to the armory, where he was caught by the wheel and rolled around several times like a ball.

At this point the buggy and the man parted company, the former dashing along out Mill street and the latter laying in the street momentarily stunned. The thrilling spectacle was witnessed by M. H. Schram and one or two others, who immediately ran to the assistance of Mr. Cook, who did not seem very seriously hurt and was able to rise unassisted.

The man was bleeding from two gashes, one above and the other below the left eye. There was also a bad abrasion on his nose and an injury on one leg below the knee. He also complained of internal pains. He was assisted to Dr. Paulus' drug store, where his injuries were dressed. It is not thought that he is seriously hurt.

The horse was caught on North Mill street and returned to the owner.

IRON FLAG STAFF AT HOSPITAL

The authorities of the hospital for the insane are about finalizing the completion of the fine improvements just installed by erecting a 125-foot flag staff, which will lift the stars and stripes to an altitude that will make them visible for miles around.

Aside from this fact, however, there is a story hanging on the flag staff itself, which latter has no parallel in anything in this section being entirely of iron. The flag staff, which was furnished by Buchanan & company, arrived at the hospital Monday and yesterday afternoon was hauled from the cars to the site on the grounds where it is to be erected.

The iron pole, which is in the form of a series of tubes joined together in two parts, one part being 62 feet and 4 inches long and the other 63 feet and 4 inches long. The two sections as shipped lay side by side taking in the entire length of two cars. The total weight of the pole when the two sections are united will be no less than five tons. At the bottom the big tube is 14 inches in diameter; it tapers to four inches at the top.

It will be raised at the very spot where the smaller wooden pole stood that was erected during the Spanish-American war—in front of the hospital—about midway between the main entrance and the gate house.

W. A. Shepperson had the contract for hauling the iron pole. Owing to its great size and weight it proved exceedingly difficult to handle on wheels, but Mr. Shepperson managed to transport it from the cars to the site it is to occupy without mishap. Still more difficult probably will be the work of raising the 125-foot iron staff. First of all an immense foundation of concrete will have to be laid in which the pole will be sunk to the depth of nine feet. To assist in the raising a trench will be dug in which the iron pole will lie at a slant with its lower end on the level that it will occupy when erected. An immense gin pole will be used by the means of which the flag staff will be swung into a vertical position. The iron pole at the hospital is the first of the kind to be erected in this vicinity.

Will Learn Engineering in Texas.
Lloyd Harris, son of our townsman A. G. Harris, left yesterday for Canyon City, Texas, where he will enter the employ of his brother, "George" W. Harris, who is division engineer on the Santa Fe railroad. It is the intention of the young man to learn civil engineering from the practical side of the profession.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Arey, of Lattimer, spent Sunday at the home of Thomas Lewis, who is an uncle of Mrs. Arey.

Robert Bibby, of Milton, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

George S. Maier, of Shamokin, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maier, Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoffman, Miss Emma Brown, Miss Dorothy Nace, Miss Ethel Hoffman and William Smelser, of Sunbury, and Mrs. Ray Hoffman and the Misses Reuna and Alice Hoffman of Tontownship, Northumberland county, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Winters, Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Keeler, of Milton, are visiting at the home of Mrs. P. B. Keeler, Mill street.

MR. BARNITZ' FINE HENNERY

Will Propagate Thoroughbred Single-Combed White Leghorns.

The handsome residence of Rev. C. M. Barnitz, South Danville, is rapidly approaching completion and by November 1st, it is thought, it will be ready for occupancy. A conspicuous feature of the establishment is the large and finely planned hennery in there, which just now is receiving a coat of paint.

As indicated by the building Mr. Barnitz is a chicken fancier and intends to enter upon the raising of chickens on a very large scale. It would be a mistake, however, to fancy that he intends to enter into competition with the farmers, raising chickens of the common breed for killing. In the first place he will devote himself to the propagation of the choicest and most expensive breeds of fowls, which will find a ready sale among chicken fanciers and farmers who desire to improve their breed of fowls. There will be a large surplus of eggs and these will likewise be disposed of at advantage for breeding purposes.

The hennery alone is well worth a visit. It is built according to modern and most approved ideas and is undoubtedly without a parallel anywhere in this section. It consists of two wings one story high with a central building 18x18 feet and two stories high. Each wing is seventy-five feet long, twelve feet wide and contains two divisions. Walls and ceiling are plastered and the floor is of cement. One of the wings faces the east and the other the south. There are numerous windows, which admit abundant sunlight.

In the central building there is a well by the side of which a gasoline engine and a force pump will be installed. The second story, which commands a view of both wings of the hennery, will be eventually occupied by a watchman.

Mr. Barnitz, who is occupying the VanNostrand homestead pending the completion of his new dwelling, has a fine lot of choice fowls on hand. These are all thoroughbred single comb white leg horns, commonly called "egg machines" because of their wonderful capacity for laying. There are one hundred hens and the same number of roosters. On November 1st these will all be installed in the wing facing the south.

The other wing will be used for the incubators and the "brooders". The first incubators will be set about January 1st. By June 18th all the chickens will be hatched, at which time Mr. Barnitz expects to have at least 1000 fowls on hand. One-half of these will have to be sold in order to get the number of pullets required for the next season.

Mr. Barnitz is thoroughly posted on all that relates to the propagation of fancy breeds of chickens and everything will be conducted in a scientific manner. To promote health among the fowls a portion of the hennery will be set apart as a "hospital". To inspire terror in the minds of chicken thieves a ferocious dog will have freedom of the premises at night. A dog with a record has already been purchased and yesterday left York by express for South Danville. He is an old fashioned bull dog, which was an exhibition at the dog show at Richmond, Va., and more recently at the big York fair.

Danville Has New Club.
Danville is to have, this winter, a musical club that will be a credit to the town, the organization having been established upon a firm basis under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

FOUR ROUTES CHANGED

The notification of the rearrangement of the rural free delivery routes emanating from the Danville post-office has been received by Postmaster W. L. Gonger. The changes will go into effect on the first of November.

The changes on the Danville routes are the result of a visit to this city from Rural Inspector Shoemaker made early in September. The routes to be changed are Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. The other routes will remain the same as heretofore. The changes greatly improve the rural service that centers in Danville, and among other things increases to a considerable extent the number of homes that will be served daily with mail by the rural carriers.

Below are given the four rearranged routes as they will be after the first of November:

ROUTE NO. 1, has been changed to take Bald Top and returning to enter Danville by way of the dug road. A number of new subscribers are added to this route. No. 1 now runs from the Danville post office north and northwest to Maudsle; west to Temple corner; north to F. W. Diehl corner; west to Davis corner; northwest and northeast to Purton corner; north and west to Bogart corner; west, southwest and northwest to Flick corner; northeast to Long corner; northwest and southwest to Robinson school house; westerly and southwest to J. Billmeyer corner; southeast and south via Oak Grove to Berger corner; east to Shepperson; southwest and south east on Bald Top road to Danville post office. Length of route, 22.5 miles.

ROUTE NO. 2, has been rearranged and bettered, 8 or 10 new homes being served. The carrier on No. 2 will leave the post office and go northeast and northwest and north on Washingtonville road via Maudsle and Penn hotel to A. J. Carr corner; southeast and east to Dietrich corner; southeast and southwest to Ed. Boyer corner; southeast to Dyer corner; northerly and northwest to H. Cooper corner; east to Ortman corner; southeast, south and southwest to Hendrickson corner; west to Thomas Rogers' place and retracing south and southwest to Blue corner; east to Wintersteen corner; south, southeast and southwest to Danville post office. Length of route, 23.1 miles.

ROUTE NO. 3, has been improved both for carrier and patron and several new homes have been included on the route. On No. 3 the carrier will leave the Danville post office and go northeast and northwest to Forks; easterly and northeast to Styer corner; east to Paul Mausteller place and retracing to Styer; west to Benfield corner; north to Williams corner; easterly to Moore corner; northeast and northwest via Swensoda to Crossley corner; southwest to Sheep school house; northerly to A. Shultz shop; southwest to B. Shultz corner; southeast and southerly to Sidler corner; southwest to Forks; southeast and southwest to Danville post office. Length of route, 21.7 miles.

ROUTE No. 4, has been rearranged so as to accommodate about 8 new patrons. The carrier will leave the Danville post office and go northeast and east on Bloomsburg road to Hag-enbush corner; north to Foust corner; northwest to Everett corner; northeast and north via Gulliver corner to D. Parcell corner; west to Moore school house; south, southwest and west to E. White corner; north to S. W. Parcell corner; east to Moore school house; north to Evans corner; west to Santal corner; northwest, west and southwest to Kase corner; north and west to Bennett corner; south and southwest to Forks; southeast and southwest to Danville post office. Length of route, 20.9 miles.

The prospective patrons on the rearranged routes should show their appreciation of the service that is being extended to them by procuring and erecting their boxes at once, and thereby being in readiness on the first of November. Boxes can be procured from any of the hardware dealers in Danville. The specifications that must be complied with, in regard to the boxes can be seen posted in the Danville post office corridor.

To Pay Councilmen.
A bill has been prepared by a member of the State senate and it will be presented to the next general assembly, to provide compensation for the members of city and borough councils and of schools boards. It will limit the amount to be paid according to the population of the municipalities, and is proposed to go into operation in March, 1908.

Appointed Chaplain.
Rev. E. M. Gearhart, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church in Sunbury, has been appointed chaplain at the Odd Fellows orphanage to succeed Rev. G. W. Fritsch, of Snydertown, who moved to Danville. The new chaplain will go to the orphanage every two weeks and all the pulpits in the church.—Sunbury Daily.

Bear Scared the Hunter.

While hunting on the Nescopeck mountains yesterday morning, Arthur Warantz came face to face with a half grown bear. Warantz, scared out of his wits, stood rooted to the spot, while the bear, probably as much frightened as the man, ambled off into the woods. Warantz returned home and did no more hunting yesterday.