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## LAUDANUM DOSE CAUSED DEATH

Elmer W. Runyan, formerly a well known farmer of near Grovania, died in convulsions yesterday morning at his home in Bloomsburg, after having taken an overdose of laudanum. It is not known whether he took the dose with suicidal intent or by accident took too much.

He procured the laudanum at a Bloomsburg drug store Tuesday evening, saying that he wanted it for the toothache. His wife leaving her husband for a few minutes after his coming home, she returned to find the half empty laudanum bottle on the table. Runyan said that he had drunk the poison but did not state why.

Runyan became deathly ill, and physicians were summoned. They worked with him throughout the night, and succeeded in keeping him awake until four o'clock yesterday morning when he went into convulsions and death occurred.

The deceased had two sons, C. E. and J. W. Runyan, living at home. Three sisters and two brothers survive: Mrs. Anthony Hill, of near Jerseytown; Mrs. Jane Williams, of Spruce Run; Mrs. Alice Farnsworth, of Pine Summit; Frank Runyan, of Iowa, and John Runyan, of Bloomsburg.

### On Anxious Bench.

Northumberland county license court has ended, and Judges Savidge and Auton are weighing their decisions in the cases where remonstrances were filed; also the various applications for permits to conduct new stands.

Among the later is one from Walter Keiner, formerly of Danville, for a stand of fine location on Market street in Sunbury near the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

After all the testimony had been submitted by the Riley detectives and others who opposed to the granting of these licenses, the court announced that no decisions would be handed down at present, but that each would be carefully considered.

The stenographers were instructed to write on the testimony in each case just as soon as possible and submit the same to the court so that justice could be done to all parties concerned.

Much interest is being manifested in the three Sunbury applications, among which is numbered Mr. Keiner's, and the result of the court's decision is being anxiously awaited.

During court a letter was read protesting against the renewal of a license in Lower Mahanoy township. The writer, a woman, alleged that her husband went to the saloon in question and got drunk. She forgot to sign her name.

The court in referring to this matter said that of course the husband got drunk. If he hadn't got his load of booze in Lower Mahanoy he would quite likely have gone to Herndon or Conowingan to get his liquor. The license will be granted.

Across over the action of the Shamokin Home Protection league in filing remonstrances against three of its officers, the Anti-Sunday Selling association of liquor men are determined to probe to the bottom of the work of the league and if possible bring action against its detectives.

### Receives Black Hand Notice.

William J. Mansfield, of Berwick, one of the best known citizens of that town, and a prominent contractor, yesterday morning received a "Black Hand" communication that demanded \$5,000 and made his life forfeit.

The letter that Mr. Mansfield received is very poorly written, on a piece of wrapping paper. In one corner is a poor drawing of a hand made black with pencil marks. The wording is as follows:

"William Mansfield: Our society wants \$5,000 good money and don't marked. Put in oil cloth, take to Conowingan grave yard, inside gate on right side as you go in. Put flat stone over it. Do as you are told and all will be well; refuse and you will not live long. This no fun.

"ASTELLA MONDENO"

Mr. Mansfield says he will pay no attention to the letter. He is partly inclined to think that some one is trying to perpetrate a joke on him.

### An Old Time Excursion.

The development of this section, now girded by steam and electric railroads makes interesting an advertisement in the Columbia Democrat of Saturday, Oct. 28, 1852, edited by Levi T. Tate, in which is an advertisement of a grand excursion twice a week between Wilkes-Barre and Northumberland, on the packet boat Northumberland, Captain G. Teed. The trip from Wilkes-Barre to Northumberland was made from 4 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening, providing there were no mishaps.

### Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Mrs. Joseph Woodruff at her home in Riverside Wednesday in honor of her birthday. A fine dinner was served. Those present were: Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. L. M. Sleppy, Mrs. W. C. Johnson and Miss Webster, of Bloomsburg; Mrs. Kate Johns and Mrs. Trometter, of Shamokin; Mrs. Arthur Myerly and Miss Mary Snyder, of Danville; Mrs. Rufus Vastine and Mrs. E. Pegg, of Riverside.

## AMMERMAN ON CAPITOL PROBE

HARRISBURG, Jan. 30. Governor Stuart today announced the members of the committee that will probe into the alleged graft in connection with the building of Pennsylvania's new State capitol. Representative R. Scott Ammerman, of Montour, is one of two Democrats on the committee, and is the sole representative of his party from the house of representatives.

The new capitol investigating committee resolution was passed by the government as the latter's house had been informed that the senate had adopted it. The governor lost no time in approving it. Both branches having been apprised of his approval the following were appointed as the committee to probe:

Senate—Fisher, of Indiana, and Sisson, of Erie, Republicans, and Dewalt, of Lehigh, Democrat.

House—Fair, Westmoreland; Shields, Wyoming; Dardent, Philadelphia, Republicans; Ammerman, Montour, Democrat.

There are five Republicans and two Democrats on the committee.

### Railroads Turn on Government.

OMAHA, Jan. 30. That the officials of the big Western trunk lines intend to interpret the new interstate law as strictly toward the government as the latter's representatives here forced them toward the public was made when the Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads both refused to transport United States troops from this city to San Francisco for less than the full rate. The special rate heretofore paid was refused peremptorily by the traffic managers of these roads.

### BIDS ADVERTISED FOR.

The refusal indicated, too, that the traffic managers had no recourse but to refuse. They had their instructions and they stood by them. The specific case was the need of transporting 600 men, 500 horses and a large amount of equipment from Fort Robinson and Russell to San Francisco, en route for the Philippines. Bids for the transportation were advertised in the usual way. The first surprise came when only the North western and the Union Pacific responded, and with bids at the regular rates.

### OFFICIALS OBSCURATE.

Even then the quartermaster of the department of Missouri did not realize the real meaning of the full rate bids. He thought there must be some mistake, and sent a representative to see the traffic managers. When the officer reported back to his superior that the railroad officials were obfuscating and refused to reduce the rates a penny, the air in the quartermaster's stores was sulphurous for some time. Never had the railroads taken such a stand against the military authorities of the United States. It was almost past belief.

### IN SPITE OF COMMISSION.

This, too, in the face of the fact that the Interstate Commerce Commission had held that the new railroad rate law did not modify or affect the original interstate commerce law in so far as it concerned reduced rates for the transportation of troops or property for the United States. In brief, it was held that as the money paid to the railroads came out of the pockets of the taxpayers it would not be unfair nor unlawful if the railroads accorded a reduced rate to the United States. It would be in no sense a rebate, but a straight reduction and hence lawful.

### Our Industries are Busy.

It is a fact that may not have occurred to every person that all our industries are running along at their full capacity, indicating that we ought to be enjoying the high water mark of prosperity.

This is a condition unusual at this season of the year except during periods of great prosperity. It is significant, too, that not only are our industries in operation but also that the most of them are rushed with orders. It would be interesting to know just how many persons in Danville are working steadily taking in those who are employed at the iron works, and other big industries as well as the silk mills, stocking factory and other smaller establishments. Surely no one needs to be idle.

The conditions are such as to insure the maximum of comfort and happiness to all classes at a season of the year when there is often a scarcity of employment and when the demands upon the family exchequer are the heaviest.

### In Danville.

A. L. Canfield, who has charge of the New England and export trade of the Danville Stove and manufacturing company, arrived in this city last evening on business connected with the local plant. Mr. Canfield controls an enormous volume of business and is in a position to note the condition of trade. He is convinced that the following year will be one of almost unprecedented prosperity for the Danville stove and manufacturing company. He sees a great future for Danville stoves.

The nineteen puddle furnaces in the new addition to the Olney street mill of the Reading Iron company, in Reading, are to be put on double turn.

## EDWARD ROBERTS GROUND TO DEATH

Edward Roberts, a well known resident of Valley township, met his death on the P. & R. railroad near the company barn at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The accident was a most shocking one, all the circumstances indicating that the man's foot had become wedged fast in the switch and that this held fast he was struck by a locomotive.

At about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning John Thomas, of Mahoning township, was walking on the P. & R. track on his way to his work at the big mill. When about midway between the switch of the Reading iron works and the company barn he came across a dead body lying on the railroad. Hurrying into town he reported the matter and in response Chief-of-Police Mincey, accompanied by Night Watchman Lewis Byerly and quickly followed by Officer Voris, hurried to the scene of the accident.

They arrived at the spot just as another train was approaching. Chief Mincey quickly removed the body from the track while some boys ran forward and flagged the train, which came to a stop. A shocking sight presented itself. On the upper side of the track seventy-five feet south of where the body was found lay a severed limb, which had been cut off at the knee. Fragments of the other limb, which had been severed half-way between the knee and ankle and which had been literally ground to pieces were found scattered along the track. The heel and a portion of the foot was wedged in the switch. So tightly was it held between the rails that it could only be released with the aid of a bar procured from the waiting engine.

The left arm was almost severed. A terrible injury was inflicted in the region of the left hip, where there was a deep puncture and the bones were shattered and protruded from the lacerated flesh.

There would seem to be no doubt but that the unfortunate man was near the frog of the switch when the engine, pusher No. 84, running backwards or tender first, passed over that portion of the track at 3 o'clock yesterday morning on its way to West Milton. Upon arriving at the latter place blood stains were discovered upon the tender by both the engineer and the fireman. This was the first indication either had that an accident had occurred.

In trying to escape it is altogether likely that the man's foot got fast in the switch in which position he was struck on the hip by the tender and shoved or dragged for at least seventy-five feet, where the body was found. This was indicated by cuts and abrasions about the face in addition to the fatal injuries above described.

Justice of the Peace Dalton was called to the spot. After making a very thorough inquiry into the cause of death and viewing closely both the body and the surroundings he decided that an inquest was unnecessary and that the man came to his death as the result of an accident, in the manner above described.

The body was cold when Chief-of-Police Mincey arrived, which would indicate, assuming that the man was struck by engine No. 84, that death was instantaneous or occurred very soon. Undertaker Frank Henrie was called to the spot, who took the remains to his undertaking establishment where they were prepared for burial.

Edward Roberts, the victim of the terrible affair, was road master of Valley township and lived about a mile from the forks on the road leading to Pursell's lot. He was fifty-two years of age and is survived by three sons and one daughter: Clyde, William, Mark and Miss Minnie, all of Valley township. The daughter is a school teacher and at present has charge of Styer's school. The wife of the deceased departed this life about one year ago.

The funeral will take place today at 2 p. m. from the family residence, Valley township. Interment will be made at Mausale.

### More Nominations.

The Democrats of Derry township have made the following nominations: Judge of election, Charles W. Miller; inspector, John A. Moser; auditor, John Wolf; supervisor, Peter G. Moser; assessor, George W. DeGreen; school directors, George P. Cotter and Frank Martz; overseer of the poor, W. L. Whipple.

The following ticket has been selected by the Republicans of Cooper township: Judge of election, John F. Krum; inspector, Charles Rishel; overseer of the poor, Daniel Knorr; tax receiver, C. D. Garrison; assessor, I. W. Krum; school directors, Alonzo Mauer and William Black; supervisors, Wellington Wertman and William Heinbach; auditor, I. W. Krum.

### Addition to Fair Grounds.

The Columbia County Agricultural society has purchased five acres of land adjoining the present fair grounds at Bloomsburg on the west.

The society will not be able to obtain possession of the ground until July. At that time work will be started on new stables and several other smaller buildings, that are badly needed on account of the present cramped quarters.

## HIGH OFFICIALS VISIT LOCAL CAMP

Colonel C. W. Eckman camp, No. 23, Sons of Veterans, at its next regular meeting, Thursday night, will have with it three of the most distinguished members of the order—State Commander Ramsey, of Reading; State Secretary McNulty, of Philadelphia, and Major General Reed of the Sons of Veterans Reserves.

The meeting will be open to all sons of veterans, as well as veterans and grandsons of veterans. It is much regretted by those who have the welfare of the order at heart that Col. C. W. Eckman camp has not grown more rapidly. Nowhere in the State is there more excellent material out of which to build up a strong and prosperous camp than is found in Danville. It is a fact pointed to with considerable pride that many of those eligible fill positions of responsibility and are ranked in the best society of Danville. In Milton as well as other places that should be named, where strong and prosperous camps exist, the best young men of the town are members of the Sons of Veterans. It is believed that all that is needed, therefore, is to get the young men of Danville properly interested, when the growth of the order here will keep pace with that of camps elsewhere in the State.

The visitation on Thursday night is designed expressly for the purpose of arousing an interest in the order of Sons of Veterans among those who are eligible to membership, veterans and grandsons of veterans as well as sons of veterans, and it is hoped that all those included in either of the above classes will be present at the meeting. A large attendance is desired.

Orevis Oswald is commander of Colonel C. W. Eckman camp No. 23, Sons of Veterans. John P. Patton and F. M. Herrington are past commanders.

### Third Ward Primaries.

The borough and district conventions of the Democratic party will be held in the grand jury room, in the court house, at 7 o'clock this evening. The third ward primaries, the last of the borough and district, took place last evening. Considerably before 7 o'clock a large crowd assembled at the voting booth on Walnut street. The voting of candidates began at 7 o'clock and by 7:30 all was over.

Simon Thomas presided at the primary. Leslie McLain and Michael O'Brien were chosen as secretaries. In the choice of candidates the voters all seemed to be of one mind and the ticket was framed in record breaking time. Following are the nominations: Councilman, Robert Pursell; school director, Herbert Dreifuss; assessor, D. D. Williams; judge of election, Leslie McLain; inspector, Henry Miller.

William Lovett and George Jacobs were chosen as delegates to the borough and district conventions. For overseer of the poor the delegates were instructed for P. M. Keras. For auditor they were left uninstructed.

The interest now centers in the district and borough conventions tonight. For overseer of the poor P. M. Keras goes into the convention with the delegates of the third and fourth wards, who were instructed to support him. For the same office Thomas Weliver will go into the convention with the support of the first and the second wards. Mahoning township will have the deciding vote.

For auditor Grant Gulick, who was brought forward by the second ward, was endorsed by the first ward. In the third and fourth wards the delegates were instructed for auditor. This leaves the field open for a possible contest for auditor.

### Workman's Odd Injury.

Jacob Miller, an employe at Howe and Samuel's puddle mill, was the victim of a singular accident yesterday afternoon.

The man, who is a puddler's helper, had just finished his turn and was leaving the plant for home. He had scarcely more than started when he became aware that one of his limbs was being profuse through the tissue and opened an artery. The man was taken to his home and at last accounts was doing very well.

Dr. Pankes quickly arrived, but in the interim the flow of blood had been arrested by the employes. The physician discovered an ulcer in the man's leg, which had eaten through the tissue and opened an artery. The man was taken to his home and at last accounts was doing very well.

### Special Assessor.

The Bloomsburg school board has decided to employ a special assessor to make the registration of the school children between the ages of 6 and 16 years, to increase the State appropriation.

### County Convention.

The Northumberland county convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, will be held at Herndon on Washington's birthday.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

### Percy Shade, of Bucknell university, spent Sunday with his mother in Frosty Valley.

### Miss Mary Steward has returned to her home in New Columbus after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, Church street.

### Mrs. J. W. Bowman, of Pittsburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Shepperson, Front street.

### Mrs. Irvin Vannan will leave this morning for a visit with friends at Coopersville.

### Mrs. David Seeley returned to Chicago yesterday morning after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shepperson, Riverside.

### O. R. Shilling yesterday attended the funeral of a nephew at Lewisburg.

### Mrs. John Bowman, of Pottsgrove, called on friends in this city yesterday.

### Rev. Harry Minsker attended a ministerial meeting at Lewisburg yesterday.

### Florence and Miriam Minsker spent yesterday at the home of their grandmother at Lewisburg.

### Pretty Home Wedding.

Miss Ruth M. Boyer, of this city, and Mr. Adam Wagner, of Milton, were united in matrimony Tuesday. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boyer, No. 306 Honeymoon street, at 12:30 o'clock. The house was most beautifully decorated with carnations, ferns and smilax.

The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church. Miss Bernice Conrad, of Philadelphia, was bridesmaid, and Mr. John Robinson, an attaché of the hospital for the insane, was best man. Miss Josephine Cousart rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin.

The bride wore a gown of silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid wore pink silk and carried pink carnations.

At 2 o'clock a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. About sixty guests were present representing Danville, Washingtonville, Milton and other neighboring towns.

The presents were very valuable and the bride received a number of silver articles that enter into a newly furnished home.

The bride is popular and beloved by a large circle of friends. The groom, who was a former resident of Washingtonville, is widely known throughout our county and is much esteemed.

### Death of Prominent Farmer.

Jacob Wintersteen a well known and highly esteemed agriculturist of near Jerseytown, Madison township, Columbia county, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock of typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. Wintersteen was very widely known throughout all this section, and at one time was a resident of Danville. Nine days ago he was taken ill with a bad cold which he caught while working about his farm. The disease that caused his death developed and rapidly ran its fatal course.

The deceased was born in Valley township on the farm where William H. Wintersteen now lives. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wintersteen, both now deceased. He is survived by his wife and a son Charles, who resides on a farm adjoining the parental homestead in Madison township. Four brothers also survive: John, David and Henry, of Valley township, and Dr. George Wintersteen, of Parkville, New York. He was 59 years of age.

At one time, for several years, Mr. Wintersteen resided in Danville. During his residence in this city he was the proprietor of a fine livery stable, which was run in connection with the old Danville house, which stood where the Thomas Beaver free library now stands.

### Poor Sleighting.

Sleighting is reported as rather poor, especially on the country roads. To begin with the roads at many places were rough, while as time wears on, under the influence of the sun, the snow each day is becoming thinner. On the whole, however, a sleigh can get along much better than a wheeled vehicle and sleighs largely predominate.

The r. f. d. carriers are very grateful for any change that eliminates the mud and rainy weather that were factors during the greater part of the winter. As a general thing the carriers are being obliged to cover their routes and they are not disposed to find any fault with the sleighting.

## SENIORS WANT CLASS PLAY

The senior class of the high school has in view the production of a class play at commencement this year instead of the regular class day exercises which were a feature last commencement.

The senior class was represented at the regular meeting of the school board Monday by a committee composed of Messrs. DeWitt Jobborn, Clyde Davis, Harry Peters and Misses Katherine Marks and Ruth Frick.

Mr. Jobborn in an address, brief and to the point, explained the position of the senior class and why it wished to present a play as a departure from the order of last year. The class day exercises, Mr. Jobborn said, judging from various reports, had not proved interesting to the public, however, much they may have expressed the culture of the class. A class play, it was believed, would not only prove more attractive to the class, but would at the same time interest the public much more.

The class had consulted the faculty, which was willing that the class play be adopted, provided the school board gave its approval. The committee, he said, had been appointed to wait on the school board in order to determine with what favor the proposition to produce a class play might be regarded.

The subject was discussed briefly, no objection developing. On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the request of the senior class be referred to the high school committee, to act in conjunction with the faculty, the borough superintendent and the class committee which appeared before the board, the report of the conference to be presented at the next meeting of the school board.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that borough superintendent Gordy be sustained in his action of installing boiler water in the different school buildings of the borough. It was esteemed a wise precaution and Mr. Pursell suggested that the matter be carried a little further and that the school board purchase individual drinking cups. He thought that the use of the same cup by different pupils might be instrumental in spreading contagion. He thought that a cheap granite cup to cost about five cents might answer the purpose. Consideration followed and it was developed that the board contemplates installing drinking fountains in the school buildings sooner or later, an improvement, which would render drinking cups unnecessary. The motion being put to a vote was lost.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Teachers and Janitors	\$1781.50
J. H. Cole	5.60
Charles Mottern	1.25
Ezra S. Haas	1.75
Dr. Geo. Leuniger Chemical Co.	19.40
American Book Co.	3.20
Type writer supplies	9.00

The following members were present: Burns, Orth, Swartz, Pursell, Fish, Fischer, Trumbower, Lutz, Heiss, Grone.

### South Side Wedding.

Miss Hannah Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, of Riverside, was married Tuesday at high noon to Frank Miller at the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. T. Swartz, of Scranton, formerly pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church, of Riverside, before a few invited guests.

The guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, Mr. and Mrs. John Hendershot, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Conway, Mrs. Mary Cronley, Mrs. Ambrose Vought, Misses Fannie Miller, Harriet Bondman, Ada Conway, Mary Conway, Olive Conway, Mabel Conway, Frank Appelman, Harold Crossley and Leroy Conway. The bride and groom left on the 4:31 Pennsylvania train for a trip to Washington, D. C. On their return they will reside at Reedsville, where the groom is employed.

### Affects Judges' Pay.

When the judges' salary bill was passed in the session of 1903 there was a provision that judges should receive no compensation, except traveling expenses, for holding court in other districts to which they might be called. Previous to that time they got \$10 a day for services in other districts, and one judge was known to draw from the State treasury nearly \$2,000 a year for sitting in outside districts. By a bill introduced by Senator Langfit of Allegheny, the practice of paying traveling judges is to be revived. It authorizes the chief justice of the Supreme Court, at the request of any court or bar association, to designate a judge to sit in the court of a district other than his own. The judge so assigned shall be entitled to receive in addition to his salary his actual expenses and \$10 per day, which shall be paid out of the State treasury.

### With the Welliver Company.

Frank Alderman, recently with the Seltzer-Klahr Hardware company, of Philadelphia, as traveling salesman, has accepted a position with the Welliver Hardware company, of this city. Mr. Alderman formerly represented the Welliver company on the road.

### Raised \$14,500.

A committee of 100, appointed to raise \$85,000 for the erection of a Young Men's Christian association building in Berwick, Columbia county, reported subscriptions to the amount of \$14,500 after two days work, and there is little doubt but that the desired amount will be secured.

## MAY BE RENDERED AS BENEFIT

The oratorio, "The Holy City," which proved such a success in Danville, will be rendered in Bloomsburg in the very near future for the benefit of the Joseph Ratti hospital, if the plans set on foot last Saturday can be successfully carried out.

That the Joseph Ratti hospital is a splendid charity no one will deny. That Danville, along with other neighboring towns, profits immensely from the institution is equally patent to all who take any note of events. Any movement in our town, therefore, that would show proper appreciation of the charity, and contribute something to the support of the hospital can not but meet the approval of all grateful and right-minded people.

It was a happy conception, therefore, on the part of somebody that the home talent of Danville should render the oratorio in Bloomsburg wholly as a benefit of the Joseph Ratti hospital. That the people of Bloomsburg will be sure of a high class entertainment no one will doubt after the two satisfactory renditions in this city last week.

If they rise equal to their opportunities and turn out en masse the full object will be accomplished.

The director of the oratorio had an interview with A. Z. Schoch, president of the Bloomsburg National bank and a member of the board of trustees of the Joseph Ratti hospital, and Mr. Schoch regards the proposition with the kindest favor and is at present casting about to find a suitable building for the entertainment. The idea is sure to be popular in Bloomsburg and no one questions success.

The oratorio will in all probability be given in Bloomsburg the week after next. W. R. Miller, general manager of the Danville and Bloomsburg Watkin company, in order to assist the project, has volunteered to transport the singers to Bloomsburg and back without cost.

At a later date our home talent proposes to render the oratorio in Sunbury as a benefit for the Mary M. Packer hospital.

### Samuel Mills for Poor Director.

Watkin Evans has been nominated by the Republicans as borough auditor and Samuel Mills as overseer of the poor of the Danville and Mahoning poor district.

The borough and district conventions of that party were held at the Montour house Saturday night.

F. W. Magill was chosen president and W. H. Woodside and O. F. Young secretaries. The same officers served in both conventions.

The district convention was held first, delegates being present as follows: First ward, Thomas A. Evans; second ward, W. H. Woodside and William Iles; third ward, O. F. Young and Seth Lormer; fourth ward, Frank Magill and John Mitchell; Mahoning township, Michael Scott and William Honser.

There was no opposition to Samuel Mills for overseer of the poor. For auditor at the primaries Friday night Watkin Evans, the nominee, received the support of the first and the fourth wards.

### Revisiting Town.

Arthur F. Alward and wife, of Bellewood, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of D. C. Hunt. Mr. Alward, who is an old resident of Danville and knew Brigadier General Bubb when a boy, came over to Danville hoping to meet the general. He was disappointed to find that General Bubb had left Danville and he would have to forego the pleasure of meeting him at this time.

Mr. Alward put in the time very pleasantly circulating among other old friends in Danville. His father was Benjamin Alward, well remembered by old residents as captain of a packet boat and one who was prominent in the town affairs in the olden days.

### Death of John Coleman.

James Coleman, a highly esteemed resident of the third ward, departed this life last night at 9 o'clock. He had been ill for nearly a year, death being due to a complication of diseases.

The deceased was 45 years of age and is survived by a wife, three sons and four daughters: Patrick, Michael and William, Mary (Mrs. Michael Burk), Nellie, Alice and Catherine. Annie, a daughter, departed this life ten months ago.

The deceased was born in Wales, and came to this country with his parents when he was 12 years of age. He was a puddler and for many years was employed at the Reading iron works.

### Lunacy Commission.

In response to a petition from relatives, Judge Savidge Wednesday morning, appointed a commission to inquire into the mental condition of Augustus S. Ginter, an aged resident of Riverside. The appointments were Dr. Smith, of Riverside; J. H. McDevitt, J. P. Carpenter, of Sunbury.—Sunbury Item.

While Patrick Salmon, aged 85 years, of Mahanoy City, was descending a stairway on Sunday night, carrying a lighter lamp, he fell and before help arrived he was burned so badly that he died at the Miners' hospital.

## ALL APPLICATIONS WERE GRANTED

The annual license court of Montour county was held Friday morning. All the applications were granted. Incidentally the licensees were given to understand by Judge Evans that the liquor laws will be enforced to the live up to its provisions may expect to have their licenses revoked. Slot machines will also have to go.

Judge Evans announced that the applications were all for old houses and with one exception were made by old applicants. Neither were there any remonstrances filed. Under the rule of court, therefore, he said, nothing remained but to grant