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CURBING AWARDED TO EVANS' SONS

The contract for furnishing and setting the curbing for the North Mill street paving job was awarded to T. L. Evans' Sons at a regular meeting of the borough council Friday night.

There were three bidders—T. L. Evans' Sons, D. J. Rogers and the Wilkes-Barre Construction company. T. L. Evans' Sons bid for Pennsylvania blue stone at seventy-one cents per lineal foot with octagonal corners at \$5.50 each.

D. J. Rogers bid provided for straight curb, quarry stone set, for the sum of eighty-five cents per lineal foot all round corners at eight dollars each.

The Wilkes-Barre construction company's bid called for stone curb in accordance with specifications at eighty-five cents per lineal foot for straight curb and two dollars for curved curb.

On motion of Mr. Vestine it was ordered that the contract for curbing and headers in Wyoming blue stone be awarded to T. L. Evans' Sons.

Another delegation of citizens from the fourth ward was present at the meeting of council last night to further protest against the vacating of the Cross street crossing by the P. & R. railway company. William Kaese West, Esq., presented the matter on behalf of the residents. Mr. West was emphatic in his demand that the residents north of the P. & R. railway be given some better and more convenient way of getting across the track than is afforded by the undergrade crossing. He advised that until a street be formally accepted from the Danville and Bloomsburg trolley company council require the P. & R. railway company to maintain a crossing at Cross street.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that the clerk address a communication to the P. & R. railway company requesting it to open the crossing on Cross street and also to keep the Railroad street crossing open.

On motion the borough council accepted an invitation from the county commissioners to be present at the meeting of the township supervisors of Montour county to be held in the court house, Danville, Thursday, February 7, 1907.

The following members were present: Gibson, Jacobs, Woodside, Dietz, Vestine, Sweisfort, Russell, Angle and Hughes.

Electrician Newton Smith presented his report for operating the municipal electric light plant during January, which showed a total cost of \$303.79. The plant was in operation 346 hours and 15 minutes. Seventy-seven tons of coal were consumed.

WATER DEPARTMENT.
P. H. Foust, Agent, \$105.20
J. H. Gosser & Co., 3.00
Harmon Rupp, 3.00
Friendship Fire Co., 26.27
Jas. Gibson, 15.50
Regular employes, 157.00

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.
Regular employes, \$115.00
W. G. Brown, 4.50
Atlantic Ref Co., 27.66
Jas. Gibson, 2.25
The Gem, printing, 68.00
B. B. Brown, 4.25
Labor and hauling, 39.50
F. Hartman, 1.50
Welliver Hdw Co., 1.60

Getting Rid of the Snow.
Snow is a troublesome factor on a paved street and when the latter happens to be a business street of town it becomes doubly a nuisance.

When melting begins there is no way for the water to escape except through the regular outlets into the sewer. Under the constant traffic it is nearly impossible to keep a water way open and the result is that along with the slush are pools of water, which make it very bad for pedestrians when they attempt to cross the street.

The first essential of course, is to keep a water way open at the lowest portion of the paving along each curb, but it is there that the snow, augmented by what is shoveled from the sidewalks ties the deepest.

A glance at Mill street reveals the magnitude of the task before the street commissioner before he succeeds in getting the snow removed from the curb. Yesterday he had his shovel brigade at work leveling down the big heaps of snow that lined the curb on the west side of Mill street to prepare a place for the curbstone market this morning.

Death of Mrs. Mary Songer.
Mrs. Mary Songer died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Bleck, Cross street, shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday morning.

The deceased was the widow of Abraham Songer, who departed this life about twelve years ago. She was a former resident of Shannondale, Clarion county, but removed to Danville about five years ago to reside with her daughter, whose husband, Edward Bleck, is a son of Associate Judge Frank G. Bleck.

The deceased was aged sixty-seven years. She was taken ill last August and grew worse until death ensued. One son and two daughters survive: George Songer, of Marienville, Forest county; Mrs. Bleck, of this city; and Mrs. William Varner, of Reedsburg, Clarion county.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 9 a. m. from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

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FRED DAVIS' NARROW ESCAPE

Of the number of persons struck by the cars annually, comparatively few survive to relate their experience; still fewer after meeting with such an accident escape without an injury or with injuries so slight as to be hardly worth taking into account.

To the lucky few making up the latter class belongs Fred Davis, a sixteen-year-old boy, who resides with his grandmother, Mrs. Mullen, on Upper Mulberry street. Fred was struck by the cars on the Centre street crossing Friday night and hurled sixteen feet and yet his injuries were so slight that Saturday evening he was able to leave the house and to spend an hour or so with his boyhood companions.

Fred is employed at the Structural Tubing works. The accident occurred Friday evening about 6:30 o'clock as he was on his way home from work with another boy by the name of Thomas Foust. They were walking on the P. & R. track and had reached the Centre street crossing when a pusher running tender first came along behind them.

After passing the Bloom street crossing the engine took on more steam and flew forward at a good speed. The engineer sounded the whistle for the crossing, but in spite of the warning the boy was struck and hurled out in the middle of the street.

As soon as the locomotive could be stopped it was backed up to the crossing and the fireman quickly dismounted to make an investigation.

To the surprise of all the boys, by that time, was on his feet. He declared that he was not hurt, and picking up his dinner bucket he started for home.

To say the boy wholly escaped would not be in accordance with facts. He was bruised where he was struck by the locomotive and badly jarred by the impact when he struck the hard frozen ground. He was obliged to keep his head the greater part of the day Saturday.

The story as told by the two boys is as follows: As they approached the crossing they heard the locomotive whistle. To get out of the way Fred climbed up on a heap of snow near the track, which had been left there by the workmen when the crossing was shoveled off.

Just as the engine came along Fred slipped and fell down against it. He was struck just below the right shoulder by a corner of the tender and thrown with terrific force, luckily striking the ground several feet from the track. As the engine dashed by the boy lay in the street insensible. His companion flew to his side, hardly dreaming but that Fred was fatally or at least very seriously hurt. He lifted him to his feet, but the injured boy staggered a few steps and then fell to the ground again. By the time the pusher had returned he had arisen and was able to walk.

He was still dazed when he reached home and suffered considerable pain. Dr. Shultz, the family physician, being called, made an examination and concluded that no bones were broken. Neither did the physician see any evidence of internal injuries. On Saturday the boy's back was badly swollen where he was struck by the pusher; he was unable to stand in an erect position and altogether he felt very badly as the result of the accident. It was thought, however, that all unpleasant effects would wear off in a day or so.

New Division Superintendent.
George B. Wright, who formerly had charge of the local telephone system in this district, but who for the past several years has been located at Binghamton, New York, as general superintendent of the York State Telephone company, has returned to this section, and will fill the position recently vacated by the resignation of H. N. Daniel.

Mr. Wright will be remembered by many Danville people as the first superintendent of the Montour and Columbia telephone company when that system was put in operation here. When the Montour and Columbia was absorbed by the United Telephone and Telegraph company Mr. Wright remained in this section having charge of this district under the new company. Later Mr. Wright went to Binghamton to take charge of the York State Telephone company's lines, where he has remained until now.

The district of which Mr. Wright will have charge has been enlarged since the resignation of Mr. Daniel, and now extends north to Williamsport, west to Lewistown and south to Pottsville. In addition to this Mr. Wright will retain the general superintendency of the York State company, which covers Broom, Tioga and Chemung counties in that State.

Mr. Wright will make his headquarters at Williamsport, and will begin his work there today.

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The deceased was born in Danville and is a brother of Samuel Lunger. He was a former employe of the big mill and for a period of twenty-five years worked at rail straightening at that plant. During the past twelve years he acted as janitor at the Mahoning Presbyterian church.

He was aged 56 years, 11 months and 21 days and is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son: Misses Olive and Ada and Franklin Lunger. He was a member of Montour Castle No. 186, K. G. E. He was a man of generous impulses, of kind and obliging disposition and had many friends.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

W. B. Rhodes arrived Saturday from Natchez, Mississippi, for a visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Maria Rhodes, West Market street.

Miss Bodora, of Bucknell at Lewisburg, was the guest over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gearhart, Bloom street.

Miss Emma Gearhart, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gearhart, Bloom street.

Luther Lyon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in this city as the guest of Fred Owen.

Charles Oberdorf of Lewisburg spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Oberdorf, West Mahoning street.

Reuben Boyer, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with his family on Honey-moon street.

Mrs. Harry Martin and Miss Laura Leniger have returned from a trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Charles J. Engle and Roy Strauser, of Shamokin, spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Miss Myrtle Sider, of Catawissa, spent Sunday in this city as the guest of Miss Bertha Cromwell.

W. R. Miller was a visitor at Shamokin yesterday.

Mrs. Russell L. Kelley, of Sunbury, called on friends in this city yesterday.

Simon Krebs returned to Somerset yesterday morning after a visit at the home of Charles P. Hancock, West Market street.

Mrs. W. J. Bowman returned to Pittsburg yesterday morning after a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Shepperson, East Front street.

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN MAN

John M. Price, a former resident of Danville, and father of our townsman, Thomas J. Price, passed away at the home of his son, George Price, at Kingsbury, N. Y., on Monday night.

The deceased sustained a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, and since then has been in feeble health. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Price was known to be in a precarious condition due to the latter disease and tidings from Kingsbury were eagerly awaited. A message received about 10 o'clock Monday night stated that he was very low. This was followed by a telegram Tuesday morning stating that he had passed away. In response to the sad news Thomas J. Price left on the 10:19 a. m. train Tuesday for Kingsbury.

John M. Price was a native of Wales. He came to Danville about 1853. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, gifted as a musician, and was a complete master of the art of rolling iron. He invented and patented several devices pertaining to rolling that now are used exclusively in the great steel works of this country.

He lived in Danville at a day when Welsh and English iron-workers, attracted here by the starting up of the big mill, were very active of the affairs of the town. John M. Price, by virtue of his integrity, his gifts of intellect and attractive personality, was easily a leader, not only of the people of the two nationalities above alluded to, but also others of the town irrespective of nationality. He was at first employed at the rolls in the big mill, but later became boss roller at the Rough and Ready iron works, a position which he held for many years. It is recalled that while he held the latter position the late Dr. Joseph Parry, the celebrated composer, then a humble mill worker, was employed on one side of the rolls. The man who had the honor of working at the opposite side of the rolls at the same time was our townsman, D. R. Williams, the well-known insurance agent. Mr. Williams is able to recall many incidents relating to the every day life of both John M. Price and Dr. Parry in the days when the latter little dreamed of the brilliant future and the world-wide fame that was in store for him.

In 1867 with his family the deceased took up his residence in Pottsville, thence removing to Syracuse, N. Y. Shortly before leaving Danville Mrs. Price died and was buried in the cemetery on Bloom street. From that time till his death the deceased remained a widower.

Four sons and three daughters survive: Thomas J. Price of this city, John and George Price, of Kingsbury, and Frank Price the well-known (Mrs. Hosking) of New York; Miss Annie Price, who resided with her father; and Miss Jennie Price of Rome, N. Y.

A Southerner's Experience.
The fact that he would so soon encounter snow a foot deep was one of the things that W. B. Rhodes didn't reckon on a few days ago when he left Natchez, Miss., where flowers were blooming and soft breezes were blowing such as we are accustomed to in May.

Mr. Rhodes, however, is optimistic always, and now that he is here, regardless of the depth of the snow, he is inclined to make the best of the situation. Tomorrow he expects to be sufficiently acclimated to take a long sleigh ride.

Mr. Rhodes brings glowing reports from Natchez and from nearly every part of the south. A heavy cotton crop with the very best of prices has brought about a state of prosperity that is wholly without parallel in recent years. Even the negroes have plenty of money. Relating to the public health the best of conditions prevail and the people are as happy and hopeful as they are prosperous.

The only circumstance that has a depressing effect is the great flood on the Mississippi, which has caused a vast amount of damage. For many miles on his journey northward Mr. Rhodes passed through the flood-stricken districts and he was enabled to estimate at close range the amount of devastation wrought. At Cincinnati the conditions were most deplorable as the result of the overflow on the Ohio river.

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PETER DIETRICH BACK IN JAIL

Peter Dietrich, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary, who two weeks ago was admitted to bail, pending the determination of an appeal to the supreme court, after the brief interval of freedom, was Friday evening remanded to the custody of the sheriff and is again behind the bars. The cause of it all is explained in the petition of the bondsmen. Dietrich fell a victim to old enemy, strong drink, and was intoxicated Thursday night and Friday.

The bondsmen presented a petition to the court setting forth that they had entered into recognizance to the Commonwealth in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the appearance of Peter Dietrich, defendant, in court upon the determination of the appeal—that the said Peter Dietrich, since his being released upon bail, has been drinking to excess and they desired to be relieved from any liability that might accrue to them in consequence of the petition of the bondsmen. They therefore prayed the honorable court to award a bail piece to the end that the said Peter Dietrich might be remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The five bondsmen, whose signatures followed, were as follows: John H. Gosser, Joseph Smith, George A. Meyers, W. C. Williams and P. P. Swentek.

A short session of court was held Friday evening for the purpose of acting on the petition. The ringing of the bell brought an enormous crowd to the court house, all expecting to see Peter Dietrich, present at the proceedings relating to the bail piece.

While the court was in session on this score, as Peter Dietrich was already in jail, he was under surveillance during Friday, but about five o'clock he was found in an advanced stage of intoxication and the officers, prudently took him in charge and placed him in jail, where he was when court assembled.

Judge Evans made the following order: And now February 1, 1907, bail piece awarded as prayed for and the defendant remanded to the custody of the sheriff and to be held until discharged by law. The said bondsmen are discharged from any further liability after this date. By the court.

Array of Fine Speakers.
An unexpected and important call to another part of the State will prevent State Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter from appearing at the meetings of the Montour county supervisors at the court house today.

While this change in the plans is somewhat to be regretted, yet ample provision has been made for two very interesting sessions, and an array of men high in the public highway affairs of the State will be on hand to address the supervisors.

Assistant Commissioner R. D. Beman will represent Mr. Hunter at the meetings and will make several interesting addresses.

An interesting figure, who will be present at the meetings today, is Hon. Jason Sexton, of Montgomery county, who was chairman of the first public highway committee of the Pennsylvania legislature, in the session of 1867, when this State was just beginning to take notice of her highways.

Mr. Sexton is a Democrat, and is well versed in all the phases of road building and maintenance, and is an enthusiastic supporter of any measures that look toward the improvement of the roads of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sexton is also a member of the State board of agriculture.

At the meeting today the supervisors of this county will form an organization, the object of which will be that a more united effort can be made to improve the roads of the county.

Did Justice to Capon Supper.
As lustreous a galaxy of Danville's representative business men as was ever gathered together met last evening at the Grovania hotel with the object of doing justice to a capon supper, and no better assurance that the repast was appreciated is needed than a glance at the list of "those present," which appears below.

A perusal of the tempting menu will give some idea of the enjoyment with which the occasion was attended:

Oysters on the Half Shell.
Soup, Pickles.
CAPON.
Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Lettuce, Olives, Prunes, Cranberry Sauce, Cold Slaw, Oranges, Bananas, Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee, Cocoa.

Gathered around the festive board were U. Y. James, Joseph Bayler, Philip Benzach, W. G. Pursel, Joseph Heim, Sam Bloch, I. C. Lee, Ralph Kiser, L. C. Deitz, J. H. Cole, Alfred Elacher, Hon. Henry Diver, Harry Elshoven, W. J. Rogers, John F. Tooley, John Eisenhart, A. L. Voris, Samuel Lumberger, George B. Jacobs, Samuel Lowenstein, W. Kase West, W. L. Sider, W. Fred Jacobs, George Youngman, Frank Jameson, D. R. Eckman, J. S. Raver, Willard Kiser, Clyde Dyer, William Christy and C. E. Welliver, of Bloomsburg.

Milton Postmaster.
It has been announced that Robert E. Hopkins had been appointed postmaster at Milton by President Roosevelt and the appointment sent to the senate for confirmation. He will succeed Mrs. Getz who filled the unexpired term of her husband who died while an incumbent.

Kelly Will be Tried for Bribery.
The case of the taxpayers' association of Conyngham township, Columbia county, against Prof. B. F. Kelly, ex-principal of the schools of that district, who is charged with bribery, will come up for trial at Bloomsburg next week.

The case was scheduled for yesterday, but Kelly's attorneys were in court with the excuse that the former was ill with the grip, and that Judge Marr, of Schuylkill county, one of the important witnesses for the defense was detained by license court in his county, and therefore prayed for a continuance. Judge Evans appointed next Wednesday as the time, and said that "it will be absolutely tried next week because felony cases can be tried even in the absence of the defendant."

Wash Filter Tubs Every Day.
The board of water commissioners consisting of Edward Corman, D. J. Rogers and James T. Magill, held a regular meeting at city hall yesterday afternoon, Mr. Corman presiding. Peter J. Keefe, superintendent of the water works, was also present.

The reports were mainly favorable and showed the plant to be in first class condition and the service all that could be desired. Mr. Corman, however, called attention to the prevalence of typhoid fever in up-river towns and in view of the fact that the Health Commissioner Dixon had addressed a communication to the water commissioners of Danville urging that the water be carefully filtered, he said he considered it highly important that the filter tubs be cleaned or "washed" at least once every twenty-four hours. At present, he explained, except during high water, the tubs are not "washed" often than every other day. Such a schedule he said, is hardly the proper thing even when no special precautions are required, for, while it might cause a little less work about the plant, it obviously leads to an additional consumption of alum, required to counterbalance the effect of clogged up filter beds. He thought it would be a pretty good thing to establish a rule which would admit of no exceptions whether the river be muddy or otherwise, that the filter tubs be washed regularly at least once every twenty-four hours, the work to be done during the hours of daylight. The process of washing a tub requires some twenty minutes.

On motion of D. J. Rogers seconded by James T. Magill it was ordered that the filter tubs be washed at least once in every twenty-four hours as proposed by Mr. Corman; also that in order to the above effect be served on the water superintendent.

On motion it was ordered that a vacuum gauge be purchased of the Worthington pump company for use in the water works. The installation of the vacuum gauge will have the effect of making it a little easier for the engineers, as it will keep them in touch with conditions affecting the pumps and obviate many tiresome trips up and down stairs from the first floor where the light plant is installed to the lower story where the pumps are situated.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS

The stockholders of the Danville and Bloomsburg street railway company held their annual meeting at the Montour house yesterday afternoon.

Officers were elected as follows: President, F. C. Angle, Esq.; vice president, Thomas B. Illig; secretary, W. C. Billman; treasurer, Charles E. Leippe; Judge R. H. Koch was made general solicitor and W. R. Miller was re-elected general manager.

W. R. Miller of Danville; W. C. Billman, Thomas B. Illig, Frank P. Laner, and John R. Miller of Reading were elected directors.

Resolutions were passed directing the attorneys for the company to proceed with the pending suit relative to the D. L. & W. crossing.

On motion of F. C. Angle seconded by C. P. Hancock the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,