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## DANVILLE WATER FOUND PURE

Those of our citizens who have been somewhat exercised by reason of the statement made by Health Commissioner Dixon to the effect that the water of the north branch was not above suspicion of being infected by sewage from towns above us where typhoid fever prevails, will be gratified to learn that so far as the hydrant water in Danville is concerned there is absolutely no danger of contagion. The water has been analyzed and found to be pure.

This proves nothing as to the purity or impurity of the water in the North Branch, but it does go a great way toward substantiating the claim made for our filter system—that it can be relied upon to eliminate bacteria. There never was a time when conditions existed favorable for a more effectual test than the present. Typhoid fever is becoming an ever increasing cause of death. There is scarcely a community in which every season the number of cases do not threaten to rise above what is normal, while here and there dreadful epidemics occur. It is only natural that the people of Danville should share in the general feeling of solicitude, and those who do not pin their faith to the full efficacy of our filter plant resort to the safe precaution of boiling water.

In the present emergency to quiet all fears the local board of health decided to send away a sample of filtered water for analysis, confident in the belief that no germs of typhoid would be discovered. Accordingly on Thursday last week Dr. Shultz, secretary of the local board of health, procured a sample of filtered water from the reservoir and sent it to the laboratory of the Pennsylvania department of health at Philadelphia.

Yesterday Dr. Shultz received a report, which brought the good news that the analysis revealed our water as absolutely pure—that there were no signs of "bacteria bacilli."

The water tested, it will be observed, was taken from the reservoir, just as it is pumped into the water mains and furnished to our hydrants. This leaves scarcely any doubt as to the absolute purity of the water furnished our town.

The water mains themselves, into which nothing but filtered water has been pumped for twelve years, should be absolutely clean and free from infection, especially as once or twice each year all the fire plugs are opened and the muddy water, where any exists, is permitted to drain out, a process which of course takes from the mains all forms of sediment.

### All Because It's Real Winter.

The ice man and the coal hauler are both happy. The former because he has natural ice and the latter because he can gaze upon the coal bins that are being depleted because of the purchases made by his customers. The small boy and the small girl are also happy, because they can coast, while their older sisters and brothers find weather delightful because they can go sleighing. And the rest of us, well, because it's the kind of winter that we like, that's all.

J. H. Shaw, principal of the third ward grammar school, who was called to his home at Orange, Luzerne county, some weeks ago, by reason of his mother's serious illness, writes to inform the Morning News that she is dead, having passed away at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at 12 m. today.

### Birthday Party.

A birthday party was tendered to Mrs. George Gedding, of Philadelphia, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David D. Williams, Lower Mulberry street, Monday, in honor of her birthday. A fine turkey dinner was served. During the afternoon Mrs. Gedding entertained the guests with several selections on the violin. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Gedding and Miss Sarah Fenstermacher, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Abigail Fenstermacher and son Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Williams, sons David, Elias and Selwyn and Miss Mary Hallman.

### BILLS EXCEED REVENUE.

This is the way it strikes the Hazleton Daily Standard: "If one may form an opinion from the number of bills offered in the State legislature, the members seem to be impressed with the belief that the income of the State of Pennsylvania is unlimited. The bills asking for money already exceed in amount the annual revenues, and not more than half of them are so far in."

### Purchased Hartman Homestead.

Jackson Winterstein, who for several years past has lived on the Hyde farm at Edgemont, has become the purchaser of the Jacob Hartman homestead farm in Cooper township. Consideration \$3,400.

### A Daughter.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody, Froxy Valley, on Tuesday. Mr. Moody still continues seriously ill with typhoid fever, having suffered a relapse.

## FIRST DAY OF THE INSTITUTE

From all over the section within a radius of eight miles of Washingtonville gathered yesterday in the Lutheran church, of that town, the tillers of the soil, to absorb the information that emanated in rhetorical cascades from the lips of the speakers of the annual Montour county farmers' institute.

The Lutheran church, which comfortably seats about 400 people, was nearly filled at the first session yesterday afternoon. Last evening the auditorium was packed with interested auditors.

The complete program of the institute was printed in this paper last week. Two sessions were held yesterday, at 1:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening. Excellent addresses by well known authorities on agricultural subjects were interspersed with music and recitations, making the meetings most enjoyable.

These institutes are held throughout the State during the winter under the auspices of the Pennsylvania department of agriculture. The department has a chairman for each county, Hon. C. A. Wagner occupying that position in Montour. The department also furnishes the speakers, for the principal addresses. The arrangements of time, place, etc. are made by the local chairman.

The institute will continue today at Washingtonville with three sessions. Tomorrow three sessions will be held at Exchange.

## FAST FREIGHT HITS WORK TRAIN

A score or more employes on the Reading railroad over at Paxinos, narrowly escaped a terrible death yesterday morning, when their work train was dashed into by a fast freight and several cars were smashed and set on fire.

The work train was standing on the main track, when the fast freight came dashing along at a mile a minute pace. Orders somewhere had been misunderstood, and the engineer not knowing that the track was blocked, did not slacken his speed and when finally the work train loomed into view it was too late to avert a collision. The engineer and fireman jumped just as the engine struck the rear car. Several cars of the work train were thrown from the track, badly splintered and were soon in flames. By the best of fortune no one was aboard. Had there been they would have been pinned beneath the wreckage and probably burned to death.

### People Pleased With Result.

It was a matter of intense gratification to our citizens yesterday to learn the product of our filter plant had been exposed to a test in the laboratory of the health department of Pennsylvania and that no evidences of bacteria bacilli were found.

Everyone now breathes freer and in some instances the precaution of boiling the water used for drinking and culinary purpose will no longer be employed. Many people express surprise that the board of health, in order to see what kind of water the borough was furnishing its inhabitants, did not have the water tested long before the present analysis was made. Thus would the people have been reassured at a time when there was much uncertainty and solicitude.

Again it is suggested that the borough water should be analyzed at regular intervals throughout the year to see whether the filter plant is properly doing its work and the inhabitants of the municipality are not exposed to danger from typhoid. In this the water commissioners who are responsible for the proper working of the plant, should likewise be interested, and, in the event of the board of health failing to act, should themselves take the initiative and endeavor to have the water regularly tested.

What would add immensely to the interest at present would be to have a sample of unfiltered water, taken directly from the river analyzed. In this way we might become much enlightened concerning conditions that would aid us much in the future conduct of affairs relating to our water supply.

### An Ideal Day.

Yesterday the weather conditions were nearly ideal for midwinter. At 5 a. m. mercury was at zero. The sky was cloudless and the atmosphere was nearly motionless. As the morning hours were away the sun began to assert itself. By 10 a. m. it was quite agreeable and by noon mercury had climbed up to 20 degrees.

Everyone who could possibly spare the time made it a point to spend an hour or so out of doors. Those situated so they could take advantage of the delightful day to indulge in a sleigh ride found the maximum of delight and healthful recreation in the sport. As a general thing sleighing is still quite good, while none of the biting cold was felt that usually detracts from the pleasure of a sleigh ride. The snow clad landscape was bathed in the brightest of sunshine and on every side were evidences of good cheer and renewed hopefulness. It was hard to realize that so many wintry days lie between us and the spring.

Miss Mamie Price spent Sunday with friends in Catawissa.

## DEATH OF ALBERT GEORGE POVEY

Albert George Povey, a very highly esteemed young man who has been about Danville for several years past, died in Philadelphia Saturday under sad circumstances. The body will be brought to Danville today.

The deceased was a native of England. He was 44 years of age and has a brother and two sisters living in London. He came to America twenty years ago, first locating in Canada. Some years ago when the Salvationists were active in Danville he came here as a member of the army. He was a man of intelligence and good education. He was of a generous and self-sacrificing disposition, his conduct uniformly being such as became a consistent Christian.

When the branch of the Salvation Army in Danville disbanded, Mr. Povey accepted a position as attendant at the hospital for the insane. He made the most of his opportunity there, entering the training school for attendants and graduating in the class of 1905 as a full-fledged nurse.

Within a comparatively recent date, however, he developed heart disease. For the six months prior to death he was unable to fill his position and during this time he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Ferry street.

During the last month of his life he conceived a desire to revisit his native land. Possibly a premonition of his approaching end and desire to see his brother and sisters before he died, he decided to do with it. It is hardly likely, however, that the long voyage would have been possible for him, had not kind friends come to his aid.

On Friday he left Danville on the 11:23 P. M. train for Philadelphia, intending to take the train for London on Saturday. He was then feeling quite badly, but it was hoped that he would get along without any difficulty.

He reached Philadelphia safely and sent a telegram to Danville to that effect, although he stated that he was feeling no better. At 10 a. m. Saturday a telegram was received from the Jefferson hospital stating that he was a patient at that institution and was in a serious condition. This was followed by another telegram at 2:15 Saturday, which stated that Povey had died at the hospital.

### First Alarm of Fire in 15 Months.

About half past 5 o'clock Saturday evening, for the first time in five months, the sound of the fire bells was heard. A small blaze occurred in the residence of William Turner, West Maining street, which was extinguished with buckets before the firemen arrived.

The fire insurance company promptly responded, but by the time it reached the scene of the fire all danger was over and the hose was not attached to the plug. There was a general response by the fire companies. The "Washes" got as far as the Thomas Beaver Free Library when they discovered that their service would not be needed.

The immunity from fire and fire alarms that our town has enjoyed during nearly half a year, and that, too, while the coldest weather prevailed, speaks well for the care and watchfulness of our citizens. It is a record a little short of remarkable in a town the size of Danville.

The last alarm of fire previous to Saturday occurred on September 23rd, when a chimney took fire belonging to a residence on Yorks hill.

### Birthday Party.

Mrs. Frank Keefer was tendered a surprise party Saturday evening at her home, Pine street, in honor of her 29th birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hauey, Mrs. Henry Reich, Mrs. Robert McCormick, Mrs. McCue, Misses Kate Bookmiller, Sallie Hahn, Bessie Reich, Viola Reich, Flora Reich, Stella Keefer, Elizabeth Boyer, Doty McCue, Messrs. Frank McCue, Harry Strickler, Bud Nevil, Claude Crawford and Charles Edgar, of Bloomsburg; Masters Raymond Boyer and Arthur Keefer. During the evening music and various games helped to make the party very enjoyable. Refreshments were served.

### Pleasant Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Brobst near Buckhorn, was the scene of a pleasant party on Saturday night. The evening was spent most enjoyably, the time being whiled away with games and music. Later in the evening refreshments were served. The following were present from Buckhorn and vicinity: Miss Margaret Brobst, Roy Mausteller, Edward Brobst, Ray Reifnyder, Hazel Brobst, Laura Girtton, Lloyd Brobst, Maurice Girtton, Charlie Brobst, Charlie Brobst, Lee and Paul Brobst; from Danville: Misses Annie Lee, Susie Lee, Flora Kashner, Minnie Mong, Rachel Churn, Stella Churn, Margaret Beyers, Mary Everett, Messrs. Arthur Sticklin, Bert Goss, Harry Bopp, Frank Hartline, John T. Jones, Walter Trumbower, Harry Harvey and Percy Freeze.

### RAISE JURORS' FEES.

In a reference to the bill proposing to raise the fees of jurors from \$3 to \$3 per day, the Sharon Telegraph says: "This would seem to be a good move. It is really worth a good deal more than \$2 a day to remain in Mercer. This latter sum barely pays a man's board to say nothing of compensating him for his inconvenience." A juror's account at the end of a week's services balances in about the same way in nearly every other county seat as in Mercer. So that the proposed advance would be no big fee.

## MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night. A bare quorum was present consisting of Messrs. Orth, Fischer, Pursel, Fish, Lutz, Swartz and Harpel. Chairman Burns being absent Mr. Fischer was chosen president pro tem.

Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a cash balance on hand of \$9107.

Borough Superintendent Gordy reported an unequal distribution of heat in first ward building, affecting the rooms of Miss Musselman and Miss Gallagher. Monday while Miss Musselman's pupils were shivering in fifty-two degrees, in Miss Gallagher's room immediately below mercury stood at 120 degrees and the pupils were literally roasted out. Both rooms endured the discomfort until nearly 10 o'clock when it was decided to dismiss the pupils until noon and employ the interior in repairing the defect in the heating apparatus. Temporary repairs were made as planned and at noon both schools resumed.

Borough Superintendent Gordy presented his report for the month ending February 8th.

Number of boys registered during month, 545; number of girls, 580; total, 1125. Average attendance of boys during month, 497; average attendance of girls, 532; total, 1029. Percentage of attendance by boys during month, 94; percentage of attendance by girls during the month, 93; average, 93. Number of pupils who have not attended 75 per cent of time belonged, 73; number of pupils reported to truancy officer, 34. Cases of corporal punishment, 6. Cases of suspension, 1.

Number of days substitute teacher was employed, 31. Number of visits made during month, 50. Number of pupils absent during month, 602; number of pupils tardy during month, 234. Cases of tardiness by pupils, 404. Cases of tardiness by teachers, 5.

On motion of Dr. Harpel it was ordered that the firm from whom the heating apparatus was purchased be requested to adjust the chain as required to properly regulate the distribution of heat.

On motion of Mr. Swartz it was ordered that a coal oil stove be purchased for the purpose of heating the type writing room in the commercial department. On cold days the temperature in this room is apt to fall to fifty degrees.

On motion it was ordered that a gas jet be installed at the foot of the stairs in the hallway of school buildings of the first and third wards.

Truancy Officer Young presented his report for the month past as follows: Number of pupils sick, 248; truants, 12; pupils detained at home for want of clothing and shoes, 12; number of notices sent out, 8.

In conclusion Borough Superintendent Gordy presented a report of his visit to the annual convention of the City, Borough and township superintendents held at Harrisburg last week. The report was an extended one and interested the directors very much.

The following bills were approved for payment: Peter A. Winters, \$1.30; American Book Company, \$10.29; Smith Brother typewriter Co., \$8.90; O. M. Leugier, \$16.40; U. L. Gordy, \$10.64; Emery Shultz, \$1.35; Henry Hold & Co., \$5.63; U. S. Express Co., \$6.65; Standard Gas Co., \$16.16.

### LAW AND ORDER.

The Franklin News says: Governor Stuart, in his address at the dedication of the armory at Pittston paid high tribute to the national guard which he says is a body of citizens entitled to the greatest credit for giving its time and energy to make the military arm of the State effective. "The guard, as well as the flag," he said, "stands for liberty regulated by law. This country continues to be the asylum for those of other nations, and they, like you and I, must understand that there is a responsibility connected with American citizenship and that no State or nation can be secure where law and order do not prevail. The national guard is pledged to uphold law and order."

### Three Towns Considered.

The American Car and Foundry Co. will erect a large plant at an expenditure of \$150,000 or \$175,000 for the manufacture of tanks for the steel tank cars. Three towns are being considered as locations, Milton, Berwick and Madison, Illinois. Milton had been decided upon as the location of the plant but complications arose which have left the location question unsettled and the order for the material for the building has been held up. The question is in the hands of President Frank H. Eaton for decision.

### A Sad Death.

Gertrude, the young wife of Claud Unger, Mayberry township, departed this life early yesterday morning under very pathetic circumstances.

The deceased was the daughter of J. Madison Vought, and was a most highly esteemed woman. Her illness was brief. Twin babes survive her death. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the family residence near Vought's church. Interment will be made in the cemetery adjoining the latter church.

## TWENTY TRAINS FROZEN UP

As a result of the wreck at Rupert Tuesday evening, a great many trains were frozen up along the Pennsylvania in this vicinity during Tuesday night and yesterday, one of the worst congestions ever witnessed on the division being the result.

Twenty different trains were frozen up yesterday morning between Millville and South Danville, and unable to move. The wreck caused several trains to be held up Tuesday night, on each side of Rupert tower, and it was not long before the cold froze up their steel and put them temporarily out of business. The other trains which approached from either end of the division during the night and morning were thus compelled to come to a stand, and they in turn all froze up, until every siding and available track along the stretch named was filled with stalled "dead" trains.

As fast as they could become thawed out yesterday they were started on their way, but all the passenger trains were very late. The morning and noon passenger trains were nearly an hour and a half behind time.

As an illustration of the hold-up, one crew which left South Danville Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, and were supposed to be back Tuesday night, were still held up yesterday afternoon the men having been away from home on their train thirty-six hours then, and still having no idea when they would reach Sunbury.

### SAN JOSE SCALE IN DANVILLE

A. W. Stephens, the orchard demonstrator, who a couple of weeks ago entered upon the work of inspecting fruit trees about town, in order to fully determine to what extent the San Jose scale has obtained a foothold in Montour county, has now completed a canvass of all the upper part of the borough South of Market street.

When seen yesterday he was busy playing his vocation. He says that he finds an abundance and a fine variety of choice fruit trees growing in town. Of the trees thus far examined, about ten per cent have been found to be infested with the scale. The ravage of the pest is confined mostly to the peach and plum trees. As no place has very much damage been done, but the mere presence of the scale indicates that the fruit trees of town are exposed to great danger, and unless the proper remedy is applied without delay the pest will gain a firm foothold and its extermination will be next to impossible.

### First Fire in New Capitol.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 13. One of the heavy velvet curtains at one of the windows in the private office of Secretary of Internal Affairs Isaac E. Brown, in the north wing of the new State Capitol, caught fire from a lighted cigar which had been left on one of the steam radiators and the fire communicating to the interior of the room to the extent of about \$1,000.

Several of the Harrisburg fire department chemical engines, responded to the alarm. When the firemen arrived the entire interior of the north wing was filled with blinding smoke. The firemen chopped a portion of the window frame away and then got their chemical engines at work on the blaze.

This is the first fire that has occurred in the new State Capitol building. The loss is covered by insurance, the building having been recently insured for \$4,000,000.

### Sleighing Party.

A sleighing party from Danville and Maudsle was most delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Willet Snyder, Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Sadie Snyder, Mary Merrill, Nora Cooper, Rachel Fenstermacher, Eva Beyer, Mamie Yeager, Lula Yeager, Emily Lewis, Wilda Pannebacker, Margaret Nephew, Bertha Moser, Fannie Sess, Helen Crossley, Jennie Garnet, Katie Kinn, Mamie Crossley, Alice Fenstermacher, Libbie Pursel, Emma Fenstermacher, John Pruitt, John Miller, Freeman Robbins, Reese Merrill, Peter Sandel, George Tanner, Augustus Tanner, Jacob Miller, Pelagius Miller, Jacob Tanner, Harry Yeager, John Heller, Charles Snyder, John Fouk, Clark Rishel, Warren Fenstermacher, James Snyder.

### NEW COUNTY BILL PASSED.

Among the bills that have been passed by the House of Representatives at Harrisburg on the first reading is that making a new county of the lower end of Luzerne.

### MAHANOY'S NEW STATION.

The new \$30,000 Reading station at Mahanoy City is completed and is ready to be turned over by the contractors, Smith & Campion, to the company.

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### Death of G. W. Raudenbush.

George W. Raudenbush, a former county commissioner of Northumberland county, died at Mt. Carmel on Friday morning. He was 63 years old and is survived by a wife and nine children. Deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and endured the horrors of Anderson prison.

## A VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

William Brent, a well-known resident of the second ward and veteran of the late rebellion, departed this life very unexpectedly yesterday morning.

The deceased was ill only a couple of days, death being due to an attack of pneumonia, which speedily ran its course. He worked all last week, occupying his post as laborer at the puddle mill of Howe & Samuel. He was taken with a chill Sunday. Monday evening he took his bed. That his condition was critical was not dreamed of by his family. He was conscious and rational up to within a few minutes of the end. Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning he sat up in bed and conversed pleasantly with the family. About 5 o'clock he breathed his last.

William Brent was born in Somersetshire, England. When he was three years of age his parents emigrated to America. The family lived for a short time in Pottsville and other towns in the coal region, but removed to Danville while the deceased was still a mere boy.

During the civil war the deceased enlisted in Company B, 19th regiment, under Captain Winner and at the expiration of his enlistment was honorably discharged. He was a steady industrious man, a good citizen, a dutiful husband and a kind indulgent father. His sterling qualities won for him the respect of the entire community.

He was sixty-three years of age and is survived by his wife, two sons, Edward and Arthur, and two daughters, Mrs. Pearl James and Miss May Brent, who resides at home. One brother and two sisters of the deceased also survive: Joseph Brent of Lewistown; Mrs. Jane Kirkham of Pottsville; Mrs. Neb, and Mrs. Lizzie Linger, widow of John Linger, this city.

### ALL VETERANS PENSIONED.

There are comparatively few soldiers of the civil war who are not yet 62 years of age, so that it may be said from last Thursday, when the present signed the service pension bill, every veteran of the union army has been entitled to a pension, whether he suffered injury or not. If he is 62 years old he receives \$12 a month; if he is 70 he receives \$16 a month; if he is 75 he receives \$20 a month. It is estimated that this will swell the annual pension bill anywhere from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000, but that in a few years there will be a heavy decline in expenditure on that account. There are now 985,971 persons on the pension roll, and in 1906, for the first time, the roll showed a falling off in numbers. Our pension bill was \$138,864,469 last year.

### Millville Tablet up in Smoke.

The two-story frame structure in which is housed the printing office of the Millville Tablet, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

The building was owned by J. G. Potter, who was also editor of the Tablet. The printing offices occupied the whole building.

Machinery, stock, printing equipment, in fact everything, is practically ruined. The paper was to be have been issued yesterday, but the forms all made up for the press shared the fate of the rest. The building and equipment was valued at between \$1000 and \$1800, and insurance to the amount of \$800 was carried.

### Death of Isaac Levy.

Isaac Levy, husband of Mollie Levy (nee Bensch) died at his home in New York on Sunday the 10th inst. The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 a. m. from Weehawken Ferry. Burial took place at Mt. Hope.

The deceased, whose wife was the daughter of Benjamin Bensch, was well known in Danville and the news of his death will cause much regret.

### Services at Rushtown.

A very successful series of evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Wm. D. Laumaster, of this city, was completed Sunday evening at the Rushtown Presbyterian church. The meetings were largely attended, the good sleighing helping to swell the attendance. There were a number of conversions and many strengthened in their Christian life.

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Miss Katie Wertman is visiting relatives in Catawissa.

## MRS. BELL KILLED BY THE CARS

The grade crossing of the D. L. & W. railroad at the upper entrance to the hospital grounds, Saturday morning, was the scene of a most shocking accident, in which Mrs. Mary E. Bell, a well known woman of Mahoning township, lost her life, while the horse she was driving was killed and the sleigh reduced to splinters.

Mrs. Bell, the deceased, was the wife of William M. Bell, who is employed in the Danville Rolling mill, this city. The couple lived on a farm in Toby Run hollow, which they recently purchased. Mr. Bell usually completed his work about 9 o'clock in the morning and started for home on foot. It has been customary for some one from the farm to come to meet him with horse and sleigh. Mr. Bell seldom walked very far before the horse and sleigh appeared. Saturday, however, he got as far as the hospital for the insane.

Meanwhile his sleigh, driven by his wife, crossed the D. L. & W. tracks at the gas house and drove along parallel with the railroad until it reached the crossing at the entrance to the hospital ground at the gate house. One would think that the most natural course from that point to town would be along the regular township highway on the south side of the track. The woman, however, assuming that her husband might be on his way up the railroad, was afraid she would miss him by taking the public road and undertook to recross the track, intending to drive down through the hospital ground, from where the railroad is in full view.

The train figuring in the accident was the west bound passenger, number 715, due to arrive at Danville at 9:10 a. m. The train was late and was running at a high rate of speed. The locomotive struck the horse and sleigh, carrying them forward and hurling the woman on the north side and the horse on the north side of the track. Both were killed instantly.

As soon as the train could be stopped it backed to the scene of the accident. One of the first to join the crew was William Bell, the husband, who from his position at the lower end of the hospital ground was an eyewitness of the terrible affair. In a statement subsequently made Mr. Bell said that he heard the whistle and almost simultaneously the collision occurred. As he saw the wreckage tossed in the air, the horse buried in one direction and the human body in the other, he instinctively felt that it was some one from his farm who had driven in for him. He hurried forward and learned the terrible truth—that it was his wife who was the victim.

Mrs. Bell did not bear a mark to show any external injury. Death was undoubtedly caused by internal injury or the effect of the terrible shock and jar. The body was found one hundred feet west of the crossing, where the sleigh was struck, and some idea of the force of the impact when the engine struck the woman may be obtained when it is stated that the body in striking struck the ground sixty feet west of the crossing and from that point ploughed a furrow through the snow forty feet further before it stopped. The woman to shield herself from the cold had put on a man's overcoat and wore a woolen hood on her head, which heavy protection no doubt accounts for the fact that the body bore no external injury. The horse lay nearly opposite the woman, the body containing one gash sufficient to cause death. The wreckage of the sleigh was scattered all along the track. Several hundred feet west of the crossing on one side lay the shafts and on the other side one of the runners of the sleigh to which clung a remnant of the woman's woolen hood.

The woman's body was carried into the waiting room at the gate house where Dr. Schering and the hospital staff made an examination. He was convinced that death was instantaneous.

In response to summons Justice of the Peace W. V. Oglesby, accompanied by Chief of Police J. C. Mincomeyer, went up to the scene of the accident to determine whether an inquest was necessary or not. He learned the facts as above stated and then arranged an interview with the engineer of train No. 715, which struck the woman. The number of the engine drawing the train was 430 and the name of the engineer in charge is John Baird, of Northumberland.

The same train returns up the road at 2:11 p. m. Accordingly at that hour Saturday afternoon Justice Oglesby, accompanied by a representative of the American, was on hand at the station. The engineer having handed the engine over to the fireman entered the passenger coach with the justice and his companion and during the run up to the hospital told his story.

The engineer said that when he first saw the woman, she had stopped just south of the crossing and appeared to be arranging her hood. At the first sight of her he sounded the whistle; he had no idea that she would attempt to cross.

When only the length of three cars from the crossing, he said, to his horror, she drove right upon the crossing. He applied the emergency brake, but was unable to check the speed very much in the short distance and the collision occurred as above described. The engineer said he left Scranton five

minutes late and he admitted that he was making good time. After hearing the testimony as well as viewing the body and place of the accident Justice Oglesby concluded that there was no negligence that should be answerable for in criminal court.

Mrs. Bell, the victim, was 61 years of age. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters; Emma, Mrs. Samuel Heimbach, of East Danville, and Naomi, Mrs. Thomas Good, of Toby Run hollow.

For many years Mrs. Bell was quite deaf and to this infirmity no doubt in great measure the terrible accident was due. Had she possessed good hearing she would no doubt have learned of the approaching train.

## ONE CASE OF EACH REMAINING

It will be gratifying to our readers to learn that scarlet fever, several cases of which were known to exist in Danville at the close of January, has now been practically stamped out, there being but one house under quarantine for that disease, while the case under treatment is only one of scarlet rash.

Health Officer E. B. Brown yesterday stated that there is also only one house under quarantine in Danville where diphtheria exists, a fact which would show that