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4 BOYS INJURED WHILE COASTING

A terrible coasting accident occurred on Ash street shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday, as the result of which two boys sustained broken limbs and two others grave injuries of an internal nature.

A large bob sled was being used, the front runners of which were steered by a brake wheel. On the sled were about fifteen boys. The bob sled shot down the steep hill at an express train rate of speed.

There were agonized cries of pain as the coasters rose or tried to rise to their feet. Three were unable to stand. These were John Mourer, son of Harry Mourer, East Maloning street; Charles Udelhofen, Jr., of Ash street, and John Riley, son of Michael Riley, Railroad street.

John Mourer and John Riley were taken into a residence nearby while Charles Udelhofen was removed to the home of his parents.

Dr. Fales was called to the scene of the accident and gave each of the boys in succession a thorough examination.

John Mourer was found to have sustained a fracture of both legs above the knees. One of the limbs bears a double comminuted fracture with a probable dislocation at the hip. The injuries on the whole are considered very serious.

Charles Udelhofen sustained a fracture of the right knee, which is complicated with a serious injury to the patella or knee cap.

John Riley has a painful and apparently serious internal injury in the region of the right hip. It will be necessary to administer an anesthetic before the boy can be subjected to an examination sufficiently searching to locate the trouble.

A SAD CASE OF SUICIDE

The residents on Grand street Tuesday were shocked by a case of suicide, in which the person who took the plunge into eternity was a young woman from Williamsport visiting in this city.

The case had all the elements of a tragedy. The victim of the self-destruction was young and possessed of many advantages. She was the idol of fond parents and the center of a wide circle of loving friends.

On last Sunday Anna Elizabeth Snyder, of Williamsport, arrived in this city to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Hauck, No. 307 Grand street. She was handsome young woman, 22 years of age, and was employed as saleslady at the notion store of King & Springman No. 24 East Third street.

The fact developed Tuesday that during her visit here on one occasion she declared that she would kill herself rather than return to Williamsport. There was nothing especially unusual in her manner during her visit here, however, and her remark was not taken seriously.

Tuesday morning she received a message from her brother, Max Snyder, of Williamsport, informing her that she was wanted to give testimony in a certain case on trial in the Lycoming county court.

In the short interim the unhappy young woman, weighed down by some sorrow, procured a pistol and sent a bullet into her heart. It was a terrible blow for the sister to bear, while the tragedy cast a gloom over all that part of town.

Justice of the Peace Oglesby was called to the scene of the sad affair. After viewing the body and the surroundings, and questioning Mr. and Mrs. Hauck, brother-in-law and sister of the dead girl, he concluded that the latter came to her death by her own hand.

After the bus had been ordered Miss Snyder dress for her room ostensibly to dress for a trip. Mrs. Hauck was in the act of following her up stairs to render assistance when the girl called back: "Do not come up now."

FAST FREIGHT IN BAD WRECK

The S. H. & W. branch of the Pennsylvania railroad at Bluff, otherwise known as the Roaring creek siding, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning was the scene of a spectacular freight wreck, in which the track was torn up for a long distance and every car was derailed, four rolling down over the bank into the river.

The train which came so nearly being wiped out of existence was fast freight L-18, which runs at nearly passenger train speed. The train, which passes through South Danville without stopping, reached Bluff on time yesterday morning. It was blowing along at the usual rate of speed and had reached a point just west of the tower when a flange broke on one of the front wheels of the first car.

In an instant there was a crash and rattle of colliding cars that echoed and re-echoed among the mountains as the iron rails were wrested from the tracks and the 28 cars forming the train, one after another left the track and, thrown right and left, were dragged over the frozen roadbed by the powerful engine running at high speed.

When the locomotive was stopped a scene of confusion and much destruction presented itself. Nothing remained on the tracks but the engine and caboose. Four of the cars lay down over the bank in the river. The rest of the cars remained upon their tracks but were standing nearly sideways blocking both main track and siding.

The track was torn up for nearly a quarter of a mile; beyond this, it is true, the damage is not so great as it might have been considering the whole sale derailment of cars, although the wreck is considered unique in that the whole train was thrown from the track.

What is equally remarkable is the fact that no one was injured, which was probably due to the circumstance that the trainmen were riding in the caboose or were on the engine.

Pursuant to directions two wreck trains were soon at the scene of the accident, one coming down from Cressy and the other up from Sunbury. It was an enormous proposition to get the road open and it was not until noon that the wreckage was removed from the siding, so that the passenger train due to arrive at South Danville at 12:10 could get through.

The following members were present: Gibson, Vastine, Sweisford, Russell, Angle, Boyer, Dietz and Woodside.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The committee consisting of Burgess W. J. Rogers, Councilman George B. Jacobs and Solicitor Edward S. Gearhart, representing the borough, which held a conference with Health Commissioner Dixon at Harrisburg on Wednesday, presented its report at a regular meeting of council Friday.

The report indicates that the health commissioner fully appreciates the unsanitary conditions existing at Danville, especially the extent to which the old canal proves a nuisance and a detriment to the town; also that Dr. Dixon will carefully look into the matter and that he promises to assist in getting rid of the old canal.

Mr. Jacobs reported that the committee met Dr. Dixon and that while the latter could not at this time give a decided answer on the plan proposed, he would recommend that the appropriation be granted with the consideration that whatever is done should be with the approval of the health department, and that in the meantime he would look into the plan and send his engineer on to look over the ground.

He assured the committee that the department recognized the fact that the abandoned canal is a very bad nuisance and that he would see to it that it be abated and finally that the commissioner thought the committee had the proper remedy.

The term for which Borough Electrician Smith was elected expires on March 1st. The electrician was called before council to determine whether he would be willing to serve another year, if his salary be fixed at \$75 per month.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that the borough street lights be turned on twenty minutes earlier than has been customary.

Mr. Boyer presented a report of the conference with Division Superintendent Turk, which was held in this city last week, relative to vacating railroad crossing at Cross street, etc. The report of the conference was printed in the following column on the day succeeding the meeting.

Mr. Reichard is well known in this section. He now owns and has conducted with much success for some time the limestone quarry at Grovania.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Heber D. Minier, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Calvin Keeter, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Walter Fields spent Saturday with friends in Catawissa.

Joy Brader, of New York City, is spending a few days at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Harpel, Ferry street.

E. T. Mateer, of Altoona, spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

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

Miss Lou West left yesterday for an extended visit with Dr. Ray in Philadelphia.

Robert M. Jacobs left last evening for a visit with friends in Allentown.

WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED

It will be with extreme regret that the people of Danville will learn that the American Car and Foundry company, which has been casting about for a site on which to build a large plant for the manufacture of steel tanks, has given Danville the go-by and selected a town still more remote from Berwick.

When the item appeared in the News last Tuesday setting forth the facts in the case everybody became very hopeful and couldn't see how Danville with its excellent shipping facilities and its dismantled steel plant could fail to appeal to the Car and Foundry company.

Especially were the people hopeful, as they were encouraged to believe that the board of trade had again got busy and was making strenuous efforts to land a new industry.

It is true no meetings were held that pointed directly or indirectly to the new tank plant projected by the American Car and Foundry company, but no one could believe that a wide-awake board of trade would permit such an opportunity to pass without exerting itself to look into the matter.

There is very much about this affair to discourage people who really want to see our town grow. Many are beginning to ask the question whether there is any determined or sustained effort put forth to bring new industries to town.

The idea is not a new one, it is true, as it has been discussed for the last year or more. But the present, it seems, when new industries may be had for the asking, as it were, should be the proper time for business men to consider the matter of organization very seriously and if possible to get together, doing something that will give Danville its full share in the general prosperity that is prevailing.

Fuller of William Brent.

William Brent, whose death occurred Wednesday, was consigned to the grave in the Episcopal cemetery Saturday afternoon.

AN OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Augustus Zehnder, a well-known resident, departed this life at the Heddens house Saturday morning, after a short illness due to a complication of diseases.

The deceased was aged seventy-six years, eight months and ten days. During several years prior to his death he grew very infirm. His last illness, however, covered a period of only two weeks. It was not until Friday night that his case grew really alarming.

As quickly as possible word was sent to each of his children. George Zehnder, one of the sons who resides at Berwick, was the first to arrive and was present when his father breathed his last, which occurred at 10:45 o'clock.

Augustus Zehnder was born at Catawissa at what was known as McKelvey's mill. He was a miller by occupation and as such was widely known, being identified at one time or other in his life with several well-known milling establishments in this and adjoining counties.

The deceased built the flouring mill at South Danville, for many years in charge of J. B. Laidacker and at present being remodeled by the Haney-Frazier company. He was for several years in charge of that establishment.

He also conducted the steam grist mill on Church street, this city, the stone structure, which is still standing, being one of the landmark's of town. During war times he was in charge of Johnson's mill at Northumberland.

He is best remembered by the farmers of central Montour county as the miller at Geringer's mill near Washingtonville. Another near-by mill, which he built and operated for about four years, was the mill on the DePue farm at Kipp's run.

He finally retired from the milling business and embarked in the lumber business in West Virginia, continuing thus employed for about ten years. For some time past he has been living retired and has spent a great deal of his time in this city and vicinity.

THE HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION

There is a great deal of interest felt by the people of this locality in the act appropriating \$389,300 to the hospital for the insane, which passed on its first reading last Thursday.

The air is full of conjecture as to what modifications, if any, will be made on the bill on further reading. Its final passage in any shape means a vast amount of work at the hospital for the insane in the very near future—probably next summer.

The one feature of the bill, which affects Danville as a town is the appropriation of \$18,000 for the purpose of providing additional means for the disposal of sewage. The additional means is nothing less than the construction of a sewer in the canal to connect with the borough's sewer at the aqueduct.

While it is true that before this item becomes available the system and plan will have to be approved by the State board of health, yet as shown by the report of the committee that visited Harrisburg last week, Health Commissioner Dr. Dixon was favorably enough impressed with the proposition to recommend the appropriation, as far as it goes, and promised to send an engineer here to look over the ground.

Should the canal be sewerized as proposed it will not only abate the nuisance now existing in the old water way, but will give our town the benefit of additional sewerage.

Each of the items of the appropriation is followed with a statement that the money is not to become available until the plans and specifications are approved by the governor. It is said that the object of tying up the money in this manner by the house appropriations committee is to make it impossible for those in charge to employ any other style of building than that approved by the governor.

The bill making the appropriation of \$389,300 indicates that the recommendations of Chairman Walton and one of the noted alienists that the entire institution be torn down and rebuilt along more approved lines has not been adopted, even if seriously considered. At the same time it is made as plain as words can convey the idea that those buildings that are to be erected will have to conform with modern ideas as to the housing and care of the insane.

Work of the Legislature.

There are times when it becomes necessary to urge legislative bodies to get a move on; times when lethargy instead of industry prevails in the halls of legislation, and times when one or both houses are, or appear to be, obstructive.

Freight Wreck on Reading.

Pomona Meeting Postponed.

Oppose Compulsory Vaccination.

Will Establish Cement Works.

Catawissa Mills to Resume.

Y. M. C. A. Team Defeated.

Miss Newbury's Record.

Sparrow Investigation.