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CONDENSED NEWS.

Here it is November. A. D. 1900, and two persons were overcome by the heat in different parts of the country on Tuesday.

The small boy is announcing what he expects for Christmas.

Here is a man in Scranton who committed suicide because his wife obliged him to get up first in the morning to cook his breakfast.

The residence of Heister Foust on Front street is being re-painted.

Remember the poor on Thanksgiving Day.

Patrick Welch and family, former residents of Youngstown, O., are occupying the Lane residence on Church street, formerly occupied by Thomas Jones.

The Meth odist Episcopal church, of Milton, will be dedicated December 9th by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D. L. D.

The eleventh annual convention of the Northumberland County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its session in Shamokin in St. John's Reformed church on November 29th and 30th.

It is gratifying to note the interest a majority of the property owners in this section have taken in the matter of cleaning away the rubbish which accumulated about their premises during the fall.

No such fall weather has been experienced in this section for many years and the "oldest resident," that mythical person always appealed to for verification of a meteorological way, has been as much surprised as the ordinary individual and wayfarer.

Edward Foley, the well known roller turner is ill at his home on E. Front street.

William DeWitt, of Riverside, passed through Sunbury on Monday on a hunting expedition down to his old home in Lower Augusta. He looks as young as he did thirty years ago—Sunbury Daily.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Peter's M. E. church, South Danville, will give a chicken supper in the basement of the church on Thursday evening, December 13. Tickets 25 cents.

It has been generally decided that the century ends with the last day of this year and in consequence, many towns are preparing to celebrate it in a significant way.

Thanksgiving will be more generally observed this year than for many years, as it marks the close of a century.

D. H. Burt, of Carbondale, was in Danville Tuesday, when he sold machinery made by the Wilson Laundry Machine company of Columbia, for the new laundry to be opened by Ralph Hodge and Harvey Geringer in the building in the rear of Rickett's clothing store on Mill street.

Miss Mary K. Snyder, a descendant of Governor Snyder, who died at Selinsgrove recently, left among other bequests the following: To the Incorporated Trustees of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania of the Episcopal Church, the All Saints Church building being erected at Selinsgrove, also lot on which it stands, with two story house and out-buildings, also her Pennsylvania Railroad stock, 105 shares, and all other money invested, also her horse and lot at Selinsgrove and house and lot on the corner of Front and Arch streets, in Sunbury. To the rectory house at Selinsgrove, library furniture, carpets, pictures and fixtures. All the rest, residue and remainder of her estate, real and personal or mixed to the said Incorporated Trustees forever.

The plays at the Opera House this afternoon and evening will no doubt be first class. The company is a capable one and well worth seeing. You will hear all that is new in songs and music and the entire program will be sure to please.

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VOL. 45--NO 48. DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1900. ESTABLISHED IN 1855.

PROGRAM FOR THANKSGIVING

Sunbury K. of P. Members Will Visit This City To-Night.

Arrangements have been completed for Thanksgiving amusements in Danville to suit all tastes.

The members of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P. are planning to entertain seventy-five or more members of the Sunbury lodge at a regular meeting in the evening.

The committee in charge of the entertainment is: Simon Hoffman, John G. Waite, William J. Williams, Keely A. Ream and Edward Purpur.

A strongly contested foot ball game is promised at DeWitt's park this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, between the Danville and Catawissa High School teams.

Good trap shooting, both at blue rocks and live birds, is announced for sportsmen by the Maudsley gun club.

Two plays will be presented at the Opera House by the Maude Hillman company "Charity Bess" will be the matinee bill, and "Blackmail" will be played this evening.

Some of the younger people are expected home from schools, and several Danville families have arranged to spend the day and eat Thanksgiving turkey with friends out of town.

Numerous social gatherings will be held this evening. The well fattened turkey is the only one who can find nothing for his satisfaction in the plans for the day, and even he is inclined to think that he will be "in it."

Clinton Willett Spilled Molten Iron Which He Was Working.

Clinton Willett, oldest son of Mrs. Rebecca Willett, of Riverside, burned his foot badly while working at the Stove Works about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Young Willett was carrying a ladle of molten iron from the cupola to the molding iron of the "dog shop" when he struck the ladle against a mold, spilling the metal over his left foot.

He was taken home and the injury was dressed.

On October 25, 1899, Clinton's brother Frank was run over by the cars and both of his legs were cut off.

Interesting Chemical Experiments.

The Y. M. C. A. free entertainment course was auspiciously opened in Association hall Tuesday evening by the chemical experiments made by Prof. J. C. Carey, of the Danville High school.

The entertainment was well attended and it was enjoyed by all present. The experiments were both interesting and instructive.

Prof. Carey illustrated many of the simple laws of nature, showing the chemical changes that are frequently necessary to produce certain results.

These entertainments are free to the men of Danville. The next one will be on Tuesday evening, December 4, when Miss Augusta Gilmore, of Williamsport, will give readings.

Plucky Woman and Burglars.

Another attempt at burglary was made early Tuesday morning at the residence of Mrs. William J. Deen, West Mahoning street.

The thieves first attempted to get into the cellar. Failing in that they pried open the shutter of one of the first floor windows.

Mrs. Deen was awakened by the noise. She took a lamp and a revolver and went down stairs to investigate.

Her appearance frightened away the burglars just as they were raising the window.

Preparing for the Fair.

Preparations are being made for the fair to be held under the auspices of Friendship Fire company. From the present outlook the fair promises to be a great success.

It will probably be held in the store room formerly occupied by the Schoch grocery. It will be opened about December 15. Many displays will be made by Danville merchants and interesting contests will be held. Stoves' band will furnish music during the fair, which, if successful, will be continued two weeks.

Spike in Horse's Foot.

IN FAVOR OF THE COMPANY

Verdict for Defendant in Boiler Explosion Damage Suit.

For thirteen hours the jurors wrestled in the case of Barron against the Reading Iron Company and at three o'clock on Saturday morning they reached a verdict of no cause of action, or "in favor of the defendant," as it was announced, when court convened at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Following this verdict, much curiosity was manifested concerning the deliberations of the jurors and what caused them to take so long to arrive at a verdict.

It is understood that from the time the jury retired, all twelve of the men were in favor of rendering a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, if they could construe the law so that such a verdict could be given without proof that the accident was caused by neglect on the part of the company, and that at first six of the jurors were of the opinion that such a verdict could be found. But during the night these six became convinced that the law, as explained to them in the charge of the Judge, precluded a verdict for the plaintiffs unless the evidence proved negligence on the part of the company. On this point the jurors were all agreed, believing that no evidence was produced in the trial which proved such negligence. It is understood that the amount of damages, under a verdict have been given for the plaintiffs, was not considered, the only question being whether any such verdict could be found at all.

As soon as the verdict was rendered, the attorneys for the plaintiffs made a motion for a new trial. They were granted two weeks in which to prepare a case with exceptions.

A Peculiar Accident.

Peter Fisher, of Third street, an employee of the Reading Iron Company, walked for some distance, after his leg was broken at the iron mill on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fisher was employed at the large scrap shears. At about 4:30 o'clock a large piece of boiler plate was being cut at these shears. Six or eight men were holding the iron, but as the shears began to cut, the men were unable to keep the heavy plate from flying up on one side.

The iron grazed Mr. Fisher's chin, and as it descended it fell across his thigh, breaking his leg a few inches below the hip.

It was not known at first that the leg was broken, and Mr. Fisher got up and walked some distance to a seat. He was then taken to his home in a carriage.

Dr. Newbaker was summoned and reduced the fracture.

It is unusual for a person to walk on a broken leg, as did Mr. Fisher, although this does rarely happen with what is termed an impacted fracture, where the splintered parts of the bone are closely fitted into each other.

A Prodigal Father.

At the meeting of the School Board on Monday evening one of the Directors told of a case of paternal degradation and selfishness that is hard to realize.

According to this statement, William E. Young, a student officer, reported to the Board some time ago that a certain child, was unable to attend school because he did not have clothing that would permit him to come. A few days after he investigated the case, Officer Young found the father of the child on the street badly intoxicated. The officer took the man to task for not working and for spending his money for whiskey when his children could not have clothes to go to school. To this the father replied that he did not have to work, that he had two children working in local mills who earned what money he wants.

Brigadier Miles Tells of Salvation Army Work in Many Climes.

A good sized audience heard Brigadier Miles' lecture at the Salvation Army barracks on Saturday evening. "My Army Wanderings Half Around the World" was the subject. The lecture was profusely illustrated by stereopticon views of scenes in different parts of this country and Europe. It was an interesting discourse and was listened to attentively by all present.

Brigadier Miles officiated at the Shiloh Reformed church Sunday morning. A large congregation was present. The meetings in the Army hall Sunday were also well attended. The Brigadier's visit to Danville was beneficial to the Salvation Army work.

Death of Mrs. John Reedy.

Word was received in this city on Saturday evening of the death at Berwick of Mrs. John Reedy, a former well known resident of Danville.

Mrs. Reedy was the daughter of the late James Wright, who, for a long time was employed at the Reading Iron works and a niece of Engineer Angus Wright of the Water works. The family moved to Berwick several years ago. Mrs. Reedy is survived by a husband and one daughter.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mrs. George Hartline entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner at her home on Bloom street Thursday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Mary A. Hower, Mrs. A. V. Hower and daughter Ruth, Mrs. Amos Wolfarth, Mrs. Webster Foust and daughters Ethel and Mabel, Mrs. David Haring, Miss Alice Hartline and Mrs. Jerry Hess and daughter Edna, of Bloomsburg.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Movement of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Clarence Fisher, of Utica, N. Y., was a guest at the home of Mrs. M. L. Fisher, West Mahoning street, Tuesday.

William Robinson, of Moorsburg, drove to this city yesterday.

Charles Shires, of Strawberry Ridge, called on friends in this city Tuesday.

C. P. Hancock transacted business in Bloomsburg Tuesday.

Mrs. John Rebanan left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where she will make her home.

Miss E. A. Reed, who spent the summer and fall with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Herrington, East Market street, left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, Texas, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Nellie James, of Exchange, has returned home after a visit at the home of S. M. Trumbower, Market street.

John Rogers, Esq., of Williamsport, spent Sunday with Danville friends.

Miss Fannie Wilson, of Wilkesbarre, is visiting at the home of S. M. Trumbower, Market street.

Harry Conway, of Bucknell University, was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. John Frederick returned to Pittston Tuesday after a visit at the home of Joseph Mayan, C. street.

Mrs. E. Beyer, of Washingtonville, left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Westmoreland county.

Dr. A. T. DeWitt, of Riverside, left Tuesday for a few days hunting near Sunbury.

J. L. Evans left Tuesday for a business trip to Lewistown.

William E. Seidel, son of Edward Y. Seidel, accompanied George Hunt, of Altoona, as far as Lewistown, Saturday, where he will visit his aunt, Miss Myrtle Elliott.

Miss Mary Moyer, of Milton, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Henry Bierman, of Bloomsburg, spent Saturday with relatives in this city.

Frank Shelhart transacted business in Bloomsburg Tuesday.

F. C. Derr went to Catawissa Tuesday afternoon.

E. C. Cotner, of Washingtonville, returned Tuesday from a business trip to Philadelphia.

W. J. Mohr, of Exchange, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Grace McAtall returned to Berwick on Saturday.

Miss Mattie Morrill, of Kipp's Run, is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Daniel Billmeyer, of Washingtonville, was in town on Saturday.

James Seesholtz, of Berwick, spent Sunday with Danville friends.

Howard Billmeyer, of Strawberry Ridge, spent a few hours in Danville on Saturday.

Herbert Moyer returned to Coatesville on Saturday.

YOUNGSTER IS STILL GROWING

Montour and Columbia Telephone Company Adding Many New Subscribers.

For a youngster that was supposed to have attained its growth, the Montour & Columbia Telephone Company is still a growing and lusty infant.

When the construction company turned the system over to the local management less than six months ago, it was supposed that the community had been thoroughly canvassed and that about all the 'phones possible had been installed.

But since that time the demand for the service has taxed the capacity of the company employees for introduction and building new lines. And the demand seems to be growing greater instead of decreasing.

Since October 1st, fifty new 'phones have been installed.

On Friday contracts were signed for three new 'phones in this city. They were for the Rev. Dr. W. L. Steans, John R. Rote and the United States Express Company.

New lines are being constructed to reach all parts of the towns in which the service has already been introduced and the company is all the time reaching out to enter new territory.

The company now has 205 subscribers connected with the Danville exchange; 165 with Bloomsburg, twenty-four with Catawissa, fifty with Berwick, twenty-four with Benton and twenty-three with Millville, making 491 telephones operated by this company, with all of which each subscriber has free connection.

The lines of this company are also connected with the exchanges of several of the other independent companies in this part of the state, with which the subscribers of the Montour & Columbia company are given free communication.

This service reaches Milton, Lewisburg, Sunbury, Northumberland, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Selinsgrove, Ashland and many other smaller towns within a radius of forty or fifty miles.

Woman Was Satisfied, But Still Has a Broomstick Handy for the Officer.

The last act of a melodrama in real life was played in Squire Bare's office Monday afternoon.

A few days ago a woman living several miles out in the country entered a complaint, charging her husband with brutal and inhuman treatment. Monday afternoon the principals appeared at Justice's court, anxious to settle the case.

"You see Squire," explained the woman, "it's all the drink that does it. He's as good a man as ever was, when he's sober, but he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing when he done it. He's promised me to let the stuff alone, and so I'm willing to drop the case."

"Squire Bare expressed his satisfaction at such an arrangement, providing the \$3.50 costs were paid.

That was a discouraging feature, but the reconciled couple finally adjusted matters by each paying part of the costs.

They started to leave the office apparently satisfied, when the woman stopped and looked at the three officers, who were present.

"I guess none of you be the man that made me walk five miles in the mud to do this up," she said after a careful scrutiny. "And lucky it is for you that you ain't; I'm going to take a broomstick to that officer the next time I see him."

Read Your Home Paper.

The local paper should be found in every home. No children should grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is said to be the stepping stone of intelligence in all those matters not to be learned in books. Give your children a foreign paper which contains not one word about any person, place or thing, which they ever saw or perhaps ever heard of, and how could you expect them to be interested? But let them have the home paper and read of people whom they meet and of places with which they are familiar and soon an interest is awakened which increases with every arrival of the local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed and those children will read the papers all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors, and strong in the knowledge of the world as it is to-day.

Salvation Army Notes.

Special services will be conducted in Salvation Army hall on Sunday afternoon and evening. This will be Ensign and Mrs. Heift's last Sunday in Danville. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. W. L. Steans will speak and the Y. M. C. A. quartet will sing. In the evening Ensign and Mrs. Heift will speak of the work during their stay in Danville.

On Tuesday night will be the final farewell. The officers from Milton and Sunbury are expected to be present. A Thanksgiving service will be held at the hall tomorrow evening.

Chicken Supper.

The ladies of Golden Link Temple, No. 122 K. G. E., will hold a chicken supper in Armory hall on Saturday evening, December 1. Price of tickets 25 cents.

Basket Ball on Friday Night.

The Mahanoy City basket ball team will play the Danville boys at Armory hall on Friday evening. A good game may be expected.

HOLIDAYS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Decided Upon at Monday Night's Meeting of the Board.

The public schools of Danville will be closed on Thanksgiving and on Friday of the week beginning December 24, but school will be held all of the week beginning December 31, including New Year's. This was decided upon at the regular meeting of the School Board Monday evening.

President of the Board Fischer and Directors Keefe, Orth, Burger, Barber, Harpel, Werkheiser, Black and Fenstermacher were present.

Dr. Barber reported that the committee on buildings hopes to have the raising at the second ward school fixed before the next meeting.

The treasurer was directed to draw an order for the payment of the teachers' salaries for November.

The question of closing the school on Friday as well as on Thanksgiving brought to light the fact that some of the teachers desire to have the schools closed for the two days, and some of them do not. On Mr. Orth's motion, the question of closing was decided as already stated.

Dr. Barber called attention to a set of mathematical blocks that were recently purchased by Professors Gordy and Carey for the purpose of helping pupils to better understand the calculation of surfaces and solids, both in the study of arithmetic and geometry. Prof. Houser explained the working of the blocks.

On motion of Mr. Keefe, \$10 was appropriated to reimburse Professors Gordy and Carey for the purchase of the blocks, which will be owned by the school.

The following bills were ordered paid: O. B. Switzer, \$21.80; B. L. Myers & Co., 18.00; Standard Electric Light Co., 11.96; Frank Schramm, 7.40; Willard Miller, 2.00; Seidel & Bausch, 5.50; P. M. Kerns & Son, 1.25; William Quigg, 2.50; William E. Young, 4.37; Ginn & Co., 5.00; Werner School Book Co., 4.80; American Book Co., 3.20; P. & R. Freight, .45; Joseph Gross, .50.

Danville Basket Ball Players Badly Beaten by St. Clair.

St. Clair, forty-eight; Danville, seventeen. That tells the story of the downfall of the local basket ball team at St. Clair on Saturday evening.

No one knows what caused it nor how the St. Clair boys made such a large score. Gaskins, one of the defense men was not feeling well and Substitute Oberdorfer was played in the first half, which at the end stood thirty-two for St. Clair and two for Danville. In the second half Gaskins was put in and the Danville players did much better.

The St. Clair boys put up a much better game than the local team expected, and the fast play completely demoralized the Danville boys.

Arrangements are being made for another game between the same teams to be played in this city in the near future, and at that time the Danville boys hope to turn the tables on the visitors.

The teams lined up as follows: Danville. St. Clair.

Klase, Attack, Johnston; Bielea, Attack, Titus; Newbaker, Center, Hughes; Oberdorfer, Defense, Taylor; Sechler, Defense, Ray.

Sunbury. Goals from field—Hughes, 9; Johnston, 7; Taylor, 3; Ray, 3; Taylor, 1; Newbaker, 4; Sechler, 3. Klase, 1. Goals from foul—Titus, 2; Bielea, 1. Reese, Referee; Diehl, Umpire.

Instructive and Interesting Lecture of Dr. Darst at the High School.

The high school room was crowded Thursday night when Dr. Darst delivered the only evening lecture of the Institute. His subject was "I, the Heir of All the Ages." It was an eloquent and instructive lecture, treating of the advance of the human race from the Creation. He pointed out the creative energy of the Divine Being that enters into every thing.

Four principal racial forces were taken, as the basis from which the modern race has inherited its advantages. They were the Hebrew, with its genius for religion and enduring strength; the Grecian, with its artistic and classical culture; the Roman with its laws, and the Teutonic, with its development of liberty, which was carried from the German forests to England and from there to America.

This title of creative progress, he declared is still moving on.

At Christ Church.

At Christ Episcopal church the Thanksgiving service will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and Morning Prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. The offering will be for the benefit of the Pauper Hospital, Sunbury.

Ordered to Ship Boiler.

Orders were Monday sent to the Babcock & Wilcox company to ship at once the boiler for the Water Works annex. Work on this building is progressing rapidly. It will be ready for the slate roofers this week.

Don't forget the Shooting match at Maudsley today.

PRIED OFF THE MONEY DRAWER

Thief Tapped Till With a Meat Cleaver—Secured Seven Dollars.

Some thief, who tapped the money drawer with a cleaver, secured about \$7 from the butcher shop of Theodore Hoffman, Jr., No. 708 East Market street, early on Saturday morning.

The theft was committed between six and seven o'clock. The men had all gone out with the wagon, and Mr. Hoffman was down town at market. The door was locked and the key was left for Theodore Hoffman, Sr., in a place known only to people connected with the shop.

It was still dark when the thief watched the man who looked up and after every one was gone took the key and unlocked the door. When he went out, after taking the money, he locked the door behind him and put the key back where he found it.

Evidently he could not work the combination of the money drawer, failing in which he took a meat cleaver and pried the drawer off. He left three cents. As near as is known he secured \$7. No clue of the thief has been discovered.

Deaf Mute, Looking for a Man, Started Rumor of a Robbery.

Sunday afternoon it was rumored that an attempt to commit a robbery had been made at G. Fred Smith's restaurant on Mill street. The rumor started from the fact that about one o'clock a stranger was found in one of the second floor rooms. When Mr. Smith tried to learn what he wanted, the stranger made signs to indicate that he was deaf and dumb. He wrote on a pad saying that he was looking for George Watson. Mr. Smith knew of no such man, but he emphatically ordered the fellow to leave the place. Whether he understood or not, the man grasped the restaurant keeper's meaning and promptly went out.

After he left the restaurant the stranger applied at several places for directions to find the man for whom he was looking.

If he was shamming that he was a mute, as some of those who saw him believed, he played the part well; for no race commonly used to expose sham mutes worked in his case.

Chain Gang Remedy Badly Needed in this County.

Joshua Flynt, the well known "hobo" author and student of social economics, once wrote, "Just so long as the American housewife continues to feed every tramp that begs at her door, just so long will she have tramps to feed."

It can be said that just so long as the authorities of Danville and Montour county follow their present methods of dealing with tramps just so long will they have tramps to deal with; and more than that, just so long will the present epidemic of chicken stealing and petty pilfering continue, to say nothing of hold-ups and more serious crimes.

According to the present system, tramps who make themselves too obnoxious in their begging are given a night's lodging in the lock-up and are turned loose in the morning to again prey on the public. Many others are furnished with a free night's lodging, with perhaps a breakfast thrown in, at the tramps' hotel at the Poor farm.

In this way the fellows are insured a comfortable place to sleep, and they can easily beg or steal their food with no fear of severe punishment. The tramps like this system, as their numbers in this vicinity indicate.

Let the Council of Danville and the Montour County authorities pass ordinances, directing that all tramps, found within the county limits, must serve at least ten days in the county jail, such sentence entailing ten hours work each day in a chain gang at breaking stone or on the public highways. Then let the authorities see that the law is rigidly enforced.