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CONDENSED NEWS.

The twentieth century is to receive a fitting welcome in Danville. The teachers and pupils of our public schools will have a chance to do justice to the Christmas goodies all week.

Already the coming February election local officers for the borough is being passed. In these elections our citizens as voters, should take particular care to select and elect good, honest, abiding citizens to office.

Every city is going to welcome the new year in a happy and contented manner.

As you shape your new and good resolutions for the new year, you will find that you will be in a new century, in which you will be a citizen.

As Pennsylvania, D. L. & W. and Philadelphia & Reading roads carried an unusually large number of holiday passengers.

Every church in this city at Christmas services have been lavishly decorated with evergreens and holly wreaths and there were also decorations of good will to men and all happy.

Children's entertainment, under the direction of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. hall will be held this evening at seven o'clock. It will consist of tableaux, recitations, music and dramatic exercises.

Springer is lying seriously ill at home on Mowery street.

Christmas of 1900 was one of the best in the history of Danville as ever experienced.

Windows in the cellar, covered with snow, will soon be perceptibly given out that when the Legislature it will pay particular attention to the matters of new insane hospital which will relieve the present congestion of existing hospitals.

It is to the great State of Pennsylvania that the insane hospitals are badly needed. The unfortunate hereof should be the first to at least be comfortable.

Senator William Drury, of Danville, has given \$5,000 to the Y. M. C. A. of that place for a Christmas party.

Committees appointed for the celebration of the centennial of the completion of the Pennsylvania Canal should be in completing arrangements.

It has been a great week for young Danville.

Beautifully trimmed Christmas trees are noticed in Danville homes.

Of the Colleges in this section for the winter term on Monday.

William Ephlin's Funeral. Funeral of William Ephlin was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at home of Mrs. Julia Ephlin on Union street. The Rev. L. D. Haffner officiated. Interment was in the cemetery. The bearers were: M. Heddens, Cyrus Bozart, Wallace, Harry Kerns, B. F. and Jacob Sloop. Mrs. Ephlin four sons from Philadelphia at the funeral.

Wreck on Wilkesbarre & West. A wreck occurred on the Wilkesbarre & West road near Jerseytown, Pa., on Monday, Dec. 26. The spreading rails on the Wilkesbarre & West road caused a wreck near this town at 8:10 o'clock this morning.

Found Dead in Bed. Mrs. Eliza Blue was found dead in bed at her home in Valley township on Thursday morning. She had been ill for several years. She was sixty-five years old. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of her sister, Mrs. William Fox, Cherry street, this city. Mrs. Blue is survived by a husband, and one son, Harry, of Berwick.

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NO SCHOOL ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

School Board Monday Evening Rescinds Former Resolution.

The Danville public schools will not be open on New Year's day. When the schools closed Friday afternoon it will be until Wednesday, January 2. At two meetings before Thursday the members of the School Board have discussed this question at length.

After much discussion, Mr. Keefer's motion to reconsider the former resolution to keep the schools open on New Year's day was carried. Mr. Green's motion to close the schools from Friday night, December 21, until Wednesday morning, January 2, was then unanimously adopted.

Another resolution directed the drawing of warrants for half a month's pay for the teachers, so that they can have the money before Christmas, instead of waiting until the first meeting next month.

The members of the Board present were: President Fischer, and Directors Green, Keifer, Berger, Orth, Werkheiser, Barber, Harpel, Lunger, Curry and Black.

It was decided to dispense with the regular meeting of the Board Monday night.

The secretary of the Board was directed to correspond with the State Superintendent of Instruction to find why a deficiency of \$278 occurs in Danville's appropriation from the State school fund this year.

The building committee was directed to have specifications drawn and receive bids for piping water to each school room in the different schools, so as to do away with buckets for drinking water, and lessen the danger of contagion from the use of a common water bucket.

Dr. Barber was appointed chairman of the High school committee. Superintendent Houser's report for November showed that the number of pupils registered at all of the schools of the city so far this year is 1,244; number attending during month, 1,158; average daily attendance, 1,023; per centage of attendance, 90; absent during the month 606; tardy during the month, 343.

The following bills were ordered paid: William E. Young, \$4.38; American Book Co., \$1.30; Thompson, Brown & Co., \$6.40.

To Have a Home of Their Own. The members of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R. have decided to have a home of their own, and for that purpose they have bought the property on the south east corner of East Mahoning and Church streets.

Several weeks ago John H. Hunt, John M. Sechler, Joseph L. Shannon, Levi B. Sechler and Samuel Mills were appointed a committee by the Post for the purpose of purchasing a suitable property.

The members of this committee have made careful investigations of several buildings and lots, and finally have completed arrangements for the purchase from the heirs of the Grove estate of the property mentioned.

This property consists of a large lot with the brick building on the eastern end, formerly used for the Grove fur and clothing store.

This building will be entirely remodelled by the Post. It will be fitted up into attractive Post quarters and arrangements will be made for renting part of it to other organizations.

Salvation Army Entertainment. The holiday entertainment of the children of the Salvation Army Sunday school will be held on New Year's eve.

The officers are desirous of having donations made for the purpose of obtaining gifts for the children. People from whom no solicitation is made can send their contributions to No. 44 Ash street or to any of the meetings at the Salvation Army hall. After the entertainment a watch night service will be held, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Death of John Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kase, of South Danville, received word yesterday morning of the death at Paxinos on Christmas morning of Mrs. Kase's brother-in-law John Reed. Mr. Reed was a wealthy miller and is well known throughout this section. He was sixty-three years old. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at one o'clock from St. Jacob's Lutheran church at Reed's Station, of which he has long been a prominent member. Interment will be in St. Jacob's cemetery.

Entertainment at State Hospital. The Christmas entertainment for the male patients of the State Hospital was held in the amusement hall last evening. It consisted of music, recitations and games. The hall was handsomely decorated with evergreens. The entertainment for the female patients was held on Monday evening.

Improvements at DeWitt's Park. Dr. A. T. DeWitt is planning to make numerous improvements at his Riverside park for next season. The grounds will be leveled, a large dining tent will be put up and the pavilion will be enlarged by the construction of an annex on the north side ten by sixty feet in size.

Death of Miss Fannie Mong. Miss Fannie Mong died at eleven o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mong, on Siller Hill. She was twenty-nine years old. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. William Richards, of Johnstown; Mrs. John Kashner, Mrs. John Everett, Mrs. William Barnhart, and John Mong, of this city, and William, who is in the United States army in Cuba.

Vote for Your Mail Carrier. The attendance at the Friendship Fire company's fair on Saturday evening was the largest since the fair was opened. The friends of the four mail carriers should take more interest in the gold watch contest to determine which carrier is the most popular.

MAKING OTHER BOYS HAPPY

Reception Under Direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A lesson on the pleasure of giving and making others happy was taught to the boys of the Thomas Beaver Bible class at their regular monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening. This was also the regular annual Christmas reception for this class.

The program was arranged by Mrs. J. E. Moore, and the reception was under the charge of a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Moore.

One feature of the reception was the boys' offerings for youths who have less than they. All of the members of the class, who had books, toys or other articles, for which they no longer cared, brought them and turned them over to the committee of ladies, who will distribute the gifts to less fortunate boys of the town.

Following the collection of these gifts from the boys, each member of the class received a half pound box of fine candy, which was furnished by the ladies.

The reception was thoroughly enjoyed by the 250 boys present. The program consisted of singing and recitations by small boys and girls. Miss Margaret Ammerman acted as accompanist for the children's singing and also read a Christmas selection. A large representation of the Ladies' Auxiliary attended the reception.

Roosevelt's Speech at Y. M. C. A. Next Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. men's meeting the speech of Governor of New York and Vice President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt will be read.

At the same hour Governor Roosevelt will deliver his speech before a great meeting of men in Carnegie Hall, New York. The international committee of the Y. M. C. A. has arranged to have the speech read in associations throughout the United States.

Reviewing the Century. An interesting service will be held at the Grove Presbyterian church next Monday evening in observance of the end of the century. Several of the leading citizens will deliver addresses or read papers recounting the great movements of the century in science, literature, politics, the industries and commerce.

Life in Danville during the eventful period will also be reviewed. The exercises promise to be most interesting and instructive.

Entertainment at Y. M. C. A. An entertainment will be given at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Thursday evening at seven o'clock under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary. Among the attractions will be exercises by the Kindergarten children under the direction of Miss Cora Kase, a song by Miss Mabel May, a graduate of the Overbrook Institute for Defective Sight, and recitations, songs and tableaux by the children. Admission will be fifteen cents for adults and ten cents for children.

Match That Went Astray. A slight blaze was started by a flying match in the show window of K. J. Evans' barber shop on East Market street early on Christmas morning. The head of the match flew off as it was being lighted, falling into the inflammable material in the window. The fire was easily extinguished, but not before the celluloid stems of about a dozen pipes had been burned and other damage done to the extent of \$5 or \$6.

Death of William Ephlin. William Ephlin died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Julia Ephlin, on Honeywood street, at 2:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He was seventy-three years old and was one of the oldest stove molders in this part of the state. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted at the beginning of the war in the Sixth regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Movement of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

John Knieminski and Joseph Goesser, who are attending Canisius College at Buffalo, N. Y., arrived Thursday evening to spend the holidays at their homes in this city.

Mrs. L. A. Yeiser, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Brandon, on East Market street.

John Jacobs, Jr., of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents on Mill street.

Mrs. John Armstrong, of West Pittston, is visiting at the home of her father, Aaron Sober, on East Front street.

Sergeant Stephen C. Murphy, of the League Island Naval Station, near Philadelphia, is visiting his parents at Riverside.

Miss Lizzie Miles, of Ursinus College, Collegeville, arrived home Friday evening to spend the holidays.

Ben Rogers, of Dickinson College, Carlisle, is home for the holidays.

Former Principal of the High school Raymond H. Wilson is home from Princeton Theological Seminary for the holidays.

Miss Annie Loeh is visiting relatives in Scranton.

Miss Emma Ebling, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, is visiting her brother Frank on West Mahoning street.

Michael Hornberger, of Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, arrived home on Saturday for the holidays.

Charles Weaver, of Wilkesbarre, is visiting his parents at Toby Run Hollow.

Richard Goodall, Esq., of Tyrone, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Goodall, on Chambers street.

William A. Murphy, of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murphy, Riverside.

Miss Bertha Wetzel, of Philadelphia, arrived Saturday evening to spend Christmas in this city.

Mrs. Elizabeth McBride, daughter Lizzie and son William left on Saturday evening for a visit with friends in Harrisburg.

Harry Cromwell, of Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with his mother in this city.

Mrs. N. K. Brown, of Ferry street, returned home from Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by her son Malcolm, who is a student at Girard College.

Samuel A. Yorks, Jr., of New York, is visiting his parents on West Market street.

Mrs. William Hughes, of Pittsburg, is a guest at the home of Thomas Belea on East Market street.

John Kemp, of Tanquesha, is visiting his mother Mrs. Mary Kemp on Pine street.

Miss Mary Yorks, a student at Miss Gordon's school, Philadelphia, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays with her parents on West Market street.

Mrs. Wilson M. Gearhart is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Sharpless, at Hazleton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McLean, of Shippenburg, are visiting Mrs. McLean's mother Mrs. E. M. Coulter at the Montour house.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Limberger, of West Chester, are guests at the home of Mr. Limberger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Limberger, West Mahoning street.

Miss Emma Thompson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister Mrs. Richard Hultihen on Mill street.

Charles Metler, a student at the Columbia Law School, New York, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metler near Klinesgrove.

Miss Jessie Clark, of Tunkhannock, is visiting friends in Danville.

Miss Fanny Resh, of Muncy, is a guest at the home of J. W. Swartz, Church street.

THE SERVICE APPRECIATED

But Telephone Subscribers Object to Paying for Others' Benefit.

The fact that the service of the Montour & Columbia Telephone company is appreciated is shown in a letter which one of the Washingtonville subscribers writes to THE MORNING NEWS. But this subscriber, like many others, fails to appreciate the manner in which people who will not subscribe for a phone take advantage of their more progressive neighbors. This correspondent writes:

It is amusing to notice how the citizens of Washingtonville and surrounding country appreciate the telephone system, which was installed here last September. All of the subscribers of the telephone service are greatly benefited by it. We feel as if we were moving with the times of the century. We also congratulate the exchange operators for their promptness in making connections and responding to all inquiries made of them.

It is amusing, however, to observe that some of the merchants and others who said they would take service, are sponsoring their business from a few that got the telephone introduced here, and are spoiling the carpets of private citizens who have 'phones and who pay for the service.

Some people would have 'phones in their homes if they could have separate poles and separate people to talk to. Please urge the telephone company to lay an underground wire for some of those people.

A Brilliant Lecture. One of the most eloquent, interesting and patriotic lectures ever listened to by Danville people, was that delivered under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., at the opera house Friday evening by General John B. Gordon, of Georgia.

The platform at General Gordon's rear was filled with G. A. R. veterans, who for four years were fighting against him and his cause. They led in the applause that frequently punctuated his remarks. Many parts of his address were so impressive that his periods were greeted with approving silence. He moved his hearers from mirth to tears and back again, as he mingled humor and pathos in the most pleasing manner.

He started out with the general statement that "every soldier who fell on either side during the Civil War died a martyr to his duty as he understood it." He then paid the highest tributes to Northern and Southern soldiers, officers and privates alike. His praise of General Grant, Lee, Jackson and Hancock were applauded alike, and he won the sympathies of all present by his tributes to the sacrifices and heroisms of Northern and Southern women.

Following the lecture an informal reception was tendered to General Gordon at the Montour house.

Two Tables, Thirteen Each. Much enjoyment, but no supererogation characterized the Christmas dinner of Mr. and Mrs. James McCracken near Mansfield. The twenty-six guests sat down with thirteen at each table. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James McCracken, Bruce McCracken, Miss William McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Misses Phoebe and Naomi Johnson, and Masters Henry and Ollie Johnson; Mrs. Jane Craig, of Strawberry Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. John Long, the Misses Nora and Carrie Long, and William Long, of Oak Grove; Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bennett, and Mrs. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and daughter Elizabeth, of Moonesburg; Isaiah Hilker and Misses Elizabeth McCracken, of Washingtonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Mills, of Danville.

Farwell to Century at Grove Church. The close of the century meeting at the Grove Presbyterian church on next Monday evening will begin at 7:30 and close in time so that other engagements later in the evening. Papers will be read or addresses made as follows: "The Century's Progress in the Natural Sciences," Prof. J. C. Houser. "Growth in the Manufacture of Iron, Steel and Kindred Industries," Theodore F. Patterson. "A Century of National Growth," E. S. Gearhart. "Literary Movements and Products of the Century," Prof. R. H. Wilson. "Life in Danville During the Last 100 Years," F. M. Gotwalds.

Out the Wrong Evergreen. George W. Sechler and his son William cut some Christmas evergreens last Monday, as they supposed from land belonging to the Reading Iron company which they had a permit. On Saturday they were arrested on a warrant sworn out by Elmer Wetman, who charges them with trespass and damage for cutting the boughs from land of N. G. Parke of Pittston. They gave bail in the sum of \$200 to appear next Saturday before Justice of the Peace Richardson of Maudslaw.

Married Thirty-Two Years. Mr. and Mrs. Randall Scott celebrated the thirty-second anniversary of their marriage Sunday at their home at the gate entrance of the State Hospital grounds. Dinner was served at four o'clock. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Black, Mrs. Margaret Black and Mrs. Rebecca Lovett.

Mack-Pursell. John Mack, of Moutandou, and Miss Maud Pursell were married yesterday at the home of the bride's father, Samuel Pursell, of Valley township, by the Rev. Mr. Hillish.

Commission to Determine Mrs. Nuss' Mental Condition. A commission in lunacy will probably be appointed today to examine into the sanity of Mrs. David Nuss, of South Danville. She was committed to the jail in Sunbury after a hearing before Justice of the Peace C. P. Gearhart yesterday morning.

Mrs. Nuss was arrested on a peace warrant sworn out by her son Charles. She was bonded over to court and bail was fixed at \$500. It is claimed that on Christmas morning Mrs. Nuss drove her husband and son from the house after hitting the former over the eye with a poker and sticking a revolver under the nose of the young man. All that day she kept everyone but her two small children from the house threatening to kill anyone who came near.

While the hearing was in progress Mrs. Nuss broke away and ran a 100 yards or more before Constable Jacob Hammer could catch her.

As the result of the blow of the poker and the worry over his wife's condition Mr. Nuss is nearly prostrated.

Miller-Williams. Harry Miller and Miss Rachel Williams were married at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Grove parsonage by the Rev. Dr. W. A. McAtee. They were attended by T. A. Williams and Miss Bessie Miller. After a drive around town they returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Williams, on Siller Hill, where a wedding dinner was served and a reception was held. On the night before the wedding a serenade was tendered to Mr. Miller and Miss Williams at the Williams home by the Mahoning Mandolin and Glee club.

Among the guests at the reception were: Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Williams, T. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Jacob Hummer and Mrs. Edward Hummer, of South Danville; James Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Paugh, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schott, Miss Rachel Lake and Miss Charlotte Rose.

Here's a Good Christmas Menu. In the Philadelphia Inquirer's Christmas dinner prize contest Miss Pauline Farnsworth of Danville won the third consolation prize, submitting what was considered to be the fourth best suggestion: Her menu for a \$5 dinner was: Consume. Roast Turkey. Giblet Dressing. Fried Oysters. Chicken Terrapin. Cranberry Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Cabbage Salad. Stewed Onions. Green Peas. Sweet Potatoes, Browned in Butter. Celery. Olives. Salted Peanuts. Mince Pie. Cheese. Vanilla Ice Cream. Coffee. Oranges. Bananas. Assorted Nuts. Crystallized Mints.

Exercises at Kindergarten. The pupils of Miss Cora Kase's Kindergarten school held special exercises Monday morning at which many of the parents were present. The feature of the occasion was the gift giving from pupils to parents, all of which were made by the children. It was an excellent demonstration of the progress made by Miss Kase with the little tots.

Gifts for the Orphans. The Christmas offering of the Pine Street Lutheran church at Loyalton, was sent to the Lutheran orphanage at Loyalton on Saturday. It consisted of three boxes of fruits and other provisions and \$10 for memorial bells. The Junior Alliance of the church contributed \$5 and the Sunday school \$5.

Death of Mrs. Eliza Weaver. Mrs. Eliza Weaver, formerly of Danville, died at her home in Wilkesbarre on Tuesday. She was aged eighty-six years and six months. She is survived by two daughters and four sons, one of whom is John Weaver of Toby Run Hollow.

Death of John Dye. John Dye died at his home at Exchange yesterday morning, aged sixty-five years. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at ten o'clock. Interment will be at Strawberry Ridge.

Those Who Won Prizes at the Knitting Mill. The fourteenth and last pay in the Knitting Mill contest was made Saturday. This is the largest pay in the history of this company, \$117.71 being distributed among the employees.

This contest has aroused much interest among the employees of the mill. The following prizes of \$5 each will be awarded today in the different departments: Full automatic machines, Lizzie Henkle; Brinton machines, Stella Moyer; Scott & Williams machines, Mand Goss; winders, Katie Mullen; loopers, Cecelia Treas; topers, Henry Schram. In the Brinton machine contest, Bertha VanGilder, a new employe, was a close second.

This contest began with the pay on June 5, and the prizes are awarded in each department to the employee who has drawn the largest pay the most number of times.

The ones receiving the largest amounts in the different departments in today's pay are: Automatic strippers, Maggie Trainor, \$12.24. Brinton machines, Stella Moyer, \$14.14. Scott & Williams machines, Gussie Von Blohn, \$12.30. Loopers, Cecelia Treas, \$12.74. Winders, Ida Haas, \$6.40. Topers, first, Matt Law, \$5.19; second, Bessie Kinn, \$7.89; third, Annie Lovett, \$7.14; fourth, William Waldman, \$7.11; fifth, Wesley Robinson, \$7.50.

BURGLARS ON CENTRE STREET

Secured \$6.75, but Went no Further Than the Kitchen.

For several weeks Danville's burglars have been quiet, and the hope was becoming general that they had left town or gone out of business. This hope was dispelled on Saturday morning, when they visited the house of A. H. Callen, No. 107 Centre street.

Mr. Callen is employed at the State Hospital, and usually leaves home for work about four o'clock. On Saturday morning he left at quarter of four. Mrs. Callen, as is her custom, came down stairs with him and after he had gone she went back to bed.

When she got up and went to the kitchen several hours later, she noticed the window shade blowing, and on investigation, found that the lower sash of the window had been removed and was standing on the porch beneath the window. The thieves had pried loose and broken off the cleat or stop, which held the window in place. This permitted them to remove the window.

Mrs. Callen immediately looked in the kitchen cupboard for her purse and found it empty, \$6.75 having been taken. The spoons and other silverware in the same cupboard had not been touched; and there was no evidence of the thieves having made any search except in the cupboard. It is believed that they did not go in any other room except the kitchen.

All the circumstances indicate that the thieves were familiar with the house and knew that Mrs. Callen was in the habit of keeping her purse in the cupboard.

It is not known whether the burglary was committed before or after Mr. Callen left the house. Mrs. Jobborn, who lives at the corner of Center and Ferry streets was awake at just four o'clock when she noticed a single flash of light on the wall of her room, such as would be thrown from a dark lantern. The window through which the flash came is in sight of the Callen porch, and it is believed that the light came from a dark lantern used by the thieves.

Order for Company F. Company F, Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P., will celebrate the incoming of the Twentieth Century on New Year's eve, December 31, 1900, and will participate in the ceremonies incident thereto, to be arranged by the committee of arrangements. The men will assemble at the Armory with full uniform, leggins, great coat and caps, at an hour to be announced later. After the parade the program of the salute to the new century will be as follows:

11:40 p. m.—Sounding of retreat. 11:45 p. m.—Taps for the dying century. 11:50 p. m.—First call followed by reveille.

11:55 p. m.—Playing of "Star Spangled Banner." On the stroke of Midnight the command will fire the first volley and continue until twenty volleys have been fired.

As this is a notable occasion, it is expected that every member will be present, and conduct himself with honor and credit to his company, or he will be dealt with accordingly at a summary court. By order of J. BEAVER GEARHART, Capt. Commanding, Danville, Pa., Dec. 26, 1900.

High School Students Discuss Size of U. S. Standing Army. An interesting program was rendered at the regular meeting of the Lincoln Literary society of the High school, held Friday afternoon. It follows: "Domestic Current Events," Miss Leigh. "Foreign Current Events," Mr. Johnson. "Composition, 'Christmas Eve,'" Miss Emma Gearhart. "Reading, 'The Little Feller's Stocking,'" Miss Curry. "Declaration, 'Is this a Dagger?'" Shakespear, Miss Lenhart. Following the program, a spirited debate was held on the question, "Resolved that the standing army of the United States should be largely increased." The affirmative was championed by Messrs. Derr, Angle and E. Montague. The debaters for the negative were the Misses Heiss and McIninch and Mr. Douglas. The judges were the Misses Curry and Fry and Mr. Clark. They decided in favor of the affirmative.

At the meeting of the Garfield Literary society, the program consisted of: "Domestic Current Events," Mr. Keim. "Foreign Current Events," Miss Argrave. "Reading, Miss Welliver. Declaration, Mr. Reese. Composition, Mr. Rosenthal. The question for the debate was the same considered by the Lincoln society, and in this case, also, the affirmative side won. The successful debaters were Mr. Corman, Miss Pritchard and Mr. Thomas. The supporters of the negative were Mr. Gross and the Misses Reed and Straub. The judges were Messrs. Fisher and Fenstermacher and Miss Unger.

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