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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Henry Willard, a miner of Shamokin, was instantly killed in the Cameron mine on Thursday by the premature explosion of a blast. William H. Jones, of York, has been awarded a verdict of \$8,300 against the American Caramel company, for the loss of his left hand. In Felton borough, York county, there are only seven democrats, and it required every man to complete the ticket for the ensuing borough election. Diphtheria is prevailing to such an alarming extent in Selingsgrove that the schools have been closed and religious and other public meetings prohibited. While Bryan O'Neill was kindling a fire at North Mahanoy colliery, Schuylkill county, on Thursday, his clothing caught fire and he was fatally burned. Although Schuylkill county must pay \$20,000 this year for State road making done last year, the tax rate of the county has been fixed at six mills, the same as last year. A big St. Bernard dog attacked and bit Mrs. William Norton and her 6 year old son, at their home in Norristown on Thursday, while Mrs. Norton was sweeping the porch. By using her broom she beat the dog off and it was afterwards shot. Joseph Margareto, who was arrested on Wednesday night, on suspicion of having dynamited the store and residence of A. Fazio, in Scranton, two weeks ago, has confessed his crime, and said he had done it because, being poor, he had asked for credit at the store and it was refused. A stranger about 40 years of age who was walking over the Easton and Northern railroad bridge that spans the Central railroad tracks, in Easton, on Thursday, became frightened as he saw a train approaching and jumped off the structure, landing on a pile of stones forty feet below. His skull was fractured and his injuries were fatal. The Rev. Charles W. White, just installed as director of the Lutheran Orphan's home, at Zellenople, Butler county, is himself a product of the home. Twenty years ago when he was 10 years of age he was brought from Pittsburgh and placed in the home. Leroy Keen, aged 17 years, shot and killed Albert Crouse, a companion, aged 18, while the two were seated in a club house in Reading, on Saturday. The shooting, it is said, was accidental. The Reading Railway company on Saturday suspended 250 employes at its car shops in Reading and about 150 were also laid off temporarily at other points. The cause of the suspension is attributed to less demand for cars. A crusade against the smoking of cigarettes by boys has been started by Policeman Wiseman, of Prospect Park borough, Delaware county, who says he is determined to break up the practice which has been gradually growing stronger. Joseph Andrews, of New Philadelphia, disappeared from his home about two weeks ago and it is feared that he has met with foul play, as two other persons who had frequently threatened his life have disappeared also. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCabe, of Wilkes-Barre, were made happy fourteen months ago by becoming the parents of twin daughters, both of whom are now well and hearty, and on Saturday there was another arrival of twins, a pair of strong and well formed boys. Charles Riso and Michael Benson, miners at Oak Hill colliery, near Portsville, while tamping powder into a blast on Saturday, were smoking their pipes, when a spark dropped on the powder and there was a terrific explosion, injuring both men so badly that they may not recover. Dr. John B. Deaver, of the Philadelphia university hospital, will be given a dinner on February 15, at the University club, by 150 physicians and surgeons, upon every one of whom he has used the knife in a surgical operation. These doctors will come from all parts of the United States to honor the noted surgeon. A Doylestown patron of the Farmers' bank, of Bristol, Bucks county, a few days ago paid that institution one of its first \$5 notes, issued in 1815. Miss Anna Johnson, of Jerseytown, spent Monday at the Johnston homestead, East Market street.

SIX MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL

The application of William Eckert for license at the Farmers' hotel, this city, was refused at an adjourned session of court on Saturday morning. The application of Charles Burrell for license at the Mooresburg hotel was granted.

PRISONER SENTENCED. Thomas Edwards, alias James McHale, who was arrested on last Monday evening charged with stealing a watch and chain from John Mintzer, watchman at the Danville rolling mill, on Saturday night, January 23rd, appeared before court Saturday and pleaded guilty to the indictment. At the hearing before Justice Dalton the defendant pleaded not guilty. He then gave his name as James McHale, which it was removed was not his right name. When questioned by the court Saturday he explained that his right name is Thomas Edwards—that his father, John Edwards, is dead—that his mother lives at East Plymouth near Edwardsville. He is a finely built, intelligent looking young fellow, who at first sight is apt to impress one favorably. He acknowledged that he was sober when he took the watch. He had been promised a job at the mill, he said. Meanwhile he was doing "tinkering jobs" about town. The sentence of the court was that Thomas Edwards pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of ten dollars to the Commonwealth for the use of Montour county and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months.

LINCOLN DAY IN THE SCHOOLS. The centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be observed in the public schools of Danville in a manner that will do full honor to the memory of the great American. Incidentally, it will be made an occasion for bringing the teachers and patrons of the schools closer together and for acquainting the latter with the quality of the work being done in the schools. February 12th, the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth, occurs on Friday, a day of the week which lends itself admirably to special exercises in the schools. On the afternoon of that day but one session will be held. Between two and three o'clock a program appropriate to the day will be rendered in each of the schools and will consist of recitations, dialogues, readings, and patriotic songs. Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher has conceived of a novel feature, which will appeal to everyone; but whether he will be able to bring it about or not remains to be seen. His plan is to get a number of veterans of the civil war, preferably those who have seen or shaken hands with Lincoln, to visit the higher grades during the exercises and give a short talk to the pupils. Parents and citizens generally are invited to be present during the exercises on Lincoln day. To add to the interest specimens of written work done by the pupils during the term will be on exhibition. Patrons of the schools have no adequate idea of the really meritorious work done in our public schools and they are urged to visit the schools on Lincoln day, as at no other time will they have such a good opportunity to judge as to the progress made by the pupils along the several lines. The work on exhibition will be the regular class work and will not embrace any special preparation. In a few of the rooms the programs may be modified somewhat, a class drill being introduced as a feature.

STORY HAS NO FOUNDATION. The people of Bloomsburg, it seems, have gotten it into their heads that the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company wants to get out of Danville and that it has its eye on Bloomsburg; indeed, that it already has written to the latter town with a view of negotiating for a site. The rumor was made the subject of a lengthy write up in the "Bloomsburg Daily Mail" Saturday, the gist of the story being that the D. L. & W. Railroad company owns the land on which the stove works stands and that it has served notice on the stove manufacturing company that it wants possession of the land in six months' time. Hence the stove company is looking around for a new site. It is difficult to treat such a rumor seriously. How it ever got a start it would be difficult to understand. About all that it is necessary to state in denial is that the D. L. & W. railroad company does not own a foot of the ground on which the plant of the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company stands. This being the case, it is hardly necessary to explain that the stove company has no desire to leave an advantageous site on which its plant has expanded and its business has grown and prospered. The story in its entirety is as false as it is absurd. Following in part is the article in the "Daily Mail": Rumors were afloat on the streets of Bloomsburg on Saturday that the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company is seeking a location in Bloomsburg, if proper arrangements can be made. The plant employs 150 men and boys, and works steadily, but it is doubtful, if it can be induced to locate here, or that it is seeking a location. It was stated that the Danville stove plant had received notice from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, which is the owner of the land, which the stove factory occupies free of charge, that it wants possession of the land within six months. Rather than move to another site in that place, it decided to ask other towns what they had to offer if this plant would locate in their town. After looking around the company selected Williamsport and Bloomsburg as the two most available places. It had written to Bloomsburg and to Williamsport, asking for offers, it was stated. While Bloomsburg is naturally seeking all the new factories it can get, it is not thought that the Danville Stove works will move or is even contemplating removal.

RAISING MALE INFIRMARY. Mosier & Summers the contractors, have begun work on the raising and extending of the male infirmary at the hospital for the insane. It was found that the appropriation made by the legislature was inadequate to complete the whole building according to the plans and specifications as originally approved. To overcome the difficulty it was arranged to award the work in two different contracts, at present completing only one wing of the building, which is as far as the money available will go. Last fall the contract for raising the northern wing of the infirmary was awarded to Mosier & Summers. It was not until the building for the acute male insane was completed, however, that patients could be removed from the male infirmary and the work of remodeling that structure could begin. The raising of the building as planned will be exceedingly difficult and will show what useful and modern methods are employed by Mosier & Summers in such work. The roof and the ceiling, intact, will be raised some fifteen feet higher, so as to provide space for an additional floor. The ceiling of the present single story will become the ceiling of the additional or second story. Already Tuesday the large chandelier was removed and a number of 18 inch iron girders to be used in raising the building were unloaded on the premises. With such facilities as Mosier & Summers command the work will be speedily carried through to completion. The trustees ask the legislature to appropriate \$20,000 for the raising of the remaining or south wing of the infirmary, the work to be completed as soon as the money becomes available.

ONE SEASON FOR ALL GAME. The Pennsylvania game commission in its annual report, just out, recommends one open season for taking all game in this State except wild water fowl and shore birds and name November 1st as the date for the opening of that season and declare that it should close not later than December 15th. "In a majority of cases," says the report, "we feel that an open season covering the month of November is sufficient. Through this shortening of the season we believe our game will increase in sections where at present such game is not found at all. We recommend the passage of a law of this character." Last season dove shooting opened on September 1st; grouse and squirrels on October 1st; rabbits and turkey on October 15th, and quail on November 1st. If the recommendations of the game commissioners are followed the season for this specie of game will open on November 1st. The commissioners also recommend better protection for birds other than game birds.

A HORSE ON THE SIDEWALK

Two badly frightened horses figured in an exciting runaway in the third ward Monday morning. The horses—a team of spirited blacks—belonged to C. C. Dyer, who lives near Mooresburg and were attached to a heavy farm sled, on which was loaded a barrel of oil. In crossing the D. L. & W. tracks the cast iron shoe on one of the runners caught on the rail, which brought the sled to a sudden stop. To release the sled the horses made an extra effort, as the result of which the double tree snapped in two, the broken parts striking the horses on their heels. An accident of this sort is sufficient to make almost any horse unmanageable. Mr. Dyer's horses with a single bound tore loose from the sled dragging after them the driver, Ralph Dieffenbacher, who pluckily held on to the lines. The faster the horses ran the harder the ends of the broken double tree beat them on the heels. The result was that the longer the horses ran the more frantic they became. From the moment they detached themselves from the sled until they were caught on North Mill street there was not a moment that they were not doing something spectacular. The sight was especially thrilling on Ferry street. The driver seemed to think that he would be able to control the horses and he did not give up the attempt until he had been dragged all the way from the railroad crossing to the corner of Ferry and Lower Mulberry streets. He escaped serious injury, although his overcoat was worn through showing how he had been dragged over the hard frozen ground. At the corner of Ferry and Lower Mulberry streets the horses came in contact with a telegraph pole, which checked their flight temporarily. A moment later they dashed diagonally across the street, striking a tree in front of John Patton's residence. For a moment the two horses were held fast, one being on each side of the tree. Finally the harness which held them together ripped asunder; the one animal took the street and the other, scarcely able to retain foothold, swung in over the sidewalk, stumbling and sliding in a way that ripped the shoe off one front foot and left deep marks on the pavement. In another moment the horses, now separated, were dashing down Lower Mulberry street. They were on a dead run and at the corner of Mill and Lower Mulberry streets were unable to make the turn northward. Carried along by the momentum one of the horses dashed over a pile of store boxes landing on the sidewalk in front of James Martin's store. For a moment it seemed that he would plunge head long into the store, but he made a short turn, and, while the pedestrians scampered in every direction, he dashed over the sidewalk toward Northumberland street, followed by the other horse, which succeeded in recovering himself in the gutter just opposite Martin's store. Both horses were caught near the armory. Notwithstanding all that had occurred they did not seem to be injured.

A NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED. Judge Lynch of Wilkes-Barre on Monday refused to grant a new trial to Peter Dietrich, of this city, who last September was convicted in the Luzerne county court of voluntary manslaughter. The history of this remarkable case is well known. Dietrich is accused of killing James A. Jones, an iron worker of this city. The defense does not deny the shooting, but it is claimed that it was accidental. Dietrich has been tried four times. At the first trial the jury disagreed. On the two following trials he was convicted of murder in the second degree. Each of these cases was appealed to the Supreme court, which ordered a retrial. In the fourth trial a change of venue was granted and the case was taken to Luzerne county and tried before Judge Lynch. As above stated the verdict was voluntary manslaughter. A motion was made for a new trial, errors being alleged. In his opinion Judge Lynch declares that he "can find in the evidence no reason whatever for Dietrich's conduct in handling a revolver or for the crime of shooting Jones." Thomas C. Welsh of this city, counsel for defense in Dietrich's case, during an interview Tuesday stated that he was not prepared to say for a certainty whether Dietrich's case in this instance would be appealed or not. He, however, inclined to the belief that it would be and he said that the next step would be to "perfect the appeal." On next Saturday it is understood the district attorney will move that the prisoner be sentenced when, as is customary in such cases, a motion will be made that the appeal be made a supersedeas, the effect of which will be to stay proceedings.

THE KATS ATE THE GUN. A stone vau would seem to be the last place in the world where rats would thrive and yet the plant of T. L. Evans' sons, stone and marble contractors, is overrun with the rodents to an extent never dreamed of before. Rats may be seen at all hours of the day, peeping about the corners, darting in and out of their holes and cutting up high jinks generally. When everything else is crowded they hold an overflow meeting in the barn. It is in the latter place that their presence is most keenly felt, as they get away with about as much oats and other provender as the horses do. With the hope of exterminating the rats Mr. Evans the other day brought a small rifle down to the stone yard. Proceeding to the barn he shot several rats; the next day he shot more and on several succeeding days he added to the slaughter until finally he was convinced that the number of rats was growing perceptibly smaller. After the final assault he stood the rifle in the barn believing that the sight of the uncanny weapon would be sufficient to frighten the rest of the rats away. It was some days before he could investigate conditions about the barn but when he came back he found the rats still there, indeed, for every one he had killed there were two additional ones to be seen. The gun was also there—what was left of it; for the hungry rodents, instead of showing fear of the weapon, had fallen upon it and literally chewed up a portion of the stock.

DATES FOR S. S. INSTITUTES. Dates have been selected for four of the district Sunday school institutes of Montour county, as follows: District No. 2, Liberty and Limestone townships, Thursday, February 11th at 7 p. m. in the Mooresburg Presbyterian church. District No. 3, Valley and West Hemlock townships, Wednesday, February 10th at 7 p. m. in Stranb's Lutheran church. District No. 4, Cooper and Mahoning townships, Monday, February 8th at 7 p. m. in the Union church at Ridgeville. District No. 6, Mayberry township, Tuesday, February 9th at 7 p. m. in Vought's Lutheran church. Rev. W. J. Kohler and Miss Martha Robinson will be the leading speakers. Danville and districts Nos. 1 and 5 will arrange dates later.

In Honor of Birthday. A number of young people were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hollihen on Friday evening in honor of the birthday of their son Arthur. Music was furnished by Wildsmith's orchestra. Those present were: Mildred Foust, Esna Nevins, Helen Mowrey, Mary West, Augusta Langer, Ethel Reppert, Flora Gaertner, Alalaide Gaertner, Ellwood Nevins, George Wildsmith, Harry Cole, Oscar Dietz, Emil Gaertner and Michael Daiton. Mrs. Mary McCoy aged 86 years, believed to be the oldest postmistress in the United States, both as to age and time of a review, has just resigned her office at Squeakville, Mercer county. She served forty years.

DRANK AT BOOTH'S EXPENSE

It is not generally known that Danville holds among its oldest and most esteemed residents a man who stood face to face with J. Wilkes Booth and unwittingly drank at the expense of the assassin only a few minutes before the latter shot down Abraham Lincoln. The full story, which in view of the approaching centenary of the birth of the martyred president is very apropos, was related to a representative of this paper by E. F. Smithers, Tuesday. Mr. Smithers, who occupies the family homestead, No. 306 Grand street, is now in his seventy-seventh year. Time has dealt kindly with him. He is still quite vigorous. His mind is clear, his memory, as relates to past events, especially, being remarkably good. He was born in Lewistown, Mifflin county, and came to Danville in 1859. In 1863 he enlisted in Thompson's Independent battery of Pittsburgh, in which he served until the close of the war. At the time when Lincoln was assassinated the battery to which Mr. Smithers belonged was stationed at Washington. On the day of the murder, along with several comrades, Mr. Smithers left camp and strolled into the restaurant under Ford's theatre where the assassination took place. The soldiers had scarcely more than entered when J. Wilkes Booth, well known as an actor, in a hurried bustling manner, entered the restaurant and, making his way to the bar, flung down a bill, saying to the bar keeper: "Give the boys a drink." He then passed out through the door into a hallway and thence presumably up into the theatre. The incident attracted little attention, as in those days of war such occurrences showing impulsiveness and excitement on the part of individuals, were not uncommon. The "boys" took their drink and leisurely strolled out of the restaurant. A moment later, while they still lingered in the shadow of the building, the report flashed out that Lincoln had been assassinated. Only a few minutes after Booth left the restaurant. Mr. Smithers clearly recalls the picture as the assassin burst into the restaurant. The image, he says, is still vivid before him, even the color of Booth's hair—a dark brown—and his eyes—of the same hue. The man seemed hurried, but beyond that there was nothing in his manner to suggest that he was about to commit a foul murder that should rob a nation of its chief and for all time remain a blot on the history of the republic. Mr. Smithers says that following the assassination it became the prevailing opinion that Booth knew of the presence of the soldiers and that his purpose in entering the restaurant and ordering the drinks was merely to divert their attention so that his chance of escape would be better after committing the murder. As soon as the news reached their ears that Lincoln had been shot the soldiers, knowing that they would be needed, hurried back to camp. In a very short time, along with all the troops available, they were in hot pursuit of the assassin. As is well-known, however, it was another detachment of soldiers that eventually captured Booth.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WM. BRENT. The funeral of Mrs. William Brent took place Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, Mowrey street. Rev. Lloyd W. Walter of the Pine Street Lutheran church conducted the services. Interment was made in the Episcopal cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. H. Woodside, C. M. Johnson, G. M. Gibony, Jacob Berger, William M. Heddens and George Shetler. Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mrs. Joseph Sober and Mrs. Rogers, of Sunbury; Mrs. Jennie Mills, of Kingston; Miss Lucetta Brent and Edward Brent, of Lewistown; Mrs. Frank Leshner, Lewisburg; Mrs. Lewis Ayres and Mrs. William Shutt, of Milton; Mrs. Vial and Mrs. Pegg, of Bloomsburg; Mr. and Mrs. William James, of Berwick, and Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and son Raymond, of Rush township.

FUNERAL OF BARTLETT H. WAITE. Bartlett H. Waite, whose death occurred at Parsons Saturday, was consigned to the grave in the Lutheran cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. W. Walter. The pallbearers were: George Freeze, John L. Russell, John W. Swarts, Eli Miller, Edward V. Stroh and Charles Hauser. The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. William W. Waite, of Sugar Notch; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waite, of Wilkes-Barre; George Waite and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Waite, of Parsons; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waite and son William, of Milton; Walter Waite, of Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mellin, of Wilkes-Barre. Fire destroyed the barn on the farm of George Moskowitz, in North Versailles township, Allegheny county, early Monday morning and one horse, seven cows and two calves perished in the flames. The loss amounts to several thousand dollars. John Monahan, aged 16 years, of Chester, is believed to be the tallest messenger boy in the United States. He measures six feet two inches in height and weighs 170 pounds. He is in the employ of the Postal Telegraph company.

AN ISSUE AT THE ELECTION

A high school on the south side will be an issue at the coming election in Riverside borough and Gearhart township, Northumberland county. This is a point in controversy on which the residents of both the borough and the township have taken affirmative and negative positions for several years past, but until the present campaign it has never been put to the issue. Both in the borough and in the township the citizens have pretty generally lined up on one side or the other. In nominating candidates for school directors to be voted for at the coming election party lines have been ignored and candidates have been selected solely with reference to their position on the high school proposition. The idea of a high school is probably more popular in Riverside than in Gearhart township, where sentiment is probably nearly equally divided. Previously in the township the high school found little or no favor in the school board. To illustrate the growth of sentiment it should be stated that of the four school directors nominated in the township two are in favor of the high school. The other two, it is stated, are emphatically opposed to the idea. In Riverside also the tax payers who take the affirmative or the negative positions have each selected their own candidates. Meanwhile the subject is being warily discussed on the south side and by the time the election occurs the entire matter will no doubt be well thrashed out. J. H. Kase, the south side merchant, an advocate of the high school, yesterday advanced several arguments to support the affirmative side. The south side, he said, sends nearly forty pupils to the Danville high school. The township alone sends twenty pupils at present. The time was, a year or so ago, when enrolled in the Danville high school were twenty-six pupils from Gearhart township. Annually he said, the south side taking in the borough and township pays into the Danville school district considerably over a thousand dollars, which, together with the regular school tax, constitutes an enormous burden on the tax payers. Those who advocate a high school have hopes that some arrangement may be made whereby it will be possible for Riverside borough and Gearhart township to unite as one school district, supporting the high school between them. Mr. Kase explained several other plans in effect combining the township and the borough which in his opinion are feasible and would require less outlay for education than is being paid by the south side at present. Those not in favor of the high school proposition base their objection mostly on what to them seems its impracticability.

BAND CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 26TH. Yesterday the date was fixed for holding the band concert in this city which is to be given as a benefit for the Woman's Benevolent association. Gaskin's Military band, of Sunbury, it will be recalled, has generously offered to give a concert in Danville during February, the net proceeds to be applied to the Benevolent Association. All the band asks is that the expenses of the players be paid. The concert will be given in the opera house on the evening of Friday, February 26th. It has been decided to fix the price of admission at 50 cents for all parts of the building down stairs. Box seats will be 75 cents. There will be no extra charge for reserved seats. There is no doubt but that the opera house will be crowded on the occasion. Gaskin's Military band is one of the leading musical organizations in the country. It led the inaugural parade at Harrisburg when Governor Starn was inducted into office.

GROUND HOG WEATHER O. K. The groundhog walked right out and turned around and walked right back again on Tuesday, and yesterday it snowed one of the uncertain kind of snows like that following a Democratic victory. Although the weather department didn't predict any great fall of snow for yesterday, the "beautiful" in its precipitation became apparent early in the morning and continued most of the day at times threatening to divert to rain. The neighbor of the man who doesn't believe in groundhog traditions had his little "I told you so" salutation yesterday, when the fine white flakes prompted him to button high his overcoat collar.