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## AUSPICIOUS OPENING

Summer Garden, Popular Picture Resort, is Now in Full Swing.

### A NEW MACHINE INSTALLED

Nearly all of last week, and almost day and night, Artist Philip G. Reich and his able corps of assistants were busily engaged in the work of transforming the sombre and commonplace Auditorium skating rink and basketball floor into a Summer Garden, which may truly be styled a veritable bower of beauty. Only one who has kept in touch with the progress of the work is able to form anything like an actual conception of the thought, time, labor and expense involved in this annual transformation.

**RUSTIC DECORATIVE SCHEME.**  
To make possible this artistic decorative stunt the forests were scoured for the tallest, smoothest and straightest saplings, and the greenest and most luxuriant laurel branches and mosses. Of this material wagon loads were required, and in addition great quantities of artificial verdure, thousands of feet of electrical wire, hundreds of tiny vari-colored electrical bulbs, and other effects. With the material assembled the master hand of that prince of decorators, Philip G. Reich, comes into play, and soon there are rustic booths, trellises and lattice work, twined and intertwined with clusters of lights and garlands of leaves and the whole canopied with a thick bed of laurel. Aside from the pleasure and comfort afforded the patrons by its cool and inviting appearance and the fragrant scent peculiar to evergreens and shrubbery, the Summer Garden this season has earned the sobriquet, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

**FINE NEW MACHINE INSTALLED.**  
Not content with having always shown as good pictures as were ever exhibited anywhere, the Reich Brothers are never satisfied with anything short of the best. In order to be in the front rank of moving picture exhibitors a Powers 6A, the very latest machine on the market, has been installed, and the first pictures were shown on it Monday night. The machine is capable of taking on at one time two reels, or 2,000 feet of film, and the strong lens, the extra powerful light and the numerous minute adjustments which can be made by the operator almost instantly, will show up the strong points of a picture to a better advantage than the less modern machines. Then, too, the Summer Garden is admirably adapted to the moving picture business. In the hot summer months it is cool and airy, and so provided with exits that danger from accident by fire or consequent stampede is reduced to a minimum. The pictures shown, most of which are passed by a board of censorship, are the best procurable, and usually conveys its strong moral.

**AUSPICIOUS OPENING MONDAY NIGHT.**  
Easter Monday night great crowds flocked to the popular Broadway amusement place to inspect the beautiful Summer Garden and view the fine photo-play productions. Two big shows were given to hundreds of delighted spectators. Following the picture shows a grand post-Lenten ball was given, music for which was furnished by Livengood's Orchestra. Judging from the auspicious nature of the opening and the subsequent excellent attendance, a prosperous season is forecasted for the Summer Garden.

### GOOD EASTER SERVICES

Last Sunday morning at Mt. Lebanon church, and in the afternoon in the church at Glencoe, the respective Sunday schools of these congregations fittingly observed the Easter festival. Good sized audiences were present and the services were rendered in an unusually interesting and enthusiastic manner. At the former school Charles Deist is the energetic superintendent and Alfred Broadwater is the faithful superintendent of the latter school. The superintendents can feel highly elated over the excellent manner in which the schools rendered the programs. The offerings were given to the Orphans Home at Greenville.

## THE GRIM REAPER

**JOSEPH A. TRESSLER.**  
The South Side has lost one of its aged citizens, when the messenger of death entered the home, and called Joseph A. Tressler from this world to the great beyond. He was born at Roddy's Mill, near Glencoe in Northampton township, December 19, 1843, and died March 26, 1913, at 2:20 a. m., aged 69 years, 3 months and 7 days.

On June 16, 1870, he was married to Caroline L. Pelster of Wellersburg, Mr. Tressler had spent the last fifteen years in Meyersdale and engaged until recently in hauling and draying. For the last year he had been ailing, and for the last four weeks had been housed up. On Saturday evening when he retired there were evident symptoms that he would not be able to endure the drains on his vitality much longer and early on Wednesday morning his system could no longer repel the attack on his heart, which was the immediate cause of his demise.

He is survived by his widow and seven children as follows:—George H. of Akron, Ohio, Grant of Wellersburg, Frank of Nebraska, Joseph at home; Mrs. David Lewis of Williamsburg, and Misses Myrtle and Lufie at home. Six grandchildren also survive and two brothers, Jesse Tressler of Johnstown and S. M. Tressler of Meyersdale.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of the deceased, Rev. J. A. Yount, conducting the service. Interment will be made in the Union cemetery.

**CATHARINE WELLER.**  
Mrs. Catharine Weller, aged 85 years, widow of Frederick Weller, died of a complication of ailments Thursday afternoon at her home in Somerset township.

Mrs. Weller was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Hay, of Brothersvalley township and is survived by the following children: Cecelia, wife of Alex. Nicholson, of Somerset township; Louisa, wife of Norman Meyers, of Lambertsville; Agnes, wife of Frank Musser, of Somerset township and Milton, Sylvester and Valentine, at home. She was a sister of Mrs. John Rink, who makes her home with her son, W. B. Rink, of Johnstown; Dr. Valentine Hay of Somerset; Mrs. Samuel Walker, of Allegheny township and Mrs. Samuel Saylor, Somerset township.

Funeral service was conducted at the Weller home at 10 o'clock Saturday morning by Rev. J. H. Wise. Interment will be in the Husband cemetery.

## THE WOMEN OF THE COUNTY SEAT.

Somerset women are doing things, they reorganized the Civic Club and arranged for regular meetings in the chapel of the High School building. The other day County Superintendent Seibert appointed a good sprinkling of the fair sex on his committees for holding examinations in eighth grade schools. The Parent-Teachers' Association is largely feminine. Friday afternoon the Equal Franchise League will meet. (Its the regular monthly gathering of the league) in the High School chapel, when the members will review their studies of borough law and discuss the "Powers and Duties of the Burgess." As borough law students the suffragettes are probably preparing to aid the Civic Club and probably also getting ready for the next municipal election when a new Burgess will be elected. Burgess Forney is ineligible to succeed himself under an Act of Assembly. He is also a bachelor. Ex-Burgess W. H. Welfley, who has probably served more terms as Burgess than any other man in the State, about, 28 terms of three years each is spoken of as a candidate. He is also a bachelor. The suffragettes' attitude on bachelorhood is not known. The Board of Trade has not yet been invaded, but it is only a matter of time. The Board is not considered invincible by any means.

### DOUBLE MISSION.

Rev. L. B. Rittenhouse spent the 16th at Conneville occupying the pulpit of the Presiding Elder in South Conneville, and from there he went to Indiana county to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, the wife of H. W. Rittenhouse, of Keyser, W. Va.

## IRRESISTIBLE TORNADO SWEEPS THE WEST Gigantic Floods Destroy Life and Property.

### The Pitiless Flames Add New Horror

The middle west is in the grasp of the worst flood ever experienced, following in the wake of the terrific war of the elements which in the past two days has swept practically the entire country from Nebraska to Vermont.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 26—More than seven thousand lives were lost in the fierce flood which swept through Ohio today leaving in its trail damage estimated far into the millions. The state is paralyzed, Railroad, trolley, telegraph and telephone traffic is blocked and the cities in which hundreds of lives have been lost are cut off almost entirely from communication with the rest of the world. According to reports which are believed authentic, five thousand were drowned in Dayton fully one thousand in Hamilton and 540 in Piqua.

Millions of dollars damage has been done to property, and fully 75,000 people are homeless and appeals for aid have been sent out to the Red Cross. In Dayton alone 30,000 are homeless.

It was at first reported that 8,000 were drowned in Dayton. Later a message was received from a telephone operator in the Dayton exchange that he could see hundreds of bodies floating through the street past the telephone exchange building.

At nine o'clock tonight the mayor of Dayton sent a message declaring that 5,000 persons were drowned in the city, 30,000 were homeless, and the situation was appalling. At ten o'clock tonight the dam of the reservoir north of Hamilton burst and a great flood swept down upon the city. According to the word of refugees more than 1,000 persons were drowned. In Piqua the river burst the levees and poured through the town and trapped hundreds to their homes.

In Cleveland, while no lives were lost, the damage will amount to \$2,000,000.

### INDIANA TOWNS ALSO DEVASTATED.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25—Two hundred lives are reported to have been lost by drowning in the flood which swept over Peru, Ind., according to a dispatch received from that place tonight by Gov. Ralston. The White River levee on Morris street broke here at 6 o'clock and 1,500 persons were forced to make a hasty retreat from their homes. The water spread over several blocks, getting into the first floor of many houses. Troops and police hurriedly were sent to lend whatever assistance possible.

Omaha, Neb., March 25—"One hundred and fifty are dead; 300 are injured. Property loss will reach from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. We have matters well in hand and can get along without assistance. Our people are

### DEETER—PFEIFFER.

Last Monday, March 24th, at 11:00 a. m., at the home of W. H. Deeter on Broadway, his daughter Carolyn Leota was married to George Smith Pfeiffer of Moorefield, W. Va., Rev. A. E. Truxa, D. D., officiating. In addition to the members of the family at home, the families of the two sons-in-law, Messrs. Boyer and Appel were present to witness the ceremony. The bride and groom left on train No. 6 over the B. & O. for a trip east. They hope to call on Bunn Deeter, the bride's brother, who is attending the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., before their return. They will locate at Moorefield where Mr. Pfeiffer is engaged in business.

### DONATED COMMUNION SERVICE.

The children of Abraham and Mary Maust of Salisbury, donated in memory of their parents, an individual communion service to the Reformed congregation of Salisbury. The service was used for the first time on Easter Sunday, to the great pleasure and satisfaction of the communicants

responding nobly. Please accept the thanks of our people for your inquiry. Signed James C. Dahlman, Mayor.

He says "This is my conception of hell. It is horrible and it has presented a most complex situation. The loss of life and damage to property is the greatest possible blow, not only to Omaha but to Nebraska. I will call upon the State to render every assistance, and I am sure they will respond."

### FIRE THREATENS DAYTON BUSINESS SECTION.

Dayton, O., March 26—Fire broke out in the submerged central part of the city late this afternoon burned to the water's edge buildings between St. Clair and Jefferson streets on the north side of East Main street and threatened to destroy a big portion of the business section.

The fire is reported to have started from the explosion of an oil tank containing hundreds of gallons and which bumped into a submerged building near Fourth and Jefferson streets.

### WANTS GAS SHUT OFF.

Columbus, O., March 26—Governor Cox asked the Associated Press to notify its West Virginia correspondents to get in touch with natural gas and ask them to shut off the supply of gas in Dayton. The gas is believed to be feeding the conflagration which prevails in Dayton.

### DEAD FOUND IN HOUSE.

Dayton, O., March 26—At 6 o'clock tonight it was announced that rescuers had found a number of dead at Fifth and Eagle streets.

### \$25,000,000 DAMAGE TO RAILROADS.

Chicago, March 26—An official of the Pennsylvania Railroad said today that flood damage to railroad property in Indianapolis would amount to \$25,000,000, borne by all lines entering Indianapolis.

### PRESIDENT ASKS FLOOD AID.

Washington, March 26—President Wilson today issued the following appeal to the Nation to help the sufferers in the Ohio and Indiana floods: "The terrible floods in Ohio and Indiana have assumed the proportions of a National calamity. The loss of life and the intimate suffering involved prompt me to issue an earnest appeal to all who are able in however, a small way to assist the labors of the American Red Cross to send contributions at once to the Red Cross in Washington or the local treasurers of the society. We should make this a common cause. The needs of those upon whom this sudden and overwhelming disaster has come, should quicken everyone capable of sympathy and compassion to give immediate aid to those who are laboring to rescue and relieve."

### W. A. SHOEMAKER AT JOHNSTOWN.

A card received from W. A. Shoemaker, formerly employed on The Commercial, stated that he started to work with the Democrat on Monday evening. Mr. Shoemaker is a first class printer, a newspaper man with a keen sense for news, a writer of no mean ability and an affable gentleman. May the Flood City in general and the Democrat in particular, appreciate Billy.

### TWO TOWN WEDDINGS

Mr. Frank H. Taylor and Miss Mae Shultz, both highly respected young people of Meyersdale, were married on Wednesday evening, March 19, at the Brethren parsonage by the Rev. H. L. Goughnour.

Mr. Robert W. Shumaker, of Glade City, and Miss Margaret D. Coleman, of Meyersdale, were united in marriage on Tuesday evening, March 20, at the Brethren parsonage, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. L. Goughnour. On Friday morning the worthy pair started for Ohio for a short trip.

## JUROR LIST.

The following jurors have been drawn for Civil Court April 21st: Benson—O. G. Zimmerman. Stonycreek township—Charles Ringler.

Confluence—Jonas Speicher. Quemahoning township—William Ringler. Jenner township—Solomon H. Horner.

Paint township—William Holsopple. Wellersburg—Adam Trimble. Lower Turkeyfoot township—Josiah M. Worsing.

Larimer township—H. L. Tressler. Somerset township—Michael L. Shaffer. Lincoln township—J. W. Geary.

Upper Turkeyfoot township—William A. Lear. Quemahoning township—Charles Gagghagen.

Elk Lick township—David H. Keim. Somerset—Homer Ansell. Conemaugh township—Sam K. Johns, E. L. Swank.

Shade township—G. B. Caddiday. Allegheny township—Simon Kriesinger. Addison township—James A. Wilkins.

Elk Lick township—John Smearman. Paint—G. B. Baumgardner. Confluence—Scott Anderson.

Somerset—Frank K. Sanner. Somerset township—William P. Spangler, Charles E. Rhoads, Jacob F. Latschaw, Charles J. Barron.

Elk Lick township—E. S. Hassler. Shade township—Isaiah Hamer. Fairhope township—D. U. Foust.

Summit township—A. W. Bittner. Elk Lick township—William Knecht. Windber—H. H. Deaner.

Quemahoning township—Walter Shaffer. Southampton twp.—Adam Shroyer. Lincoln township—Francis Maust.

Summit township—Daniel S. Gnagey. Somerset township—Austin Bowman.

Meyersdale—Norman W. Weimer. Confluence—H. H. Kurtz, Jr. Somerset township—Charles A. Rhoads.

Jenner township—Peter J. Bowman. Rockwood—Michael H. Sryder. Quemahoning township—Henry Horner.

Stoyestown—Foster B. Giffin. Somerset township—J. W. Brougher. Northampton township—N. B. Poorbaugh.

Somerset—Ed. M. Shaffer. Middlecreek township—Smith B. King.

## EASTER SUNDAY.

Easter Sunday was ideal in Meyersdale. Fashionably dressed ladies and well groomed men were out in full force all day. The churches were well attended, the pastors preached special sermons, the attendance at the Sunday schools were large. Many additions were made in church membership.

## SHOBER FINED.

Samuel U. Shober having withdrawn his motion for a new trial, following conviction at the February sessions on a charge of negligence in office while discharging the duties of Superintendent of the County Home, appeared before Judge W. H. Ruppel, at chambers, last Tuesday morning, at which time he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 in addition to the costs amounting to probably \$300 or \$400. Judge Ruppel explained that three charges had been preferred against Shober, a verdict of not guilty having been ordered in one, the charge of supplying diseased meats to inmates, and in another the jury having found him not guilty but to pay costs.

## COMMERCIAL SALE REGISTER

Mrs. Anna Poland, March 31st, Large street at 1 p. m. household goods. Committee of the Reformed church—The Old Parsonage west of the church, March 29th, 10:00 a. m.—John A. Baer, executor March 29th at 2:00 p. m. Real Estate, near B. & O. station. Mrs. Harvey Koeppe, March 29th at 1:00 p. m., Large street. Real Estate and Household furniture. August Daberka. Private sale, valuable farm near Union cemetery. Mrs. Barbara Braucher. Private sale, dwelling house on the South Side. Mrs. Bruce Lichty, spent Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

## STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP.

### WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

The Woman Suffrage movement had a field day in the Senate Tuesday. The bill which the House passed some weeks ago, providing for a popular vote on a proposed amendment of the constitution giving women the right to vote is now in the hands of the Senate Committee and many distinguished women of Pennsylvania and from outside of the state, indeed, one of the most prominent was from England, were present and addressed the committee in behalf of the measure. Prominent women who are opposed to suffrage for their sex were also present, and made speeches in opposition to the pro-suffrage advocates. The measure will likely be reported to the full Senate sometime this week. There is no predicting safely what will happen to it, since, so far as can be learned, the Senate seems to be about equally divided, but the impression prevails that the shrug women will win out.

### INJURIES TO WORKMEN

The proposed law fixing the liability of employers, and compensation for workmen in case of accident, has come from committee to the House and will be the special order there on one of the days of this week's session. It changes the principle of existing laws on this subject, in that the burden of proof as to the right of an employee to damages on account of an accident, is shifted from his shoulder to that of the employer. In case of a suit for damages for injury under this proposed law, the employer will have to prove to the jury, to escape a unfavorable verdict, that the fault was with the workman. The bill establishes the assumption to begin with, that the employer is liable to his employee for damages by reason of an injury he may have sustained through accident in the course of his work as an employee. This is a direct reversal of the present practice. Moreover, the bill precludes the precise amount of damages an employee is entitled to, the basis being his rate of pay at the time of injury. To make this clearer, if a workman receiving twelve dollars a week should be a victim of an accident through no negligence of his own, the damage to which he would be entitled would be his weekly wages during the period of enforced idleness. This period cannot exceed 300 weeks, even if the accident should disable him for life.

### THE STATE-WIDE PRIMARY ELECTION

The State-wide primary Act, passed last week by the House by a vote of 170 to 16, is probably the most important act thus far of this legislature. It provides for a popular presidential preference primary. Every presidential candidate would run in the primary and the one receiving the greatest number of votes would be entitled to all the national delegates and alternates, which he would himself select. The Oregon plan of direct senatorial preference is included. The candidate for United States Senator who should receive the greatest number of votes on this plan would be elected to the United States Senate, regardless of his politics. Then the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General, State Treasurer, Secretary of Internal Affairs and all judges of the Supreme and Superior courts would be nominated in the same way by the people of the entire state. No further state conventions would be held for this purpose. The candidates nominated for State Senate and the House of Representatives would meet in convention, after their nomination, and make the platform on which they would be candidates before the people at the fall election. This bill is now in the Senate.

### LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Smith of Opelika, Ala., arrived here Saturday for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Wiland. Mr. Smith returned home yesterday, but Mrs. Smith will remain for several weeks.

The lizards are in evidence again in the water pipes. The price of water has not advanced.

Hear the College Girls' sing to night at Donges' Theatre.

Milton Werner of Fort Hill was transacting business in town yesterday.

### POLICEMAN HARE ILL.

Policeman F. P. Hare is down with the pneumonia. He has been off the force for a week. E. M. Swearman is substituting for him.