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## CIVIC LEAGUE GETTING BUSY

### \$10 Given to Keep Lawns Clean—Concert Next Friday Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League which met in the directors' room of the High School building on Monday evening, was well attended. The President, Miss Jessie McKinley, called the meeting to order, and the Secretary, Mrs. R. D. Pfahler, read the minutes of the previous meeting and then the business of the evening was taken up. The fountain to be erected was the principal topic discussed.

The secretary read a communication which had been handed in by a citizen of the town, who desires to remain incognito. The communication reads as follows:—"Being interested in the work of the Civic League and wishing to do something that might get more people interested in the looks and welfare of the town, have thought of the experience of giving money to be distributed as prizes.—So we offer this proposition to the League. We will give \$10.00 to be given as one prize, or to be divided into several, just as the League decides—to the house on Broadway from Center street to the bridge, whose lawn and parkings will show the best care during the summer, from May until October."

A vote of thanks was tendered the donor of the \$10.00 and it was decided to offer three prizes, \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00. It is hoped this will get the children interested, even if they do not do the work that they will awaken to the fact that they can help a great deal if they refrain from walking over or playing on the parkings, will keep paper and all sorts of rubbish picked up and otherwise helping to keep the streets clean.

The League would like to hear from some more wide awake citizens with reference to other street. Let the good work go on.

On Friday evening, April 18th, a home talent concert will be given in the Dinges Theatre, for the benefit of the League, which promises to be very good and it should be well attended. The admission will be 25 cents to any part of the house. There will be no reserved seats. Following is the program:

#### PART I.

Selection—Orchestra.  
March—Roaring Valcano—Citizen's Band.  
Piano Solo—Ill Trovator—Frances Damico.  
Reading—The Race Question—Mrs. G. A. Neeld.  
Trombone Solo—Fascination Polka—Robert Crone.  
Vocal Solo—The Song of the Armorer—H. M. Cook.  
Violin Solo—Mr. Crunkleton.  
Male Quartette—"Annie Laurie"—Baldwin, Thorley, Cook, Clutton.  
Vocal Solo—"It Must be Tough to be a Rich Man's Son"—Irene Collins.

#### PART II.

Selection—Orchestra.  
Overture—Storm and Sunshine—Citizen's Band.  
Vocal Duet—Darrah Sisters.  
Trio—Mandolins and Guitar—Goldsmith, Philson, Crone.  
Reading—"The Daughter of the Desert"—Ada Mitchell.  
Male Quartette—Baldwin, Thorley, Cook, Clutton.  
Duet—Sympathy—Irene Collins, Sadie Landis.  
Piano Duet—Ethel Collins, Frances Damico.  
Cornet Duet—Birds of the Forrest—W. H. Baldwin, Paul D. Clutton.  
Overture—Slumber Sweet—Citizen's Band.  
Mock Trial—COUNTRY JUSTICE.  
Justice of the Peace—Clarence Moore.  
Spludge, Plaintiff—W. H. Kretzman.  
Judge—Defendant—Mr. Crunkleton.  
Attorney for Plaintiff—R. H. Philson.  
Attorney for Defendant—R. D. Pfahler.  
Bulge, Witness—H. M. Cook.  
Jenks, "—Frank Bittner.  
Smith, "—Conrad Glessner.  
Foreman of the Jury—S. E. Thorley.  
Jurors.  
Selection—Orchestra.

Miss Nan Hocking was hostess on Monday evening when she charmingly entertained the Spinster Club at her home on Meyers avenue. Delicious refreshments were served.

## JOHNSTOWN NEWS.

April 8—Bradley Graham, who holds a lucrative position as one of the stewards of the Elks club in this city, and who spent several days last week at Meyersdale with relatives and friends, returned to his duties on Saturday.

P. L. Livengood passed through this city on Friday enroute for Harrisburg to look after the interests of the job to which he was appointed at the assembling of the legislature some months ago. This was his first appearance at Harrisburg for some time, owing to having been detained at home on account of serious illness.

Eld. Tobias Meyers, of Philadelphia, one of the oldest ministers in the Church of the Brethren, arrived here on Friday to spend some time with relatives and friends. Two of Eld. Meyers' sons are prominent ministers in the Church of the Brethren. Rev. J. T. Meyers, of Philadelphia, and Prof. T. T. Meyers, of Juniata College, Huntingdon.

W. W. Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, and a representative-at-large in Congress from this State, left on Sunday for Washington, D. C., to be present at the opening of the National Legislative body on Monday. Before departing he made the route of the office and took leave of each one of the Democrat's employees.

Hon. J. A. Berkey, of Somerset, was in the city on business Saturday.

W. H. Vann, of Rockwood, was the guest of relatives and friends here and at Portage the forepart of this week.

F. M. Cober, a former well-known Meyersdale boy, and one of Johnstown's leading contractors and builders, left this afternoon for Foustwell, to complete a contract for a fine interior finish for a bathroom at that place. Mr. Cober makes a specialty of fine interior hardwood finish.

Charles Landman, Eld. Silas Hoover, and E. E. Pugh, of Somerset, visited this city today.

Dr. R. L. Byrd and J. E. Emerick of Meyersdale, spent a portion of today in Johnstown on business.

Penrose Wolf, a leading merchant and contractor of Rockwood, was a business visitor to this city today.

A. R. Paul, of Somerset, today accompanied his wife home, who had been in the Memorial Hospital under treatment.

Somerset county products rank high in Johnstown market. To be explicit, the fact that butter, eggs, potatoes or other produce comes from Somerset county, and advertised as such, aids greatly in its sale. The word "Somerset" seems to place upon all of these commodities the seal of perfection.

## THE REX THEATRE.

The Rex Theatre is one of the new places of amusement for the young folks and the old folks too. The room in which the moving pictures are given is beautifully equipped and ornamented. Much money has been spent in changing the large store room into a show room and very good taste has been displayed in the wall decorations. The front of the show-room is an indication of the up-to-date idea, which is being carried out in the moving pictures that are being displayed every evening. Large crowds are spending the evening to see a first-class show for a nickel. The management is courteous and appreciating the support which the public is giving them by giving a variety of pictures which amuse, which entertain, which recall notable events, which present funny situations and which show the depth of degradation to which the villain sinks.

## BANQUET AND BALL.

Friendship Lodge, No. 76, L. O. C. M., will hold their Fourth Annual Banquet and Ball in their hall, in the Appel & Glessner building, on Friday evening, April 18th. While the previous banquets given by this organization were pronounced first-class, this one promises to be still better. Its a fact, that the Moose have a habit of doing things just about right.

## ETHEL ROOSEVELT MARRIED.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, was married in Christ Episcopal Church, Oyster Bay, on Friday to Dr. Richard Derby of New York. Two hundred close friends of the bride and bridegroom saw the ceremony.

## CONGRESS GETS WILSON MESSAGE

### Brief Document Tells Purpose of Extra Session.

### MUST ALTER TARIFF DUTIES

#### Lawmakers Asked to Square the Schedules With the Actual Facts of Industrial and Commercial Life.

Washington, April 8.—President Wilson's message, read today to the senate and house at the beginning of the extra session, was a brief, pointed document setting forth in general terms what congress is expected to do in the matter of tariff revision. The message was as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have called the congress together in an extraordinary session because a duty was laid upon the party now in power at the recent elections which it ought to perform promptly, in order that the burden carried by the people under existing law may be lightened as soon as possible and in order, also, that the business interests of the country may not be kept too long in suspense as to what the fiscal changes are to be to which they will be required to adjust themselves. It is clear to the whole country that the tariff duties must be altered. They must be changed to meet the radical alteration in the conditions of our economic life which the country has witnessed within the last generation.

While the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life were being changed beyond recognition the tariff schedules have remained what they were before the change began, or have moved in the direction they were given when no large circumstance of our industrial development was what it is today. Our task is to square them with the actual facts. The sooner that is done the sooner we shall escape from suffering from the facts and the sooner our men of business will be free to thrive by the law of nature (the nature of free business) instead of by the law of legislation and artificial arrangement.

Business Not Normal. We have seen tariff legislation wander very far afield in our day—very far indeed from the field in which our prosperity might have had a normal growth and stimulation. No one who looks the facts squarely in the face or knows anything that lies beneath the surface of action can fall to perceive the principles upon which recent tariff legislation has been based. We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of "protecting" the industries of the country and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the direct patronage of the government. For a long time—in public policy hardly remember the conditions that tariff schedules to give each group of manufacturers or producers what they themselves thought that they needed in order to maintain a practically exclusive market against the rest of the world. Consciously or unconsciously, we have built up a set of privileges and exemptions from competition behind which it was easy by any, even the crudest, forms of combination to organize monopoly; until at last nothing is normal, nothing is obliged to stand the tests of efficiency and economy, in our world of big business, but everything thrives by concerted arrangement. Only new principles of action will save us from a final hard crystallization of monopoly and a complete loss of the influences that quicken enterprise and keep independent energy alive.

It is plain what those principles must be. We must abolish everything that bears even the semblance of privilege or of any kind of artificial advantage, and put our business men and producers under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical, and enterprising, masters of competitive supremacy, better workers and merchants than any in the world. Aside from the duties laid upon articles which we do not, and probably cannot, produce, therefore, and the duties laid upon luxuries and merely for the sake of the revenues they yield, the object of the tariff duties henceforth laid must be effective competition, the whetting of American wits by contest with the wits of the rest of the world.

Development, Not Revolution. It would be unwise to move toward this end headlong, with reckless haste, or with strokes that cut at the very roots of what has grown up amongst us by long process and at our own invitation. It does not alter a thing to upset it and break it and deprive it of a chance to change. It destroys it. We must make changes in our fiscal laws, in our fiscal system,

whose object is development, a more free and wholesome development, not revolution or upset or confusion. We must build up trade, especially foreign trade. We need the outlet and the enlarged field of energy more than we ever did before. We must build up industry as well and must adopt freedom in the place of artificial stimulation only so far as it will build, not pull down. In dealing with the tariff the method by which this may be done will be a matter of judgment, exercised item by item.

To some not accustomed to the excitements and responsibilities of greater freedom our methods may in some respects and at some points seem heroic, but remedies may be heroic and yet be remedies. It is our business to make sure that they are genuine remedies. Our object is clear. If our motive is above just challenge and only an occasional error of judgment is chargeable against us, we shall be fortunate.

We are called upon to render the country a great service in more matters than one. Our responsibility should be met and our methods should be thorough, as thorough as moderate and well considered. We are to deal with the facts of our own day, with the facts of no other, and to make laws which square with those facts. It is best, indeed it is necessary, to begin with the tariff. I will urge nothing upon you now at the opening of your session which can obscure that first object or divert our energies from that clearly defined duty. At a later time I may take the liberty of calling your attention to reforms which should press close upon the heels of the tariff changes, if not accompany them, of which the chief is the reform of our banking and currency laws; but just now I refrain. For the present, I put these matters on one side and think only of this one thing—the changes in our fiscal system which may best serve to open once more the free channels of prosperity to a great people whom we would serve to the utmost and throughout both rank and file.

WOODROW WILSON.  
The White House, April 8, 1913.

## WORK OF COURT.

The special three weeks' session of Civil Court which Judge Ruppel called some time ago, convened Wednesday morning. Judge Alfred Johnson of Union county, is assisting Judge Ruppel, presiding at the trial of cases in which Judge Ruppel was interested as counsel before his election to the bench.

Four suits against the Connellsville & State Line R. R., in which the plaintiffs are Edward H. Werner, Samuel Shober and others, Emanuel Stotler and the Central Savage Brick Co., were continued until the 28th inst. The following other cases were continued until the next term of court: Ellen S. Hentz vs. Star Mutual Fire Insurance Co., assumption; Calvin Snyder and others vs. Henry H. Carver, Sheriff's interpleader; J. M. Hittie vs., H. W. Tidenburg, appeal by defendant.

A settlement was effected in the suit of Lorenzo vs. A. W. Cook & Co., by the defendant paying the plaintiff the sum \$500. The plaintiff was injured at a saw mill operated by the defendant in Addison township.

The court directed a non-suit in the case of the H. J. Grell Butner & Egg Co., vs., John A. Dorotzak. After a partial trial in civil court Tuesday before Judge Ruppel the suit of Annie E. Kelley against the H. S. Kerbaugh Company to recover \$5,000 for the death of her husband, Michael J. Kelley, a settlement was effected by the terms of which the plaintiff was paid \$1,350. Kelley, who was a fireman on a steam shovel, was killed by a fall of timbering in the new Sand Patch tunnel on August 23, 1912.

The court directed a non-suit in the trespass action of David Fowler against George P. Stein, of Somerset. Before Judge Johnson a jury awarded George Kimmel \$86.75 against Alexander A. Casebeer, of Lincoln township. The suit involved a dispute over a lease on a farm owned by the defendant.

## FOR ENCAMPMENT.

Members of Co., C. N. G. P., have been requested to assemble at the Armory in the Shafer block tomorrow night at Somerset; preliminary arrangement will be made for next summer's encampment, which it is expected will be held in Erie. Capt. Samuel S. Crouse, who has been out of town for several weeks, will be present at the meeting.

Mrs. M. Foley will go to Baltimore, Md., on Duquesne tonight, to visit her son, Edward, who is a patient in St. Agnes' hospital.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

The local High School was favored with an address by Rev. G. A. Neeld, on Wednesday April 2nd. Rev. Neeld spoke on "The Life and Work of Robert Clive." The subject was discussed in a very interesting and instructive manner. The speaker's personal experiences in India enabled him to talk with confidence and authority on the great work begun by Clive. Rev. Neeld said that the great work to be done in India now, is not so much of a political nor commercial nature, but humanitarian.

It is not often that the schools receive such a treat as Rev. Neeld's address, and their interest indicated their pleasure and appreciation.

On Friday afternoon the Freshman class of the High School rendered a literary program before the school. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with plants and class colors. The Freshman girls added novelty by appearing with the same style of hair dressing.

The following numbers were given: Recitations—Mary Darrah, Evalyn Leckenby, Margaret Richards, Kenneth Brandt, and Charles Fike.

Reading of Original Stories—David Noel, Sadie Landis.

Vocal Solo—Irene Collins.

Vocal Duet—Sally Stratton and Mary Gill.

Piano Solos—Irene Blume and Emeline Hocking.

Class Prophecy—Grace Weller and Mary Will.

History of the Freshmen's First Year in High School—Paul Schaffner.

Class Presenters—John Boucher and Marion Diekey. Frank Hocking and Elna Wagner.

Reading from "The Cricket on the Hearth"—Mildred Payne.

The Ideals of the Freshman Class—Elizabeth Bolden.

Paper—Berkley Meyers and John Lint.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on Friday evening, April 11, at 7:45. An interesting program will be rendered.

Seattie is talking of making the girls of its High Schools wear a uniform while in school, to prevent the useless jealousy and rivalry in matters of dress.

The Indian commencement was held at Carlisle last week. Fifteen boys and girls were graduated. Among those who sat in the audience, were several Indian Chiefs, dressed in native habiliments.

The local schools were visited during the past week by superintendent Seibert.

## THANKS TO SENATOR ENDSLEY.

We acknowledge with much appreciation Smalls Legislative Handbook for 1912, with the compliments of Hon. J. W. Endsley of the Senate, through Chas. H. Dia, president of council.

## DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

Two divorce proceedings were instituted in the Somerset court Monday. Frank Bridegum, of Rockwood, seeks a separation from his wife, Flora Bridegum, alleging desertion. His petition filed by his Attorney, Ross R. Scott, Esq., sets forth that they were married on October 20th, 1890. The other libel in divorce was filed by Victoria Bobula Giko, through her Attorney, P. G. Cober, Esq., in which she charges her husband with desertion. The couple were married in Austria on June 10th, 1903 and came to this country in 1907, the husband being charged with deserting his wife on November 25, 1908.

## HORAGE ROSE HOME.

Horace Rose, who was taken sick while attending school at the University of Virginia, arrived here Wednesday evening on No. 5, accompanied by his mother who had gone there several days previous. He is resting very well at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winter Rose, of the South Side.

## TWO PERSONALS.

Miss Evelyn Bennett, of Frostburg, Md., spent several days of this week here visiting her friends the Misses Hocking, of Meyers Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Covell Parsons, and two children, left Monday for a ten days' visit with the former's parents, at Romey, W. Va.

## DIED AT CONFLUENCE.

Charles P. DeCourse, the well-known Justice of the Peace at Confluence, died after a lingering illness Friday morning. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Charles, of Confluence and William, of Delaware.

## An Adjourned Council Meeting

### Civic League Assures a Fountain—Attorneys Too Busy to be Present.

Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber. The meeting was called to order at 8:20. All the members were present. Three ladies were present at part of the meeting. The name suffragette at once suggested itself, but later it was learned that Mrs. Ralph Pfahler, Mrs. Clarence Rowe and Miss Margaret Weber were present, representing the Civic League with reference to the contemplated fountain. Mrs. Pfahler presented the design of the fountain which will cost \$455.00 net to Meyersdale, while the placing of the same and wiring will add considerably to the expense and because of the great expense, the Civic League asked to be released from the Council's condition formerly imposed, of erecting a horse trough also. This was granted.

The specific purpose of the adjourned meetings was to have attorneys, Truxal and Boose, present with reference to the legal rights of Council concerning the Sand Spring Water Co. The attorneys could not be present. City Solicitor Truxal will be in town on Saturday night, when a committee of council will meet him and when he will explain the legal points involved in the controversy with the water company. This committee will also take up the dog license question, trolley cars and automobiles, ex exceeding speed limit, and also concerning street car fenders.

Policemen are urged to see that ordinance No. 4, Section 21, is carried out.

Councilman Weakland was instructed to have the spouting repaired on the Municipal building, adjourned.

## LETTER FROM A FARMER BOY TO HIS DAD.

Karl M. Cohen, twelve year old son of Louis Cohen, of Meyersdale, is developing into quite a farmer. He is studying under Harold M. Waro, a scientific farmer of the Single Tax Colony at Arden, Del. Karl has just rented a quarter acre leased by Prof. Scott Nearing, of the University of Penna., who will be absent on a lecture tour this year.

Following is an interesting letter just received from Karl by Mr. Cohen. "Dear Pop:— I got the box and the maple syrup. There is bad news for you. King (the horse) is dead. He died of spinal meningitis. (I don't know how to spell it.) Harold has gotten a mare and horse. They are grey and seven years old. They are beauts. I have a list of my expenses they are

## INVESTMENT

Wheel Hoe.....	\$ 4 25
Hoe.....	50
Rake.....	50
Misc.....	1 00

## PRODUCTION

Manure.....	\$ 2 35
Rent.....	10 00
Nitrate of Soda.....	1 50
Seed.....	1 50
Plowing.....	1 00

Total Investment.....	\$ 6 25
Production.....	15 85
Expenditure.....	22 10

Harold says please send the money right away quick. I am getting on well in my studies, shorthand, flute, etc. I am going to send you a letter in shorthand, get some one to read it to you.

How is business? It is awful about Ohio, isn't it? Are there any floods around your way? I guess you're mad because I didn't write.

I am selling carrots now. They are winter carrots that Scott like a fool left in the ground. I will have some grapes this year. I am glad we aren't in Dayton now.

Lovingly,  
Karlie."

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