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Another Franchise.

The Meyersdale council has passed through a strenuous period in disposing of the light question. There was a wide chasm separating the light company and the council at the beginning, and in the end there were concessions on both sides, when it is to be hoped both sides received about what was fair and just.

There is another question confronting the municipality at this time. That is the Sand Spring Water company. The indications are that there will be a struggle, very much similar to the light question. Will it be a case of endurance? Unquestionably the council and the water company are very far apart on this matter. It should not be in order to engage in a lengthy controversy, on this question. The borough has rights and the water company has rights. Better get together and dispose of it fairly and equitably.

Hotel Keepers Association vs License Trust.

When reference is made to a license trust, some people have in mind, the hotel men's association. This is far from what is involved in a license trust. The liquor men's association is an organization of the liquor men, who carry on their work according to certain rules adopted by the organization, but by the license trust is meant, that certain persons, outside the court, and not hotel keepers pass on applications for license, and that applicants, are held up for sums of "several hundred dollars up to \$5,000" for the privilege of having a saloon or hotel.

The former organization is a business proposition, but the latter "organization," if one really exists, is a dastardly, corrupt, clique trafficking in its influence with the court with mercenary mendacity in collecting campaign expenses.

Is There a License Trust?

We are told in order to know definitely whether or not there is a license trust, we are to inquire of the hotel keepers who are reported to "have been invited (?) to "cough up" amounts ranging from a few hundred to \$5,000 as their pro rata of an alleged campaign fund. This is pointing out the way for the information that we were after and yet the hotel men might not be too free to impart this information, especially to those who have convictions on this matter, and do not hesitate to take a stand for what is believed to be right. We are not standing on both sides of this question. To temperance people we are on the side of temperance, but to saloon people we are not on the side of the saloon. It has not been a game of keeping on both sides with us, but it has been a matter of deep conviction and earnest effort, in behalf of the betterment of the moral, social and economic conditions of Somerset county. Some of our county contemporaries do not hesitate to refer to the license trust, and the court takes no cognizance of this grave charge. Is it true? The conviction is impressing itself upon the people that it is absolutely true. What is to be done?

The National Game.

It is clear in our day that it is good for man to eat bread by the sweat of his brow. It is honorable for every one to work, but there are also times when the body and the mind must relax from the moiling, toiling routine and turn to that which affords recreation. There are many legitimate diversions for the busy man, but the one which has become the national pastime, more than any other is base ball, and the great American game is gradually becoming the great game of the civilized world. This game has risen immensely in the minds of the people. Business, under the stress and strain and excitement of an important game has been suspended for a few hours to enjoy the pleasure of a game. Our own legislature was out of commission recently because the Philadelphia team played in the city of Brotherly love. Congress was hampered in its work because of the game at the National Capital. It is remarkable with what familiarity the people speak of the players of the different teams. Knowing the position of each player, the order of batting and what may reasonably be expected of each player and at the same time the know they strength of the opposing players. Every one has his favorite team. Of course western Pennsylvania looks eagerly at the bulletin to see what the Pittsburg team has been doing during the day. Base ball is the great game of the public. Every hamlet has its team, and the large leagues are full of the boys who practiced on the vacant lots. Last year Meyersdale was furnished much recreation through the efforts of Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Boyer. The result was that Meyersdale furnished a team that was second to none in this section of the state. Would it not be a good plan if the town would get together and put a ball team in the field this year. The boys can put up a good game, and with proper patronage they would be given compensation for their efforts on the ball grounds.

The Rex Theater exceeded the limit last night when the firemen and their friends were out in force.

LET the public equip a suitable reading room and supply literature for the fire laddies. They deserve the best the town can give them.

INCREASED taxation and death are before all people; yet our school board reduced the school tax. This shows that every rule has an exception.

The nation wants good times and yet the high protection tariff organs are doing everything possible to shake men's faith in business prospects.

The majority, the minority, and the minority in the minority, are having a triangular talk fest in the House of Representatives, all on account of the tariff.

SUPERINTENDENT HEETER has been acquitted by the jury, but he is being tried by the public of Pittsburg, and the verdict of the public school children is, guilty.

VISIT RAILROAD OFFICIALS AT BALTIMORE.

On Tuesday evening Rev. J. J. Brady, R. F. Mason and Frank B. Black, left for Baltimore to try to induce the B. & O. officials to put the Johnstown "hack" on the road. The gentlemen were received very cordially by the officials, and while the railroad company would be much pleased to meet the wishes of the Meyersdale people, but due to the great improvements which the company is making at Rockwood and Garrett, if the extra train was run, the freight traffic would be much interfered with and while it cannot be done on the summer schedule, there seems no reason why the "hack" will not be run on the fall and winter schedule.

The same gentlemen also saw the Western Maryland officials and asked that the west bound train be scheduled an hour later so as to make good connection at Rockwood on the B. & O. for Somerset and Johnstown. This change will likely be effective for the summer schedule.

FARMERS PLEASED.

The farmers are very much pleased with the weekly market reports which The Commercial is giving. McKenzie & Smith correct the schedule every week and we arranged with Becker & Streng, who will have the flour, feed and grain prices weekly in the future.

M. D. GOLDSTEIN.

The well known eye sight specialist who makes regular visits every two weeks to Meyersdale, will be here on Thursday and Friday, May, 1st and 2nd, at Collins' Drug Store, where he will give free examinations of the eyes and sight.

PARENT-TEACHER FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The Parent-Teacher Association is broadening out, and the first forward step is to institute a gardening contest, by the scholars of the public schools of town. The plans are not yet matured fully, but the association is bound to exert a strong and helpful influence in school work.

THE SCHOOL BOARD LOWERS THE SCHOOL TAX.

The School Board met in special session on Tuesday evening, when the tax for the coming year was laid. Last year and in former years the school tax amounted to 11 mills and the building tax to 7 mills. The building tax remains the same, but the school tax has been lowered 1 mill, making 10 mills for the year. This is rather remarkable in view of the valuation, which is \$14,000.00 less this year than last.

The people are certainly favorable to a steady lowering of taxes and a steady improvement in schools. May the good work go on.

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mauch Chunk.—Andrew Harmon, a Central railroad employe, went under an ash-car to shield himself from the rain. A drill engine pushed the car and terribly injured him.

Danville.—The Susquehanna Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran church, will hold its forty-sixth annual session in Danville this year, convening in Pine Street Lutheran church on April 30, and remaining in session four days.

Ephrata.—Five children of the family of Anthony Bowers of Murrell, near here, were taken violently ill after eating heartily of bananas. A physician, who was summoned, declared they were suffering from ptomaine poisoning.

Scranton.—Anthony F. O'Boyle, jury commissioner of Lackawanna county, and one of North Scranton's most prominent citizens, died at his home after an illness of ten days. In his early manhood Mr. O'Boyle was a teacher and among his pupils were some of Scranton's most successful men.

Shamokin.—Mrs. Daniel Savidge walked from the rear of the yard to the kitchen door of her home, when she heard a loud noise in the lot. Looking back where she stood a minute before she saw the ground sink 20 feet into mine workings.

Middletown.—Andrew, the 4-year-old son of Andrew Shoop, residing near Buck Lock, fell from the hayloft in his father's barn, fracturing his left arm near the shoulder.

Philadelphia.—Edmund Guenkel was acquitted of complicity in the murder of William Trost, who was poisoned a few days after his marriage to Mrs. Freda Hartman Trost, who owned a saloon in this city. Guenkel was Mrs. Trost's bartender and admitted that he had improper relations with the woman, who is under sentence of death, for her husband's murder, but denied that he aided her in poisoning Trost. The jury deliberated for 18 hours.

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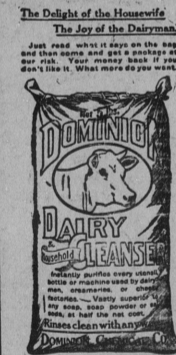
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