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## High School Athletes

Sophomores Sweep the Field—Freshmen Show Much Promise for the Future.

HIGH SCHOOL MEET WON BY THE SOPHOMORES.

On last Friday, the pupils of the High School held their annual track meet. Considering the condition of the track and the age of the contestants, the results were very satisfactory. The hardest fought events were the broad jump and the hundred yard dash. In the former, Daniel Schaffner won by a half-inch. The hundred yard dash ended in a tie between Ray Imhoff and Daniel Schaffner, the time being 11-1-6 seconds.

The meet was won by the Sophomores, who scored 34 points. The Freshmen were second, with 18 points, the Juniors, third, with 15 points, and the Seniors, fourth, with three points. Individual honors go to Daniel Schaffner who scored 17-1-2 points, followed by Ray Imhoff with 15 points.

The results were as follows:

Quarter mile, time 56 seconds. 1st. Paul McMillan, 2nd. Daniel Schaffner, 3rd. Sanford W. instein.

Running High Jump, 4 feet, 8 inches. 1st. Ray Imhoff, 2nd. Kenneth Brant.

Featherweight Race—50 yards. 1st. William Leckemby, 2nd. Paul Hostetler.

220 Yard Dash—25 1-6 seconds. 1st. Ray Imhoff, 2nd. Daniel Schaffner, 3rd. John Boucher.

Running Broad Jump—15 feet, 1 inch. 1st. Daniel Schaffner, 2nd. Lee Austin, 3rd. Ray Imhoff.

Half-mile—2:51 1-2. 1st. Paul McMillan, 2nd. Kenneth Brant, 3rd. William Leckemby.

50 Yard Dash for Girls—1st. Edna Wagner, 2nd. Mary Austin, 3rd. Mary Emeligh.

100 Yard Dash—11 1-6 seconds. Tie between Ray Imhoff and Daniel Schaffner. 3rd. Sidney Eisler.

Half Mile Relay—Won by Sophomores. 1st. Sophomores (McMillan, Schaffner.) 2nd. Freshmen (J. Boucher, Eisler.)

PROMOTIONS AND COMMENCEMENT EXPENSES.

The approach of the close of the term suggests such topics as Promotion and Commencement.

Every year some pupils fail to be promoted to the next grade. In the disappointment, very often, both parent and child blame the failure on the child's teacher. Little effort is made to get at the facts. It is the teacher's fault. She had it in for the child. This is the attitude commonly taken. The truth of the matter is that the teacher has little to do with the child's promotion and his failure grieves the sincere teacher almost as much as it does the parent. The promotion is the result of the child's own effort. By his work from month to month, together with his final examination, he produces results which either promote or fail him. The teacher only compiles these results. Promotion means fitness and ability to do the next year's work. If the child's work during the past year has fallen very low, it would be an imposition and a very unwise thing to send him on to work for which he is not prepared. That would only mean a worse failure during the next year. If any parent, on the spur of the moment, is inclined to criticize, let him first think over the child's past year, his attendance, home study, monthly reports, etc., and if still unsatisfied, have a courteous, straightforward talk with his teacher. Fairness demands that much before you condemn.

In connection with Commencement, there lies a suggestion in the action of a neighboring Board of Education. Its members have decided that floral presentations and expensive gowns are no essential part of the ceremonial, and have issued an edict, limiting the price of dress to five dollars, with a further proviso that the girl-graduate make it herself, under the supervision of the teachers. Prizes are to be offered for the daintiest gown made within the amount specified. There is no desire to cut away adornment, or coldly pinch the natural love for pretty garments. The intention is to remove the burden of expense that graduation exercises bring to homes little able to indulge in the cost.

This example is worth consideration. If the girls succeed in producing pretty gowns upon this modest allowance, it may encourage them in those economies needful in present

day home life. It may help to convince them that grace and artistic finish can be accomplished without a great expenditure of money. Furthermore, the work, itself, is a most useful discipline. Such a reform can do no harm and may produce much good. At any rate, it is a step toward "plain living and high thinking."

### BASE BALL.

Following the pledge made to the contributors to the base ball fund of last season, the committee in charge presents the report given below. The lateness of the report is due to the delay of the committee in securing all the property in its care. There is still one base ball suit in the possession of one of the players, otherwise all the paraphernalia is in the hands of the committee and together with the cash in hand will be turned over to any responsible management that will undertake to conduct a Meyersdale base ball team this year.

Statement of cash collected from the Meyersdale public to obtain grounds, uniforms and other paraphernalia for the Meyersdale base ball club for the season of 1912—

Total subscriptions reported in the Republican and The Commercial at the time subscriptions were taken \$218.50.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

To W. B. Cook & Son.	
3 prs. B. B. shoes at \$4 50.	\$13.50
4 prs supporters at 75	3.00
1 ledger	25
1 U. S. catchers' mask	5.00
1 I. catchers' protector	6.00
1 I. catchers mitt	8.00
1 set E. I. bases	5.00
1 H. C. home plate	5.00
1 B. B. ball bag	2.50
6 bats	6.00
1 umpire indicator	50
10 suits at	8.40
	\$84.00—\$139.75

To Mrs. N. Slicer, lease on ball park \$50.00 159.75

Balance in hands of the treasurer on deposit in Second National Bank \$38.75.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

LOUIS COHEN, Sec.  
E. J. BOYER, Mgr.,  
C. F. JENKINS, Treas.

### RETURNED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wilmoth have returned from the Adirondack Mountains, where they had gone several weeks ago for the benefit of the former's health, who for the past four months has been in decline. Mr. Wilmoth was not benefited much with the change and his desire was to return to be with his family and friends.

### THE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB.

The Juniata College Glee Club, of Huntingdon, Pa., visited Meyersdale last Thursday evening. The young men acquitted themselves very well and delighted the select audience. Several of the young men in the club belong to this community and are members of well known and highly respected families. The fact is the club deserved a packed house instead of a small audience. The community should have honored the Glee Club with a large audience.

Miss Frances Miller pleased the audience very much by her recitations.

B. F. Wampler, the Director, sang a solo, in which he was most enthusiastically applauded. Mrs. Wampler, was the accompanist.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL.

Edward J. Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Foley, arrived home Saturday from St. Agnes' Hospital in Baltimore, Md., where he had been a patient for the past five weeks. Mr. Foley was a student of St. Charles college, in Ellicott City, Md., when taken sick and was removed to the above hospital where for a time his life was despaired of. He is able to get around but is very weak yet. Mrs. Foley who had previously gone to Baltimore, accompanied her son home.

### GARRETT COUNTY FARMER ROBBED OF LARGE SUM.

John Seibert a wealthy Garrett county farmer, residing about twelve miles from Lonaconing, Md., was robbed some time on Sunday of between \$6,000 and \$7,000, all in small bills, he says, which he had deposited in a trunk on the second floor of his farm house.

Mr. Seibert went to Lonaconing and from there telephoned to Fairmont, W. Va., for bloodhounds to endeavor to run down the robbers, whom, he intimates, he believes he knows.

Mr. Seibert explains that the way he came to have so large a sum in currency in his house was that some three weeks ago a note he held became due and was paid in cash, mostly small bills. Being busy with farming, he "didn't have time to deposit the money in a bank" so placed the large wad of bills in the old family trunk upstairs.

The house had been entered, Mr. Seibert claims, on Sunday through a window above the porch, which he found broken. Through this window entrance was obtained to the bedroom where the trunk was. The thieves evidently knew that there was a large amount of money in the house.

A trunk or a stove or a stocking is not a good place to take care of your money. Meyersdale has two banks that are burglar proof, fire proof, the funds well taken care of, courteous treatment shown, ample security back of every deposit, and where small deposits as well as large ones are appreciated.

### CHAUTAQUA AT SOMERSET.

Attorney W. Curtis Truxal, manager of the Somerset Chautauqua, has completed arrangements for this year's entertainment, which will start on Sunday, August 3rd, and continue a week. The officers and directors of the association are: President, the Rev. I. Hess Wagner; vice president, Ross S. Kinard; treasurer, Alvin H. Ferner; secretary and manager, W. Curtis Truxal, Edmund E. Kiernan, John H. Sifford, and Daniel W. Seibert. The program for this year's session follows:

#### SUNDAY.

Afternoon—Prelude, concert by Berlin band; lecture-sermon, "The Voice and the Vision," Dr. John A. Gray.

Evening—Concert by Berlin band.

#### MONDAY.

Afternoon—Prelude, Carter's Original Carolinian Jubilee Singers; entertainment by Panahasisika's Pets.

Evening—Concert by Carter's Original Carolinian Jubilee Singers.

#### TUESDAY.

Afternoon—Concert by Carter's Original Carolinian Jubilee Singers.

Evening—Prelude, Carter's Original Carolinian Jubilee Singers.

#### WEDNESDAY.

Afternoon—Concert by the University Girls.

Evening—Concert by the University Girls.

#### THURSDAY.

Afternoon—Concert by the Hruby Concert Company.

Evening—Concert by the Hruby Concert Company.

#### FRIDAY.

Afternoon—Concert by the Hruby Concert Company; entertainment by the Floyds, Magicians.

Evening—Prelude, concert by Hruby Concert Company; entertainment by the Floyds, magicians.

#### SATURDAY.

Afternoon—Concert by the Orphean Musical Club.

Evening—Concert by the Orphean Club.

#### SUNDAY.

Afternoon—Prelude, the Berlin band; lecture-sermon, John Z. White.

Evening—Prelude, the Berlin band; lecture-sermon, John Z. White.

### RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Miss Alice Belle Broadwater, of Allegheny township, and Norman Theodore Crissinger, of Pittsburg, were married at the parsonage of St. Paul's Reformed church, Somerset, by the Rev. Dr. Hiram King.

Miss Hazel B. Sapp, of Barnesboro, and John Grundy, of Ralpton, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset Methodist Episcopal church, April 27, by the Rev. Homer E. Lewis.

Miss Ida F. Aultz, of Listie, and Harry D. Ringler, of Somerset, were married at Johnstown, April 26, by the Rev. W. A. Crofford.

Miss Ella Dwire, and Jacob Knopsnyder, both of Black township, were married at Casselman, April 23, by the Rev. E. F. House.

Miss Rosa Alice Garlitz, and Guy Leonard Baer, both of Sand Patch, were married at St. Michael's church, West Salisbury, April 23, by the Rev. George C. Quinn.

Miss Josephine M. Bender, and William A. Mette, both of Listonburg, were married at Addison, April 26, by Justice of the Peace T. J. Havener.

Miss Anna Regina Hughes, and Gordon Payne Harding, both of Windber, were married at Windber, April 23, by the Rev. James P. Saas, rector of St. John's Catholic church.

### AUSTRIA TO SERVE ULTIMATUM ON MONTE-NEGRO FORCES.

LONDON, April 29.—Up to a late hour tonight the British foreign office had no news that Austria was actually taking separate action against Montenegro. It is understood that Austria is waiting the result of the ambassadorial conference on Thursday and employing the interval in an endeavor to induce Italy to join her in military action.

The meetings of the ambassadors in London have shown almost conclusively that a majority of the powers are not prepared to adopt warlike measures against Montenegro. It is thus practically certain that within a few days, whether Italy consents or not, Austria will dispatch an ultimatum to Cetinje, demanding the immediate evacuation of Scutari.

Not another word of Essad Pasha's doings in Albania has come through Ismail Kemalbey, head of the provisional Albanian government has arrived in London to enlist British support. He and other Albanians do not regard Essad Pasha's coup very seriously, but the opinion seems to be growing among diplomats here that an administration under Essad Pasha in Albania might not be such an impossible solution of a difficult problem.

It is considered that Essad Pasha, as an influential Albanian with a strong following and the prestige of a gallant defense of Scutari, might be more acceptable to Albanians than a foreign prince and, if allowed to retain his self-chosen post, he might be inclined to make territorial concessions which would compensate Montenegro for the loss of Scutari and satisfy European claims.

### SNAKE SEASON IS HERE.

F. B. Thomas has a blacksnake on exhibition in his show window which is attracting considerable attention. This is no snake story but the real thing and it is a pretty good sized one at that. It's a dollar to the hole in a doughnut that the majority of the people who stop to look at it would run a mile to avoid it if seen in the open. Snakes are snakes, and the only good one we ever saw was dead. It is better to see them, however, than "have them."

### IMPROVING CLAY STREET.

Clay street is undergoing a much needed improvement. Appel & Glessner laid a walk the full length of the street and the council under the supervision of Street Commissioner J. O. Weller, is laying brick gutters along the curbs. When finished, it will add much to the appearance and greatly enhance the value of the real estate on that street. It is unfortunate that the street cannot at this time be paved.

### THE CALIFORNIA SENATE ADOPTS JAP LAND BILL

Measure Avoids Objectionable Phrase—Expect House to Pass It—Will be Signed by Governor, It Is Said.

Sacramento, Cal., April 30.—California's first step toward enactment of an alien land law, contrary to the advice of Secretary of State Bryan and President Wilson, was taken late last night within three minutes after Secretary Bryan told the legislative conference his official message had been spoken.

The Senate, before which the Birdsell-Thompson bill was pending, met in a hurried session, and within three minutes voted to substitute for that measure the new draft known as the Webb act, which was completed by Attorney General Webb yesterday. The substitute was adopted as an amendment and the bill sent to the printer with a rush order.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Bryan in San Francisco, whether he went there today as a guest of the Panama-Pacific exposition company, it is the plan of the Senate leaders to take no further action on the bill until Thursday, when it will come up in the regular course of business, and undoubtedly will be passed, it is said.

It will then go to the Assembly and finally to the governor, who has stated that he will sign the measure at once.

ALIENS' RIGHTS DEFINED. The phrase "ineligible to citizenship" is avoided in the Webb bill by providing two descriptions of aliens and defining the rights of each as follows:

1. All aliens eligible to citizenship may acquire and hold land in the same manner as citizens of the United States.

2. All other aliens may acquire, possess and transfer land "in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes prescribed by any treaty now existing between the Government of the United States and the Nation or country of which such alien is a citizen or subject."

As the treaty between the United States and Japan specifies land may be acquired or leased for residential purposes or for factories and shops, the act is held to be a rigid restriction on the acquisition of farming lands by the Japanese.

Senator Leroy A. Wright, Republican, who opposes the bill, declares the wording of the act is a subterfuge intended to deceive the Japanese. Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, says the measure carries the sting of discrimination, contrary to Secretary Bryan's advice.

HITS AT JAPANESE. The ineligibility of Japanese subjects to become citizens of the United States under the laws of this Government is the keynote of the Webb bill, in spite of the fact that the words objected to by Secretary Bryan are not used in the act.

Progressive leaders in the Legislature admitted the proposed law would be ineffective if the Japanese, by a test suit before the United States supreme court were successful in establishing their rights to become citizens.

Dispatches from Washington yesterday indicating the Federal administration would look with favor on such a test suit aroused fears of grave consequences in case the Japanese succeeded in obtaining a decision in their favor.

"It would be a serious mistake for the Federal Government to confer citizenship on the Japanese," said Senator Thompson a Progressive. "Feeling in California has reached an acute stage and such a step by the Government would result in reprisals of various kinds with far reaching consequences."

BRYAN SAYS NOTHING. San Francisco, April 30.—Secretary Bryan had absolutely no comment to make today on the action of the California senate last night in adopting the Webb bill against his recommendation.

On the way from Sacramento to San Francisco, where he was a guest today of the Panama-Pacific exposition, he was closeted with his private secretary translating a long cipher telegram. He would not indicate its tenor or the nature of his reply.

James D. Phelan, formerly mayor of San Francisco, rode down with the party, and took a few moments of the secretary's time. He said Mr. Bryan was very busy and that he did not discuss land.

At luncheon Mr. Bryan was a guest

of the exposition directors. There were no speeches. In the afternoon he reviewed the troops at the Presidio, took an automobile ride to Ocean Beach through the Government reservation and dedicated the palace of agriculture on the exposition grounds.

RESULT IN AWAITED.

Washington, April 30th.—Probably not until the legislative status of the substitute alien land owning bill adopted by the California Senate last night clarifies, will it be possible for the administration here to determine on its next step. There is little expectation here that the assembly will reverse the action of the Senate in view of the reported breaking down of party lines in the Legislature, but it is believed the delay may improve the chances for the introduction of some amendment on the lines of the Webb bill, which presumably would have received the approval of the national Government.

The explanation of the reluctance shown by Secretary Bryan to commit himself to the unqualified approval of any specific measure, it is pointed out by officials here that the administration desires to be quite free of the charge of attempting to control the proceedings of the legislature confining itself to the effort to limit the legislation within treaty rights and sound national policy. Also it is said the state department should be left unembarrassed by any commitment in advance of negotiations with the Japanese government which now seem certain to follow instead of the rather informal exchanges that have been taking place.

### DIED AT BOSWELL.

Roland Graves of Boswell, son of J. Albert Graves, died on Tuesday. His remains were brought to Meyersdale and interment took place this afternoon. Rev. J. A. Yount, officiated.

### SOUTH SIDE FIRE.

Last Saturday evening another fire alarm was given through a defective flue, in the house of Mrs. Samuel Christner, on Salisbury street. The fire company responded promptly, and the fire was speedily extinguished.

### COUNCILMEN RETURN.

The city fathers who had been to Terra Haute, Indiana, to inspect the sewerage system and plant have returned home. They had to contend with high waters, but they enjoyed their trip and on side trips they had the pleasure of seeing friends and loved ones.

### SOCIAL GATHERING.

C. W. Truxal's Sunday school class No. 2, men's class, in Amity Reformed church, held a meeting last Friday evening at which a number of invited guests were present. The class is pledged for \$300 towards the new Sunday school building. This is in addition to the individual subscription by the members of the class. The class promises to give a concert for the benefit of the new building. Ice cream and cake were served.

### SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD

Four suits against the Quemahoning Branch Railroad company, a subsidiary of the Baltimore & Ohio, for \$100,000 damages, were instituted in Somerset on Saturday by Peter A. and Ada E. Meyers, owners of the Meyers Hotel at Garrett for \$25,000; William P. Meyers, owner of several town lots and other property in Garrett, for \$25,000; William L. Brant, and William Hoover, owners of the post office building, at Garrett, for \$25,000, and Jerome Judy, owner of a store building in Garrett, for \$25,000. In building its road through Garrett borough, the Quemahoning company occupied the greater part of Berlin street, which is traversed through a cut 18 feet deep. Berlin street was vacated some time ago by an order of court.

### SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD

The plaintiffs claim that the construction of the railroad deprives them of access to their properties.