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MEYERSDALE'S NEW THEATRE

T. W. Gurley's Store Rooms to be Occupied by a New Moving Picture Show.

The building on Center street, for some years occupied by T. W. Gurley, jeweler and stationer, has been transformed into a moving picture enterprise to be known as the Bijou Theatre. The room was secured from Mr. Gurley by parties who conduct a moving picture show at Somerset, on a long-term lease, and these same parties have successfully engaged in the business at Allentown, Pa., and points in the state of New Jersey.

The interior has been made to conform with the latest architecture and arrangement of modern city show places, and is in every respect strictly up-to-date. The floor slants toward the screen, which is the only place in town so arranged. The latest model comfortable opera chairs to the number of 350 will be installed in three tiers, allowing space for two commodious aisles the entire length of the room. Extra precautions have been taken to avoid danger of fire. The ceiling is of steel, the operator's booth, instead of being stationed at the usual place, will be located in an alcove to one side, which reduces the possibility of fire, and its attendant stampede, to a minimum. Then, too, the booth being located but forty feet from the screen will, it is said, have the effect of showing the finer points of a picture more distinctly, besides entirely eliminating the unsteady, flickering projection of a production on the screen.

There will be two large exits, front and rear, and this will also afford perfect natural ventilation. But to further enhance the ventilation four 20-inch electric fans will be located at proper points in the room. This insures perfect comfort within the theatre, no matter how humid the atmosphere may be on the outside.

The theatre will be fitted with the very latest style picture machine, screen, musical and other accessories, and as soon as the famous talking pictures can be secured in the smaller cities and towns the Bijou will have one in operation. A piano artist of note will be imported from Johnstown to furnish the music for the shows. The instrument is located in a pit directly before the screen which will permit the operator to play suitable selections and keep in touch with the pictures as they are being shown. Only the latest and best films obtainable will be shown, thus assuring all patrons that they have never before seen the picture.

It is now thought that the workmen will have the room ready for the installation of the chairs, machines, etc., by the 14th inst., and that the fine new show room will be thrown open to the public by the 20th inst., when a cordial invitation is extended for all to be present, to witness the best pictures ever shown in Meyersdale. The proprietor personally guarantees satisfaction, and that only polite, painstaking attendants will be at your service.

ASK FOR FRANCHISE.

A proposed ordinance granting a franchise the Citizens Light, Heat and Power company passed first reading at the regular monthly meeting of Somerset Town Council. The new concern asks for a 20-year grant, and their proposition was presented by Attorney Charles H. Ealy.

The Citizens company was incorporated two months ago by Thomas E. Gallagher, Allen B. Cunningham, and Robert Uhl, of Somerset. Since the present concern, the Somerset Electric Light, Heat & Power company, was organized some twenty years ago, it has had a monopoly of the local field.

Somerset has never had day electric service and the new company promises to inaugurate such service promptly if Council acts favorably on their franchise.

Several weeks ago it was reported that the old electric company had been absorbed by the Penn Electric Service company, a corporation of eastern capitalists, but the sale has not yet been confirmed. The price was given at \$175,000. The Penn company recently took over the Citizens Light, Heat & Power company of Johnstown.

It is not known whether the prospects of competition will affect the consummation of the old company's sale.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Mame Weber was hostess on Monday evening when she delightfully entertained the Spinster Club at her home on High street. The young ladies spent the evening very pleasantly in doing fancy work, and at eleven o'clock a dainty lunch was served.

The euchre and dance given by Mrs. Philip G. Reich and Miss Mary Livengood at the Summer Garden on Tuesday evening, was the leading social affair of the season. About 125 guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. An elaborate lunch was served at 12:00 o'clock. Livengood's orchestra furnished the music.

The Dorcas Thimble Club met at the home of Mrs. Paul D. Clutton, on Broadway street, yesterday afternoon.

AUTO ACCIDENT.

Stoyestown, June 10.—Two big autos, one on its way from Bedford to Pittsburg and the other on its way from San Francisco to Baltimore, Md., collided yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock near the Spangler home, above Stoyestown.

W. C. Fownes, Secretary of Midland Steel Company, Pittsburg, was the only one injured, although all other occupants of the two cars were more or less bruised.

In a large Packard car were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fownes, and Miss Louise Elkins, all of Pittsburg. They were on their way to Pittsburg from Bedford. Mrs. Fownes and Miss Elkins escaped serious injury, although they suffered a nervous shock.

In a Chase car were E. B. Hanson and J. A. Clairmont, who were on their way from San Francisco to Baltimore. They had been on the road for 17 days, they said, and this was their first accident. The car was so badly wrecked that it will remain here for some days.

TRAIN DERAILED.

Train No. 7, bound for Johnstown on the B. & O. railroad was wrecked Friday morning when it struck a broken rail near Blough's curve near Hooversville. Two coaches were damaged but no one was seriously injured. Exaggerated reports of the accident were circulated and caused much concern for a time. Friday afternoon wrecking crews of the B. & O. were put on the branch putting the track in commission. The passengers were transferred from the damaged coaches into another and arrived at Johnstown station shortly after 10 o'clock.

Train No. 7 is due at Johnstown at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. It usually hauls three coaches and carries considerable traffic. A broken rail was struck at the curve and two of the rear coaches were hurled from the tracks. The tracks were badly torn and the passengers were shaken up.

Wrecking crews arrived and the debris was cleared away and the passengers transferred to the unharmed car and taken to Johnstown.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Thursday June 5th, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Knieriem, of Broadway street, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, and in honor of the occasion their daughter, Miss Marion, planned a surprise for them which was a complete success in every way. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and white peonies. Twenty-five guests were present and the evening was pleasantly spent in playing cards, and at a late hour a delicious lunch, which had been prepared by Miss Knieriem, was served. Mr. and Mrs. Knieriem were the recipients of many beautiful gifts of silver.

GRADUATES AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Miss Carlotta Rishell, whose parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Rishell, reside at Windber, has returned from Baltimore, where she graduated last week from Goucher College, which was formerly the Women's College.

Miss Sue Berkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berkey of Somerset, was also graduated from Goucher College last week. She has the distinction of being the youngest person ever graduated from that institution. Her sisters, Misses Mabel and Mary, witnessed the commencement exercises.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Program of the Twenty-First Annual Sunday School Convention and Institute of Somerset Classis, Reformed Church, at Stoyestown, June 19th and 20th.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 19th, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

Song and Devotional Service.....Conducted by Rev. H. H. Wiant
Welcome Address.....Mr. John A. Wetzel, Stoyestown
Response.....Mr. A. B. Grof, Somerset
Singing.
Address, "The Progressive Sunday School Worker,".....
.....Rev. C. M. Hartzell, Latrobe
Singing.
Offering.
Appointment of Committees on Nominations and Resolutions, and Any Other Business.
Closing Service.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 20.

8:45—Song and Devotional Service, Conducted by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Meyersdale.
9:15—Roll Call of the Sunday Schools of the Classis, with One-Minute Reports from each one, giving (1) Enrollment, (2) Average Attendance, (3) Contributions, (4) What Modern Methods, (5) Anything Else Helpful and Interesting.
10:00—SYMPOSIUM—THE UP-TO-DATE SUNDAY SCHOOL: (Speakers will be limited to ten minutes)
1. Its Relation to the Church, Rev. A. M. Schaffner, Meyersdale
2. Its Relation to the Family, W. J. R. Hay, Lavansville.
3. Its Relation to the Community, John C. Weller, New Centerville.
4. Its Relation to Missions, Merle R. Schrock, Berlin, R. D.
5. Its Officers, W. M. Kistler, Garrett.
6. Its Teachers, S. C. Witt, Meyersdale, R. D. 2.
7. Its Scholars, Miss Mary Hay, Meyersdale, Route 2.
8. Its Equipment, C. W. Truxal, Meyersdale.

11:25—Queries.

11:45—Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 20.

1:30—Song and Devotional Service, Conducted by Rev. D. S. Stephan.
2:00—20TH CENTURY SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS: (Speakers will be limited to ten minutes.)
1. The Cradle Roll, Mrs. E. S. Hassler, Meyersdale, Route 2.
2. The Home Department, Mrs. H. F. Fogle, Salisbury.
3. The O. A. B. Class, Rev. A. J. Miller, Jenners.
4. The Teacher Training Class, Rev. C. A. Hauser, Phila.
5. The Teachers' Meeting, Prof. W. H. Kretzman, Meyersdale.
6. The New Graded Lessons, Miss Lizzie Zimmerman, Berlin.
3:15—Round Table, "Sunday School Organization," Rev. Geo. E. Metzger, Frostburg.
3:45—Queries.
4:15—Report of Nominating Committee, and Election of Officers for Ensuing Year.
4:30—Adjournment.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

Song and Devotional Service.....Conducted by Rev. Ira S. Munn
Report of Committee on Resolutions, and Any Miscellaneous Business
Singing.
Address, "Leading Sunday School Problems, and How to Meet Them,".....Rev. C. A. Hauser, Educational Superintendent, Phila.
Singing.
Offering.
Closing Service of Final Adjournment.

SHIPLEY HARDWARE COMPANY.

The new hardware firm under the old name Shipley Hardware company, needs no introduction to the people of Somerset county, as both members of the new firm were members of the old firm. Barron E. Shipley and Fulton Shipley are young men in the prime of life and have learned the business from the bottom up. With the well established firm with which they have been connected for years, and the reputation of the Shipley Hardware company, the young men start under favorable auspices, and their many friends wish them abundant success in their mercantile enterprise.

WILLS CREEK TO HAVE PASTOR.

The indications are that the Wills Creek charge, of the Reformed church, consisting of Mt. Lebanon, Glencoe, White Oak, and Greenville churches will have a regular pastor before long. Rev. A. S. Kresge who has been spending some time in this locality has declared his willingness to serve the people. It is hoped final arrangements can be made so that those worthy people will have a regular pastor once more.

Rev. Mr. Kresge has rented the home adjoining H. J. Wilmoth's and will bring his family from Plymouth, Ind., before long. While in this vicinity Mr. Kresge has officiated at three funerals.

EXPERT EMBALMER.

R. Reich & Son, undertakers of Meyersdale, had a very complimentary letter from Henn Bros., of Chicago, on the preparation of George Savonovich's body, which was sent from here on June 4th, to Chicago. Savonovich was run down by a train at McSpadden, near Garrett, and had been identified as George Slavin.

WATCH THE MOOSE.

Posters are being distributed throughout the county and elsewhere announcing the Moose picnic to be held at Riverside Park on July 4th. The attractions are many and varied and many liberal prizes are offered. It is hardly necessary to state that it will be a big affair, as the Local Order of Moose of Meyersdale always go the limit in the way of giving the people the worth of their money. The parade alone will be worth coming miles to see and the music will be furnished by the famous Moose Band of Cumberland. Don't miss it.

BURIED AT ROCKWOOD.

The remains of Oscar Hemminger, the thirteen year old son of Representative and Mrs. C. J. Hemminger who was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Harrisburg on Monday a week ago, were brought to Rockwood on Sunday morning. The body was recovered about fourteen miles from where the boy lost his life. Interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. The many friends extend their warmest sympathy to Dr. Hemminger and wife.

TRIP TO THE WEST.

Mrs. C. H. Dia and daughters, the Misses Olevia and Caroline, left Sunday on train No. 5 for a trip through the west, going direct to Omaha, Neb., where they spent a few days. From there Mrs. Dia went to Edgar, Neb., where she will visit her son, Harry Dia and family, who are among the leading farmers of that locality. The Misses Dia will go from Omaha through to Denver, and to Colorado Springs, Colo., and on their return they will join their mother at Edgar; here Mrs. Dia and Miss Caroline will remain for a month or more, while Miss Olevia will return in two weeks. She will also visit in Kansas City, and St. Louis, Mo., and Cincinnati, O.

THE GRIM REAPER

Daniel Gomer of near White Oak, died on Monday. He was aged 71 years, 5 months and 15 days. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the White Oak Reformed church, Rev. A. S. Kresge, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Jacob Pile, aged 36 years, of Somerset, died Sunday last of a complication of diseases. His widow and one daughter Louise, survive him. Funeral services were held at the residence at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon in charge of Rev. I. Hess Wagner. Interment in Husband cemetery.

SMALLPOX SCARE.

Boswell was given a smallpox scare on Monday, when it became known that a girl with eruptions over her body did some shopping in a local store, sat among a crowd of people in a moving picture theater and made some purchases in a meat market. The three business houses were closed on Monday for fumigation, but were reopened on Tuesday. The girl and other members of the family are now quarantined. Nevertheless, Boswell people were somewhat frightened and a number are submitting to vaccination as a precaution.

The patient at large was a Miss Horner, about 14 or 16 years old, who makes her home with the John Doubt family, between Forwardtown and Boswell. She had been suffering with a severe cold and thought the eruptions over her body were boils. Saturday evening she came to Boswell to get some medicine from Dr. Livengood, who immediately realized that the girl had smallpox. She was sent home with the instructions to stay there, and on Monday Dr. C. P. Large, of Meyersdale, County Medical Inspector, whom Dr. Livengood had notified, visited the Doubt home and established a quarantine.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The 37th annual convention of the Lutheran Sunday School Association of Somerset county was held in the Lutheran church at Hooversville, Rev. P. J. Shriver, pastor, June 3-5. The opening service was in charge of Rev. E. B. Boyer of Confluence. Excellent music was furnished by the choir. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. G. Hamer of Hooversville and the response was by Rev. Simon Snyder of Scalp Level. The President, Hon. W. H. Ruppel, delivered his annual address in his usual convincing manner.

During the convention interesting addresses were made on papers presented by the following persons:—W. A. Weaver, Rev. H. S. Rhoads, Rev. J. A. Yount, Rev. I. Hess Wagner, Rev. D. W. Lecrone, Miss Lou Floto, Miss Laura Good, Rev. D. S. Kurtz, Rev. W. H. B. Carney. Rev. L. P. Young delivered his illustrated lecture on the "Holy Land". Rev. Carney presided at the lantern.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Hon. W. H. Ruppel; Vice President, Mrs. E. E. Hazelbarth; Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Yost; Statistical Secretary, Virgil R. Saylor, Esq.; Treasurer, Hon. O. P. Shaver. A committee consisting of Revs. Yount, English, McCarty and Messrs. Jerry S. Miller, and E. E. Hazelbarth was appointed to prepare a new constitution to be presented next year.

Misses Esther Conrad and Nelle Bittner served as delegates of the Meyersdale Sunday school.

MORE TROUBLE FOR H. F. BARRON.

Somerset, June 5.—Through Attorneys Norman T. Boose and A. L. G. Hay, the Farmers' National Bank, of Somerset, last evening brought an action against Henry F. Barron to recover \$43,000, with interest from March 10, 1913.

Barron was formerly Treasurer of the Farmers' National Bank and it is alleged in the suit that on March 7, 1913, and at other times he, as Cashier, took for his own use sums aggregating \$43,000, and it is further alleged, that no part of this sum has been returned.

Mr. Barron was elected Cashier of the bank June 11, 1900, when the bank was established. He served until March 13, when his relations with the bank ceased.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATS

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering of the County Democracy.

The Democracy as represented by the county committee was out in large numbers at the county seat yesterday, called by the president and secretary, to elect officers for the ensuing two years.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman C. W. Walker. In the absence of W. F. Cleaver, secretary, Geo. C. Hay, Esq., of Salisbury, was appointed to serve in the capacity of secretary. The roll was called and a large number of districts were represented by committeemen or their proxies. Meyersdale had as representatives E. E. Shipley and A. S. Glessner.

The main object of the meeting was to elect officers for the next two years and the adoption of rules governing the democratic party in the future. C. W. Walker had been placed in nomination.

E. E. Kiernan suggested that an opportunity should be given to all to express their sentiments fully and freely and believed that it would be well if other names were presented to be voted on, besides the present chairman, and suggested the names of Ernest O. Kcoser, Chas. F. Uhl, and Almon Hadman. No nominations besides that of Mr. Walker were made, and the secretary passed the motion and Mr. Walker was unanimously elected. Mr. Walker accepted the office entrusted to him in a neat speech.

The name of Chas. F. Uhl was presented for treasurer. Mr. Uhl preferred to decline. He was however elected by acclamation.

At the last meeting of the committee it was decided that a set of rules should be adopted governing the party in Somerset county.

The chairman had appointed a committee consisting of two members, Chas. F. Uhl and Alex. B. Grof. Two reports were presented.

Both members of the committee submitted reasons for the rules presented.

E. E. Kiernan supported the rules presented by Mr. Uhl. The main difference of the two sets of rules was that by the Grof rules the committeemen elect the chairman of the county committee, and by the Uhl rules the people of the party throughout the county would determine who should be chairman of the county committee.

The Grof rules carried by a vote of more than two to one and the rules in this respect remain as they had been.

After the business of the meeting had been transacted the chairman called upon a number of those present for short speeches.

Stephen McClintock, the rock ribbed Democrat of Addison township, warmed the blood of the democracy by recalling the days of small things and the life of martyrdom which was involved in democratic loyalty in Somerset county.

E. O. Kooser, attorney, of Somerset, responded to a call for a speech. A. S. Glessner of Meyersdale made the welkin ring by his fiery oratory.

A. M. Schaffner, editor of The Commercial, was present and on invitation made a flippant speech.

After the good and welfare had been spoken, the committee adjourned, united to fight a divided enemy.

H. J. WIMOTH IMPROVED

H. J. Wilmoth, who had been seriously ill, and who had passed through a surgical operation by Dr. Harrison, of Baltimore, has been much relieved since. He has been made comfortable and his friends are hopeful that he will ultimately recover.

SUNDAY VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Simler, and Percy Allen Rose, of Johnstown, came here Sunday morning in their large touring car and spent the day at the Colonial Hotel. Mrs. S. J. McClune, and daughter, Miss Margaret who had been here for a week, accompanied them home Sunday evening.

LAWN FETE.

At St. Paul Reformed church, under the auspices of the Forward and True Blue Bible classes the delicacies of the season will be served on the church lawn, next Saturday evening, June 14. Everybody is cordially invited.