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PITTSBURG BANK CLOSED

Receivers Named—Depositors Will Not Lose—Banking Conditions Sound.

PITTSBURG, July 8.—Pittsburg bank conditions are sound, was the reassuring statement made today by Pittsburg bankers and business men and by the officials of the Treasury Department at Washington, following the appointment of receivers for the First-Second National Bank, the American Water Works & Guarantee Company and J. S. & W. S. Kuhn, Inc., and the temporary closing of the First National Bank of McKeesport.

J. S. Kuhn this morning resigned as president of the Pittsburg Bank Savings. He was succeeded by W. W. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the institution, and the latter was succeeded by A. H. Voight, who was selected secretary-treasurer.

Banking circles here are optimistic over the situation. None of the bankers expects that depositors in the First-Second National will be more than temporarily embarrassed as a result of the closing of the institution.

The acting comptroller of the currency took charge of the First-Second National Bank of Pittsburg because its directors expressed their inability to make good an impairment of its capital and decided that the wise thing for all interests was for the acting comptroller to take the situation in hand. The Pittsburg Clearing House Association, which has had the matter under consideration for several days, in the meantime, also decided that it was inexpedient to furnish the amount of assistance required to keep the bank going.

The acting comptroller had no alternative in the circumstances, but to take charge of the First-Second National Bank, in order to prevent the withdrawal of large deposits, which have begun, and to secure for depositors equal treatment of their monies. Everything will be done to liquidate the bank, and the liquidation of the bank will be completed as soon as possible.

The national bank of the First and Second National Banks of Pittsburg, effected in April. The officers besides President W. S. Kuhn, are Vice Presidents J. M. Young and William McConway. Mr. Young is also cashier. President Kuhn is at Prides' Crossing, Mass., in attendance upon his wife, who is sick.

From the failure there should be no particular cause for alarm. This banking institution transacted business in all parts of the country. One of its particular spheres in which it worked was to carry on big business in the way of selling bonds for big corporations. To our way of looking at the matter, there is no monetary connection between the bank and the companies whose securities it sold, and that, regardless of the bank's affairs, the companies would be able to pay their obligations, and that the bank's failure would be no reason for the suspension of the securities.

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to conserve the interests of all alike under the circumstances that had arisen. J. K. Duff, treasurer of the company, was appointed receiver under \$50,000 bond.

At a meeting of the Pittsburg Clearing House Association yesterday afternoon, the following statement was made through its officers.

"The closing of the First-Second National Bank by the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency was not entirely unexpected by this association and it was therefore prepared for the crisis. The members of the Clearing House are all in good condition and we believe that the banks and trust companies in the city of Pittsburg as a whole are prepared for any emergency. It will take several days to arrange for the transfer of accounts and the proper and careful handling of checks made on the First-Second National Bank. We therefore ask the indulgence of the public and request that they will help in every way possible to assist in the solution of the problem which confronts the Clearing House committee and the banks."

Acting Comptroller Kane last night issued the following:

"At a meeting of the directors of the First-Second National Bank held on Sunday, the condition of the bank and the results of the recent investigation of the bank examiners were discussed. After full consideration, the directors declared their inability to make good the bank's impaired capital and without dissent decided that it would be best for the protection of the depositors and all other interests to have the comptroller of the currency take charge and to arrange for the liquidation of the bank."

"The Pittsburg Clearing House Committee, which has been engaged for the past four days in going over the affairs of the bank with the examiners and in making a careful investigation as to its condition refused to furnish funds sufficient to justify the bank in keeping open, and agreed under the circumstances there was no alternative to the course recommended by the bank's directors.

"The officers of the bank have expressed to the department the belief that there will ultimately be but little if any loss to the bank's depositors. The liquidation of the bank, and the distribution of its assets will proceed as expeditiously as possible."

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THE MOOSE PICNIC.

If the words "bigger and better than ever" could be justly used, they may be written here in describing the Moose picnic held at Riverside Park, on July 4th. It seemed as if everybody was there and it was just as natural for you to nudge a stranger in the ribs as an old acquaintance and everybody appeared to be enjoying themselves. It was a jolly, good-natured and patriotic crowd made up of young folks, old folks, young old folks and old young folks.

Everything was moving along nicely and at a lively clip until late in the afternoon when a thunder shower struck the park which caused the gay revelers to check up for a while and seek shelter from the rain. After the clouds rolled by and the rain ceased the festivities were resumed and continued until a late hour.

The various races, however, which were scheduled to take place in the evening were called off on account of the rain, but the remainder of the program was carried out as advertised.

The parade through the principal streets of the town was not so large as it should have been, but yet it made a very good showing.

The music furnished by the Moose band of Cumberland, was of high class and there was plenty of it, and altogether it was a big day for the Moose and their friend.

It is not necessary to say more but the members of Friendship Lodge, No. 76, L. O. O. M., wish to thank all those, who aided them, financially and otherwise, in making the picnic a success.

The members of the Moose band of Cumberland, and the local order of Red Men also have the thanks of the lodge, and if at any time in the future the Moose are called upon to aid in anything of a like nature, they will gladly do so. If they can't lead they are willing to follow.

GREENVILLE TWP. REFORMED CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Greenville Reformed church went up in smoke on Thursday night. This church had been a centre of religious life in Greenville township for many years. It had been known as a union church of the Lutheran and Reformed denominations. A few years ago the Lutheran congregation erected its own church, and the Reformed congregation purchasing the interest of the Lutheran church. This church had been in a dilapidated condition and the matter of building a church had been agitated for several years. With the people it had been a matter of location which retarded the erection of a new church, some wanted the church erected at the old place while others felt that the church should be located at Pocahontas.

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THE GRIM REAPER

JOSEPH BLOCHER.

On Sunday evening at seven o'clock, Joseph Blocher of High street passed quietly away.

Mr. Blocher was born December 27, 1854, at Frostburg, Md. In 1876 he was married to Margaret Zehmer of Grantsville, Md. To this union was born a family of six children, two died in infancy and Jacob died four years ago. The wife and three children, Mrs. Warren Holzshu, of town, Laura and John at home, the latter a city mail carrier survive. Six grandchildren also survive, three children of Jacob Blocher, deceased and three children of Warren Holzshu. One brother also survives Mr. Blocher, Jacob L. Blocher of Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. Blocher had been a citizen of Meyersdale for the last 20 years and had been variously employed, at the Slicer Mill, the Meyersdale Planing mill and later by the Kenneweg Wholesale Grocery Co.

Mr. Blocher had been a member of the Maccabees lodge and a member of the Carpenters and Joiners Union. For the last four years he had been in feeble health. In September 1909 he received a stroke of apoplexy, in November 1910 he received a second stroke and on July 4th, while down town he received another stroke which terminated fatally on Sunday evening. While at the corner of Center and North streets his helpless condition was noticed by W. H. Habel, who called to his assistance Dr. Truxal, together they were taking him to his home, and were relieved by Chas. Zehner and Chas. Saylor. Medical aid was summoned at once. After reaching home he was rational for a half hour, after which he was in an unconscious condition until he died.

He was aged 58 years, 6 months and 9 days. The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. He was a member of the Reformed church, Rev. E. S. Hassler of St. Paul, Keim, conducted the services. Interment was made in the family lot in the Union cemetery.

PRIZES AWARDED.

\$10.00 to the Red Men for organization with most men in line; \$5.00 for organization with next number of men in line, \$10.00 for best decorated automobile or wagon, \$5.00 for second best decorated automobile or wagon. The Moose were not contestants for these prizes. The Moose highly appreciate the contributions of the business men towards these prizes.

BASE BALL AND PICNICS.

With the conclusion of the parade, the large crowd assembled on the streets separated to different points of interest, those interested in base ball wended their way to the Slicer ball grounds. The Moose headed for Riverside Park, the Socialists went to Coal Run, a number went to St. Paul, others went out automobiling. Altogether there was plenty to amuse and entertain during the day, while in the evening there was a display of fireworks in town and the moving pictures were largely patronized.

FAMILY REUNION.

A beautiful family reunion took place at the old Frederick Shaulis homestead in Jefferson township, among the children of the late Frederick Shaulis, who died about five years ago. The occasion was in commemoration of the visit to the old homestead of Charles S. Shaulis, of Lyndon, Ill., accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Doris. Two large automobiles took the Somerset relatives and friends to the homestead. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shaulis and children, Roy, Earle, Samuel and Evelyn, Miss Ruth, and Alexander Shaulis, of Somerset; Dr. and Mrs. E. Frank Shaulis, and son, Frederick, of Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weimer and son, James of Prides; Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Bittner, of Hooversville; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Putman and children, Dwight and Foy; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brugh, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shaulis, of Bakersville.

AUTO TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wakefield, of Lock Haven, came to town in their automobile on the Fourth to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Von Moos. While here they took Mr. and Mrs. Von Moos and Ike Weinstein on an auto trip to the Moose picnic at Riverside Park and from there to Berlin, where they took supper at the Albright Hotel. While at Berlin they saw a number of well known Meyersdale people.

Mrs. Wakefield is the daughter of Mrs. Von Moos, and attracts favorable attention where ever she goes.

MOTHER FOLLOWS SON TO GRAVE.

Five weeks after burying her son who was killed in Davis, W. Va., Mrs. Jacob Schroll, of Windber, about 49 years old, died of acute nephritis Saturday morning. Her funeral was held on Monday, with interment in East End Cemetery.

NEW FOUNTAIN HAS ARRIVED.

The new fountain which is to be erected under the management of the Civic League has arrived, and work has been begun on its erection. When the work is completed this will form a pleasing feature in connection with the "town beautiful."

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

The fourth of July opened auspiciously in Meyersdale. The sky was clear and the sun was shining, the indications were for a warm day and a fair day. It was warm all right during the day and fair part of the day, a heavy thunder shower struck town in the afternoon.

The business places were generally open till noon, although there was comparatively little business done in the forenoon. The ice cream season had not been up to the standard, but no complaint could be made on that score on July Fourth. There was a remarkable demand for ice cream on that day.

PARADE.

The Moose parade was scheduled for 10:00 o'clock, and it was generally believed that the various fraternal and other organizations of town would turn out in large numbers to help celebrate the day. This was Moose day and they were out in full force and presented a neat appearance, each member carrying an umbrella of red, white and blue. The Moose band, of Cumberland, led the procession. The only other organization that took part in the parade was the Red Men. The members were dressed in brown suits, they wore masks and carried their weapons. This organization attracted considerable attention. Luke Hay's jacks, dressed in blue overalls, with Charley Brant riding and masked, did some funny stunts along the line of march. The automobiles were prettily decorated, although few in number.

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SOMERSET VS. MEYERSDALE.

Much has been said and written in recent years of the "has beens." Of those who at one time occupied the front rank, but had gone back. It has often been interesting and pathetic to see men and organizations try to "come back." Jim Jefferies the pugilist tried and made a sorry failure. Cy Falkenberg, the pitcher had been relegated to a minor league a year ago, but this year he "came back" and proved to be the sensation of the season. Our base ball team played some wretched games this season and the wise ones were pronouncing dire judgment upon the team. On the glorious fourth, they again made their appearance on the diamond for two sessions, with the best that Somerset could produce.

At the morning game the attendance was fair, and the game was interspersed with bad, good and indifferent playing by both teams. The batting was light. Barnhart and Clark constituted the battery for the home team. Danny Miller, our crack third baseman of a year ago was the pitcher for the visiting team, and nosed out ahead. Thanks to the light batting of our team. The score was 4 to 2 in favor of Somerset.

In the afternoon's game Johnny Stafford was on the mound for Meyersdale, while Somerset placed a man in the box who pitched a strong game.

In the afternoon game Meyersdale displayed the spirit of "76." The grandstand and bleachers were filled with enthusiastic fans, who encouraged the home players by their presence and their cheers. The county seat boys had with them many enthusiastic supporters of their team. This game was an improvement on the morning game. Somerset played hard to win both games while Meyersdale was there to do or die. The game resulted in the score of 5 to 3 in favor of the home team.

There was a bad mix-up in the Price family of three brothers, one was, one of the umpires, one played on the Somerset team, and one on the home team. In one particular play on first base the Prices were very much in evidence, Kennedy played first base, his brother tried to steal second, and on a close decision Umpire Price called the runner out while trying to get back to first base. The umpires were Hostetler and Price, and the scorer was J. J. Hobbittzell.

PROF. KRETCHMAN A HERO.

Prof. Kretchman, while visiting at his home last week took a walk out on the farm about three-fourths of a mile from the house and saw some distance ahead of him, what seemed to be a belt in the field road. On nearer approach he saw it was a snake, when he picked up a broken fence rail and commenced to beat the life out of the snake. With the first well directed blow from the Professor, the rattler gave the alarm, but the back of the reptile was broken and all danger was over. On examination it was found that the snake had ten rattlers and one button and that the snake measured about four feet in length. The Kretchman farm has been in possession of the family for a period of seventy years and never before in their recollection was there known to have been a rattle snake on the farm. The explanation for this is that during the extremely dry season, on the mountain, was the cause for the snake wandering so far away from its natural home and the belief is that another rattler will be found in the immediate vicinity in which Professor Kretchman wielded with unerring aim the rail that ended the rattler's life.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Monday evening Miss Helen Collins delightfully entertained a number of her friends at her home on North street, in honor of the anniversary of her birth. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and daisies. A delicious lunch was served and was thoroughly enjoyed by the forty guests present.

Mrs. W. T. Dailey was hostess on Monday evening when she entertained a few friends in honor of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Ramstead, who has been her guest for several weeks.

LAWN FETE.

A lawn fete of the Lutheran church, will be held at Keim on Saturday evening, July 12. Everybody is invited.

WOMEN'S BOARD ORGANIZED.

The Women's Board met in regular session Monday evening and ordered the year by electing the officers—Secretary, J. M. Casurer, Clarence Moore, treasurer, and vice president are Mrs. W. B. Putman and Mrs. A. Bittner. Their term expires at year.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

Worshiping services will be held at Meyersdale Evangelical church on Monday and Sunday. Conference will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. S. RITTENHOUSE, Pastor.

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