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OFFICER HARE WINGS HIS MAN

Exciting Gun Play at Shaw Mines—Officer Hare Got There First.

Albert Smithers, of Shaw Mines, and a friend of his came to town on Monday afternoon to hold a celebration. Smithers had made up his mind to show his friend and the community what kind of a dare devil he was. About three o'clock in the afternoon they started for their homes at Shaw Mines, and while on the South Side, near the Morrell planing mill, Smithers began to fire his revolver and continued discharging it incessantly, frightening the South Side people along the route on which they traveled.

But the rumpus that was raised in Meyersdale was very mild compared with the excitement that was caused and the terror that was produced in the minds of the people of Shaw Mines. The man had been drinking and he was a devil incarnate, cowed the inhabitants of Shaw Mines, shot at several women. At the company's store of the Consolidation Coal company, drew his revolver, terrorized all about the place. Everyone was looking for a place of safety, and no one was willing to take chances with the black man.

The people of Shaw mines, telephoned to Squire Hay, who got into communication with policeman Cramer. Policemen Cramer and Hare went to the scene of the disturbance. As they came near the Smithers shanty, he was sitting on the porch. The policemen at once realized that they had a dangerous job on hand. Smithers had made loud boasts that no one could capture him. Before the officers reached the place, Albert Bauman warned them of the dangerous man they were about to tackle and the dangerous weapon which he was using so freely.

Smithers had somewhat changed his mind when he saw the officers approaching. He evidently was seized with fear and entered the shanty and tried to escape by the back door. The officers now were after their man. One was trying to take care of the front door and one of the back door, and as he came forth from the back door he saw Cramer and drew his revolver, but it failed to go off and Cramer ordered him to halt and surrender. Smithers tried to effect his escape, and as he ran for another building he came into contact with officer Hare. Hare and Smithers at a distance of about eight feet apart exchanged shots. Smithers missed his man, while Hare hit him in the fleshy part of his right arm, the force of which threw Smithers revolver out of his hand and ten feet away. The bullet from Hare's revolver passed through Smithers arm, through the right lung and lodged in his back. The darkey realized now his situation and became very penitent. He exclaimed "White man you got me." He believed he was going to die at once and his curses of a short time before were changed into prayers.

This wild western scene took place about 6:30 o'clock. Officers Cramer and Hare brought him to town. Dr. McMillan gave him attention and Officer Hare took him to the Western Maryland hospital in Cumberland, where he was operated upon by Dr. A. H. Hawkins, assisted by Drs. Grace and Hodges.

The record of Smithers is that he is a very bad negro and that he and his gun were never parted. He is said to have come from Clarksburg, W. Va., sometime ago and has been living in a shanty near Shaw Mines.

Mr. Hare was one of the happy men of Meyersdale, on Tuesday from the fact that he is still living, after the darkey had tried to put him out of commission, and his many friends rejoice too, that he made his escape from the aim of the desperado.

Mr. Hare spent Monday night in Cumberland, enjoying the hospitality of the police force and returned to Meyersdale on Tuesday morning on train No. 12, ready to attend to his next duty as city guardian.

INSTRUCTOR ENGAGED.

The Philharmonic Society, of Somerset, has engaged Prof. Smith, of Pittsburg, to instruct the members in music during the month of July. Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening.

FAMILY REUNION.

A very pleasant surprise in the form of a family reunion was tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meyers at the family home in Northampton township on Monday, July 14. The details of the reunion were arranged several weeks previous by the children without the parents knowing anything of their intentions.

Previous provisions in the line of refreshments had been made by shipping all kinds of eatables to H. T. Meyers, a son who lives at the family home. These included ice cream, candies, cigars and all kinds of fruits. Most of the children and their families arrived at Meyersdale on B. & O. train No. 16 on Sunday afternoon and were driven across the country to the family residence in automobiles, arriving there about 7 o'clock. The surprise was complete.

All of Monday was spent in a social way and amusements of various kinds were indulged in. Photographer Conrad, of Meyersdale, took pictures of the entire family group. In the evening a gorgeous display of fireworks was put off. This was witnessed by a number of relatives and neighbors who stopped in to pay their respects to the family.

Those present comprising the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meyers, the parents and the following children and their families:

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Rodeniser and son Bruce, Jr., of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meyers and daughters, Ethel and Virginia, of Wilkinsburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Meyers and children Edison and June, of Mt. Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Meyers and daughter Marjorie, at home; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Purbaugh and children Loreen and Clarion, of Connellsville; Misses Idella and Ollie C. Meyers at home. This included all the children with exception of Mrs. Harrison C. Gray, of Elizabeth, W. Va., who with her husband and daughter, Jane, were prevented from being present by the latter's sudden illness.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Purbaugh, of Havelock, Nebr. Mr. Purbaugh is the only surviving member of the generation in the family of that name which was so prominently identified with the early settlement of Northampton and surrounding townships.

FIRE AT SALISBURY.

Salisbury had a fire on Tuesday morning when the property of Mrs. McGary of Akron, Ohio, was destroyed. M. M. Smith, father-in-law of J. F. Reich, lived in the house. It is thought that the fire caught from a defective flue from the cooking stove. Most of the furniture was saved.

The house is said to have been insured for \$1,000. There was no insurance on the furniture. Mrs. McGary had considerable of her furniture on the attic and in other parts of the house.

Mr. Smith was at the mines and knew nothing of the fire until he was on his way home from work.

The news was telephoned to town and Mrs. J. F. Reich went up at once in an automobile.

Michael Cronnelly, a brother of Mrs. Smith, and living in Washington, and a niece, Miss Margaret Cronnelly, of Frostburg, were on a visit at the home of Mr. Smith. Mr. Cronnelly had not seen Mrs. Smith for 17 years.

TEACHERS ELECTED.

The school board met on Tuesday evening and elected all the grade teachers that had not yet been chosen. Among the new teachers in the grades are Miss Susan N. Baer, and Miss Esther Austin.

The board also took an action to secure the services of another male teacher in the high school. This is a commendable step and it should prove of much account in school work during the coming year.

Isaac Rissmiller of High Bridge, N. J., has been chosen the teacher in the High School. He has had excellent training in the Keystone State Normal School, regular and scientific course of Lebanon Valley college and of the University of Pennsylvania.

The following will constitute our teaching force:

W. H. Kretschman, supervising principal
L. D. Crunkleton, principal; Rena Lauver, Alice M. Hanford, Evelyn Truxal, and Isaac Rissmiller.

GRADES.

Edith Wilhelm, Eva Hoover, Louise Floto, Mayne Platt, Nelle Dom, Kate Culehan, Mary Eicher, Violet Clark, Martha Deist, Hester Meyers, Ellen Lint, Frieda Daberko, Marion Leydig, Emma Hostetter, Marie Crowe, Esther Austin, Eleanor Lepley, and Susan N. Baer.

WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

The W. M. R. R. Promises Better Freight and Passenger Service.

The Western Maryland Railroad Co. is getting ready to push its business in this section. The company knows better than any one else of the splendid road bed it possesses on the Connellsville & State Line division, even the novice knows that scarcely a better roadbed can be found anywhere. The through trains of the company are a matter of just pride, but the local accommodations are not, up to this time, very satisfactory. This week the company, on this division, has had her picked men, her officials, over the division, to stop at every station, get personally acquainted with every ticket agent, and are stopping in the towns along the line with their men to call on the business men with reference to building up a business to find out what the people want, and then it will be their privilege and pleasure to adjust matters so that excellent care can be taken of the public and at the same time increase their business along the entire line.

The public is doubtless willing to patronize their company if they show a disposition to meet the needs of the public. The article which appeared in The Commercial of June 19th, evidently had been carefully read by the officials and it seems that they propose doing everything that can be done to push their business. The Western Maryland was fortunate in securing the service of the clever and obliging agent, in the person of Mr. Gill, but up to this time he simply had not been in a position to offer the public those facilities which the public demands. With the full realization of the needs of the people along the line on the part of the officials and are extension of time to adjust matters properly, the promise is that the Western Maryland will do everything that can be done for the accommodation of the public.

She sends out a high class of gentlemen, men who mean what they say and say what they mean, and consequently we are led to believe that in the not far distant future the W. M. R. R. will lend its full share in touching the various points along the line, to the satisfaction of the public.

JAMES S. PUGH ANSWERS LAST CALL.

Attorney James L. Pugh, one of the oldest members of the Somerset County Bar, passed away at 10:30 on Saturday morning, at the Markleton Sanatorium, at the age of 68 years. He has been ill for a long time with a complication of diseases. The body was brought to Somerset on Sunday. The funeral services were held on Monday, interment in the Union cemetery.

The deceased was a son of James and Rachel Pugh, and was born in Somerset township. After securing a common school education, he graduated from the Millersville State Normal School, and later graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in this county in 1874. He served three years as District Attorney, two terms as County Superintendent of Schools and was in the Legislature two terms.

Attorney Pugh was a veteran of the Civil War, having served two enlistments. The first was in Company E, 133d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and the second was in the Fifth Heavy Artillery. At the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded three times. He was also in the battle of Chancellorsville, but escaped injury there.

The deceased was never married. He is survived by one brother, the Rev. B. F. Pugh, of Ottawa, Kan., and two sisters—Mrs. Oliver Knepper and Mrs. Rose Anne Saylor, both of Somerset. He was an uncle of District Attorney Virgil R. Saylor. Mr. Pugh was a prominent member of the local Masonic order.

PURCHASED A FARM.

J. A. Poorbaugh, for a number of years, member of the firm of Poorbaugh Bros., Meat Market, recently purchased a hundred acre farm, close to York City, Pa. Mr. Poorbaugh and family expect to leave Meyersdale in October to take possession of the farm. Mr. Poorbaugh's absence from town will be keenly felt by many, for he was one of the live, big-hearted, progressive spirits of Meyersdale.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Regena Reich, gave a very delightful dance at the Auditorium Friday evening of last week to a few of her friends in honor of her aunt, Miss Leota Smith, and friend, Miss Caroline Craney, of Pittsburgh, who were her guests, the past two weeks.

Charming appointments prevailed at the reception given by Mrs. C. W. Truxal at her home on Broadway street, last Friday afternoon. The hours were from three to five o'clock, when a number of her daughter Miss Beatrice's friends were invited to meet her house guests, Miss Kathryn Philson of Johnstown, and Miss Marguerite Berthy of Cohen, W. Va.

On Monday evening Miss Truxal entertained a large number of her friends by giving a dance at the Auditorium in honor of her guests, Miss Philson, and Miss Berthy, who were honor guests at the reception, and Miss Harriet Hill of Pittsburgh, who arrived here on Saturday. This was pronounced one of the most delightful social affairs of the season. After the dance the guests went to the Truxal home on Broadway where a delicious lunch was served.

ONE O'CLOCK LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Paul D. Clutton was hostess on Saturday when she entertained at a one o'clock luncheon. The decorations were in pink and white and the center piece was a French basket of sweet peas. The honor guest was her sister-in-law, Miss Frances Clutton, of Slippery Rock, who has been visiting here for several weeks.

INFORMAL PARTY.

Miss Grace Kendall entertained informally at her home on North street, Saturday evening, in honor of her house guests the Misses Mary Willa and Kathryn Kendall of Pittsburgh; Miss Annie Campbell of Mechanicsburg, Miss Rosena Zuhurst and Miss Reta Van Nest of Washington, D. C. The out-of-town guests were Misses Harriet Hill of Pittsburgh, Kathryn Philson of Johnstown, Marguerite Berthy of Cohen, W. Va.; Eloise Somerlatt of Cumberland, Mary Stickle of Frederick, Md., and Florence Maust of Salisbury.

MIRIAM GLESSNER ENTERTAINS HER GIRL FRIENDS.

At her residence on the avenue, Tuesday July 15, Miriam Glessner gave to her girl friends a delightful party which celebrated her twelfth birthday. At an early hour in the evening the girls assembled and engaged in games and contests, chief of which was a "doll-dressing" contest. Each one present was provided with a doll and materials. The products of the seamstresses manifested much originality and skill as style creators.

The first of the three prizes offered for neatness and originality was won by Louise Hocking; the second by Katherine Aurandt; and the third by Julia Hobbittzell. In fact all the girls deserved congratulations upon the general excellence of the workmanship.

At six o'clock a luncheon was served in the dining room. The color scheme was pink and was carried out in a pleasing manner.

The following were present: Hilda Lichty, Stella Rowe, Louise Hocking, Elizabeth Hocking, Nancy Rutter, Margaret Shipley, Mary and Julia Cover, Julia Hobbittzell, Rhea and Katherine Aurandt, Alice Moore, Deeter Appel, Kathryn Sipple, Pauline Kriemer, Bessie Bittner, and Bertha Glessner.

FOUNTAIN COMPLETED.

The long looked for fountain for which the Civic League had been working for for months is at last finding its reward in a finished fountain, furnishing an abundance of crystal water for man and dog; water from the noted Sand Spring.

The concrete foundation was laid by the well-known firm of Beal & Weimer. Baer & Company have made the water connections and erected the fountain.

In the large basin there are four faucets, and below are two receptacles for thirsty dogs to quench their thirst. The fountain is massive and yet very beautiful, towering to a height of about 12 feet from the base. Three lights, at the top, furnish ample light for all who have occasion to get a drink.

On the side panel facing Centre st. are the words in relief "Meyersdale Civic League 1913."

BASE BALL.

MEYERSDALE DEFEATED AT CUMBERLAND.

In one of the hardest fought base ball battles of the season on Saturday Meyersdale was defeated at Cumberland by the score of 2 to 1.

It was a great pitchers battle between our own Johnny Stafford and Bell, the Cumberland pitcher, with the former having the better of the argument all the way through, although Cumberland won, due to errors. Stafford gave but two hits while neither was a good clean hit. Diehl relieved Bell in the last evening and held Meyersdale safe.

MEYERSDALE.	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
Swearman, ss.	4 0 1 0 1 2
Bowman, mf.	4 1 2 0 0 0
Wilhelm, lf.	4 0 2 0 0 0
Priece, lb.	4 0 1 10 0 0
Bennings, rf.	4 0 1 1 2 0
McElfish, 2b.	4 0 1 1 2 0
Clark, c.	4 0 0 11 1 1
Blecher, 3b.	3 0 0 1 3 0
Stafford, p.	2 0 0 0 3 1
Totals.	33 1 8 24 10 4

CUMBERLAND.	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
Geatz, 3b.	4 0 0 1 3 0
Blackburn, lf.	4 0 0 1 0 1
May, lb.	3 0 0 7 0 0
C. Lippold, 2b.	3 1 1 3 2 0
Marean, mf.	2 0 0 1 1 0
O'Toole, 2b.	3 0 0 1 0 1
Rodenbaugh, rf.	3 1 1 2 0 0
Brode, c.	3 0 0 11 0 0
Bell, p.	2 0 0 0 3 0
Diehl, p.	1 0 0 0 1 0
Totals.	28 2 2 27 10 2

Meyersdale.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1
Cumberland.....0 1 0 0 0 0 1 x—2

Summary—Struck out by Bell 11, Stafford 10, stolen base, C. Lippold 2, Rodenbaugh; sacrifice hit Marean; double play, Marean to O'Toole; wild pitch, Bell; hit by pitcher, Stafford. Time—2:25. Umpire—Ritchey.

MEYERSDALE VS. MT. SAVAGE.

The Meyersdale ball team played a game at Mt. Savage on Sunday afternoon. Danny Miller was on the mound for Meyersdale and held the Maryland team down to a few scattered hits. Meyersdale played a good game and won by the score of 3 to 0.

BERLIN VS. MEYERSDALE.

The Berlin and Meyersdale, ball teams will play a game of ball tomorrow (Friday) on the Slicer grounds. The last game Berlin defeated Meyersdale. Our boys will try to even up matters tomorrow.

PITTSBURGH COLLEGIANS.

The Pittsburgh Collegians will play here Monday and Tuesday of next week.

MARRIED AT LANCASTER, PA.

On Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock, Dr. Cyrus W. Truxal, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Truxal, were united in the bonds of matrimony, in Lancaster, to Miss Elizabeth J. Frey, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Catnell. The ceremony was performed by his father, in the presence of the immediate friends of both families. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, John D. Skiles, of Lancaster. W. Curtis Truxal, Esq., of Somerset, brother of the groom was best man.

The wedding was a quiet but pretty function. The bride wore a travelling costume of blue and she also wore orcnids and lilies of the valley. After the wedding there was a breakfast for the immediate families.

The young couple left on a wedding trip and upon their return they will reside in Lancaster. While on their honeymoon they will visit Meyersdale next week.

Dr. Truxal, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, of the Haenehan College of Medicine, of Philadelphia. The groom is well known here, and highly respected, while the bride has also been in Meyersdale and has made a number of friends here.

Dr. Truxal, will take up the practice of medicine next year.

FROM THE WEST.

Simon Shaulis of Waterloo, Iowa, is another one of the veterans who came a long distance to attend the reunion at Gettysburg. He left the west on June 16th, and will spend three months on his visit. Mr. Shaulis left Somerset county in 1874. He was born and reared near Berlin, and while Pennsylvania has made no less than seven trips to his native state, yet as a place which he calls home Iowa is his choice.

THE GRIM REAPER

MRS. EPHRAIM WALKER.

Mrs. Sara Keller Walker, wife of Ephraim Walker, who had been ill a long time died last Thursday morning at the Walker home, at Shanksville, aged 66 years. The funeral took place at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning from the Pike Church of the Brethren, where the services were conducted by Rev. D. L. Walker, of near Somerset. The deceased was born in Somerset county and was a daughter of Casper and Catharine Keller. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Rauser, and Mrs. Reitz, both living in the state of Iowa. Her husband to whom she was married about 42 years ago, survives her, together with two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. The sons are Charles E. Walker, of Johnstown, who has been at Shanksville for several days; Newton Walker, and Miss Margaret Walker, both of Davidsville and Miss Sara Walker, at home. Mrs. Walker was a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren.

MRS. LOUISE S. CROWE.

Mrs. Louise Crowe, was born on the National Pike 2 miles west of Frostburg, Md., August 17, 1837. She was a daughter of Jesse W. Chaney and Susan Lohr Chaney, and was married to George A. Crowe, October 11, 1855. She died at her home near Frostburg, Md., Monday afternoon, July 14, 1913, after a short illness of apoplexy, aged 75 years.

She was a lifelong member of the M. E. church, of which she was very faithful, and a devout christian. She was a teacher in the Sunday school since 1871.

She is survived by her aged husband, and the following children:—Floyd, Thomas, and John who reside near the old home, Clarence E., and Eugene of this place and George, of Frostburg, Mrs. Henrietta Murphy and Mrs. Annie Wilson, near Frostburg, Mrs. Carrie Finzel, of Davis, W. Va., and one sister at Lockwood, Md., 50 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren also survive.

She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Emmanuel chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large and sorrowing crowd of relatives and friends.

MRS. ALICE LARGENT.

Alice Largent, who lived on the corner of High and Eighth streets, died on Tuesday morning at 2:00 o'clock in the Johnstown hospital. Mrs. Largent was the widow of John Largent, who was killed on the B. & O. railroad about 16 years ago. A son aged 14 years, died 12 years ago. Mrs. Largent had been ailing for a number of years. Three weeks ago she went to the hospital suffering from a complication of maladies, stomach trouble, enlarged liver, and gall enlargement. The immediate cause of her death was through an operation resulting from the removal of the gall.

Undertaker J. F. Reich went to Johnstown on Tuesday morning and brought her remains to town on train No. 58. Mrs. Largent is survived by the following brothers and sisters:—Charles Streng of town, Prof. A. A. Streng, for many years principal of the Latrobe High school, but now of New Waterford, Ohio, Mrs. Alvey Murray of Johnstown, and Mrs. B. F. Boyd of Bellaire, Ohio.

The funeral is being held today, Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of the Lutheran church officiating. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MRS. MULL.

Mrs. Mull, an aged lady of Mance, died July 14, 1913. She was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Reformed church. The funeral services are being held today at 1:00 o'clock, by her pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge, assisted by Rev. H. H. Wiart. Interment in Mt. Lebanon cemetery.

Three granddaughters survive her, as follows:—Gertrude, Mayme and Margaret Lynch, children of her daughter, who was the wife of Philip Lynch, of this place, and died about ten years ago.

LOYD MCKENZIE.

Lloyd McKenzie, child of W. H. McKenzie, and wife, of near Pocahontas, died on Monday July 14th, 1913, and was buried on Wednesday, July 16th, in the Beal cemetery, Rev. A. S. Kresge, officiated.