

LETTER FROM ILLINOIS.

Joseph L. Fike, in renewing his subscription to The Commercial encloses these interesting items:

Milledgeville, Ill., Aug. 12, 1913.

A. M. Schaffner, Editor The Commercial.

Dear Sir, In the year 1833 I was born and raised 3 miles west of Meyersdale, on the William P. Meyers farm. In 1870 I moved from the Kinsinger farm adjoining the home farm to Milledgeville, Ill., where I still live. In 1909 I paid my last visit to Meyersdale. My old stamping ground, Meyersdale, made great changes in improvements in the 38 years. So did Milledgeville, a lively little business village, no saloons in it, and on the main line of the B. & O. railroad to St. Paul.

Our last winter was mild, not much snow, not over four inches at any time. Spring was late and cold, which made seeding and planting late, but since in the West I never saw corn grow faster than it did in the last two months. The weather has been very hot for the last three or four days, the mercury several times being up to 102 in the shade. Pasture and hay crops are good, a great deal of hay was baled and shipped to make room for the new crop. The oats crop is fair and light in weight. Wheat yield is good. Potato crop will be short. Berries of all kinds and cherries quite plentiful. The weather was getting rather dry until last Tuesday night when we had a heavy rain, lightning struck a large barn, burning it down and on Saturday night we had another hard rain, lightning striking three more barns and killed 12 steers for a neighbor. Our nearest neighbor has sixty steers, as fine as you can find anywhere. Six months on feed average 1450 lbs.. He also has eighty fat hogs and 320 spring pigs. I think his cattle will bring 9 cents a pound. Prospects are for a large corn crop.

JOSEPH J. FIKE.

ACTIVITY ALONG THE WESTERN MARYLAND.

That the industries in the territory served by the lines of the Western Maryland Railway company are in a highly prosperous state is evidenced by the increased demand for labor at this time. So wide is the market for the products turned out by these plants, that many of them would double their present capacity provided they could procure the required number of additional workmen. Lack of labor is preventing them from taking full advantage of present active market condition.

For instance, at Chambersburg, Pa., an exceptionally prosperous point on the Western Maryland, about seventy young men are needed in the silk mills. The owner of the mills stand ready to double or even the triple the output of his plant just as soon as he can feel reasonably sure of getting sufficient help to warrant him in making the outlay necessary.

An effort is being made by the citizens of the newspaper, to attract young men, willing to work, work to that town. The fact is made known that positions are open to them, and that is coming they will not only be fitting themselves, but Chambersburg as well. The silk manufacturers are eager to go ahead and enlarge their plants, provided they can get enough hands to operate additional looms.

What is said of Chambersburg can be applied with equal emphasis to other thriving places along the Western Maryland lines. The demand for labor continues good, and new plants are springing up, as if by magic, thus creating a greater need for help and more prosperity for the communities in which they propose to operate in the future.

By reason of this healthy situation in the industrial line in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, positions should be easy to find.

IN BOSWELL LOCK-UP.

Boswell, Aug. 12.—Chief of Police J. C. Bentley and Constable Ed. Arisman on Tuesday afternoon caught one of two men who held up a Jerome foreigner Monday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock and took \$20 from him. The prisoner is Frank Phillips, of Boswell, who has been identified as one of the highwaymen. An information charging highway robbery has been made against him before Justice of the Peace Combecker and a hearing will probably be held this evening.

The Jerome foreigner had been to Boswell and collected some back pay. He was on his way home when two men came up from the rear and covered him with two revolvers. Two ten-dollar bills were taken from the foreigner.

The highwayman not yet captured is described as being five feet nine inches tall, weighs about 150 to 160 pounds, is 20 or 21 years old, wears blue suit, light cap, and soft shirt, and has a smooth face.

SOMERSET COUNCIL AND BURGESS AT LOGGER-HEADS.

Somerset playgrounds women are jubilant over the failure of the Town Council at its regular meeting on Friday night to act on the veto of Burgess Frank M. Forney of an ordinance opening North Columbia Avenue, which would take almost half of the now used by the playgrounds' association. The land is owned by the municipality. It is claimed that under a recent Supreme Court decision in a case appealed from Lackawanna county it is necessary for Council to dispose of vetoes at the first regular meeting following the filing of the veto by the Burgess.

If the matter reaches the courts it is asserted that charges of a grave nature will be embodied in the bill on which an enjoining order from the court will be asked. Burgess Forney, in his veto, states that Council neglected to properly advertise the location of the proposed street when the ordinance was published. The ordinance has already been published twice the required number of times in newspapers, but it is contended by the Burgess that the defect has not yet been cured.

Declaring that the destruction of the public playgrounds by council in attempting to open the street over the same is obviously for a selfish purpose, Burgess Forney vetoed the ordinance. He says he is opposed to the destruction of any part of the playgrounds unless those benefited by the opening of the street compensate the playgrounds' association.

In a red-hot statement of his reasons for disapproving council's action the Burgess points out that council is flagrantly inconsistent and sizes up their official acts as an invitation to the taking into court by angry citizens, hundreds of whom petitioned council to spare the playgrounds. The petitions were ignored by a unanimous vote of the borough dads, some of whom in advance of their action declared that the petitions would not be considered.

Burgess Forney vetoed the North Columbia Avenue ordinance, stating that those who benefit by the new street proposed to take the land required for the same from their neighbors instead of furnishing even a portion of the land themselves. One of the neighbors, it so happens, is the municipality, which own the playgrounds, from which land worth at least \$5,000 would be taken to "serve private interests at the expense of the community." He further labels this action "inequitable and unfair to the neighboring property owners," and charges Council with several irregularities which, he claims are fatal defects as far as the legality of the ordinance is concerned.

Burgess Forney's veto is interpreted by many to mean that the entire matter will be promptly thrown into the courts for an impartial examination of the official acts of Council, in case his veto is not sustained.

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PRES. FRITZGERALD RECEIVES GOLD MEDAL

By direction of His Excellency, the Governor, and our commission, I have the honor to present to you the medal of gold for the splendid services individually rendered by you and also by your road in handling so successfully the great volume of traffic in and out of Gettysburg during the Reunion Celebration. The promptness with which your train movements were made, was, in view of the extraordinary conditions prevailed, in itself, most commendable, but above and beyond all was the splendid achievement of no accident of the slightest character occurring during the entire period.

The medal on its obverse side, contains two veterans kneeling at the feet of liberty, above which is the inscription, "Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863-1913." On the reverse side there is a design of the clasped hands, emblematic of the union of the two sections in lasting friendship and brotherly-love.

No man labored harder at Gettysburg for the successful handling of the surviving soldiers than did the chief executive of the Western Maryland. Day in and day out, during the period, he was on duty from early morning until midnight, joining hands with train master, train dispatcher, and yard master in directing the operation of trains. It was this faithfulness to duty on the part of the president and every man under him which enabled the Western Maryland to establish a record which has never before been equaled by a single-track railroad. President Fitzgerald is proud of this record and greatly appreciates the words of praise that have come from Governor Tenor and the members of the Gettysburg Commission.

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RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Miss Edna Rush Meyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Meyers, and Wallace N. Berkebile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin T. Berkebile, both of Hooversville, were married at Hooversville, August 10, by the Rev. Perry J. Shriver, pastor of the Hooversville Lutheran church.

Miss Ethel Evelyn Bearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bearl, and Wm. Morris McIlveen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McIlveen, of Pittsburgh, were married at Somerset, August 9th, by the Rev. S. G. Buckner, pastor of the Somerset Christian Church.

Miss Blanche Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Lambert, and Clarence H. Kimmel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran A. Kimmel, both of Stonycreek township, were married at Somerset, August 9, by the Rev. Hiram King.

Miss Josephine Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wood, and Carl Chilma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orgina Chilma, both of Confluence, were married at Confluence, August 8, by Justice of the Peace, George G. Groff.

Miss Anna Zorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zorn, of Berlin, and George E. Walbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walbert, of Waynesboro, Pa., were married at Berlin, August 7, by the Rev. H. B. Burkholder, pastor of the Berlin Lutheran church.

Miss Florence P. Winters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winters, and J. Stanley Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Griffith, both of Jenner Township, were married at Stoyestown, August 9, by the Rev. J. S. English, pastor of the Stoyestown Lutheran church.

Miss Bessie Viola Peppley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Peppley, and Sylvester G. Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Carver, both of Shade Township, were married at Somerset, August 9, by Marriage License Clerk, James B. Landis.

Miss Emma Darl Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Wagner, of Shade Township, and Earle Trevox Lohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lohr, were married at Hooversville, August 8, by the Rev. G. K. Allen.

Miss Lillian Belle Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pearson, of Rummel, and James Garfield Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer, of Windber, were married at Paint Borough, August 8, by Justice of the Peace S. P. Sourbrine.

Sparks From the Electric Wire

Electric saws are being used by butchers in cutting up meats.

Electricity is now applied to nearly all kinds of power driven machinery. All the largest Canadian steamships must now be equipped with wireless outfits.

New electric fans will flash words and sentences from a perforated roll of paper.

A portable searchlight has been perfected for linemen to be used in night repair work.

A new dam on the Columbia River is expected to develop 300,000 electric horse power.

The coal handling machinery of the Panama Canal coaling stations will be operated by electricity.

California orange growers are experimenting with electric heaters to protect their trees from frost.

More than twenty-three million dollars' worth of electrical machinery was exported from this country last year.

Florists use artificial electric heat to force the blooming of Easter lilies this year because Easter came so early.

The amount of capital invested in the electrical business in the United States is in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000,000.

One of the largest incubators in use for hatching chicks is to be found in New Orleans. It is operated by electricity and the heat is automatically controlled.

A new Asiatic cable will be laid from Hong Kong via Colombo and Singapore. It will be six million miles long and cost five million dollars.

New York City will spend three hundred million dollars for new subway systems. Four years from now the city will be operating six hundred miles of single track in service beneath the city.

An inventor claims to have perfected a system of rapid telegraphy capable of 40,000 an hour. A beam of light playing upon a strip of sensitized paper records the messages.

A resident of Northboro, Mass., lights his home with electricity secured from the storage battery of his gasoline automobile. During the day, when the car is running, the battery is charged. Nights the battery is connected to the house circuit. The house is lighted with five 16 candlepower lamps.

Somerset County's Large Crops.

Lovers of the luscious "roastin' ear" may well be in transports of rapture, for, if nothing unforeseen turns up, there is going to be a large crop of corn. The alternate rains and hot sunshine early in the summer caused considerable damage to some crops and just about killed all chance of a large apple and pear yield in this vicinity, but corn is to be had in abundance.

In the fat lands of Somerset county acres and acres are given over to the raising of this commodity. There is always a big demand for corn in the city markets. Farmers in this region are selling little corn just now, as it will be at least a month before the crop is ripe. But when it is there will be corn in abundance.

Notwithstanding the dire predictions of the farmers at the beginning of the summer, when the weather was so bad for farming, the crop of hay is fair, at least throughout Somerset county. Hay has almost all been cut and taken from the fields, although there are still some fields to be cut and burned. The commodity is selling at \$11 to \$12 per ton from meadow, while in the city market it commands \$16 to \$17 per ton.

Oats are ripe and the work of getting the crop from the fields is beginning. The crop is excellent throughout Somerset county, which is known as a country of corn, hay, oats and potatoes. The latter crop is large, as is also the crop of buckwheat, which is now in blossom.

There will be a dearth of apples in the markets in the fall, as this crop has been practically ruined by the heavy frosts early in the summer. In fact, all fruits in this vicinity will be scarce. Pears, plums, peaches and all fruits were badly frost-bitten early in the season.

A strange freak of nature is to be observed on fruit trees throughout Somerset county, especially apples and pears. One or two limbs on some of the trees are fairly groaning under the weight of their fruit, while the remainder of the tree will be almost bare.

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MARKET REPORT.

Corrected weekly by McKenzie & Smith.

PAYING PRICE.

Butter, per pound.....	22-25c
Eggs, per doz.....	21-23c
Chickens, per pound.....	12c
Country Side, per pound.....	14c
Apple butter, per gal.....	65c
Shoulder, per pound.....	13c
Ham.....	16c

Corrected weekly by Becker & Streng.

SELLING PRICE.

Corn, per bus.....	85c
Oats.....	50c
Wheat, per bus.....	\$1 05
Wheat chop, per cwt.....	1 90
Corn and oats, per cwt. home ground.....	1 65
Flour, "Best on Record" per bbl. 5 45	
"King of Minnesota" 60 cent patent, per barrel.....	6 00

As long as the present stock of goods last, we will make photographs at one half the regular price. All portrait frames will also go at the same rate. We guarantee all goods to be strictly first class and up-to-date. E. E. Conrad, ad

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Citizens National Bank, OF MEYERSDALE, PA., at the close of business August 9, 1913.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$21 203 43
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2 433 08
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	65 000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....	8 000 00
Other bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....	2 000 00
Other bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	3 000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	1 000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	78 394 34
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	25 800 00
Other Real Estate owned.....	6 200 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	6 307 03
Due from approved reserve agents.....	113 448 94
Checks and other cash items.....	2 710 00
Notes of other National Banks.....	580 50
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	318 33
Legal-tender notes.....	65 433 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....	3 250 00
Total.....	\$ 999,573 65

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 65,000 00
Surplus fund.....	100,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	15,548 58
National Bank notes outstanding.....	65,000 00
Dividends unpaid.....	30 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	469,121 55
Demand certificates of deposit.....	399 60
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	270,754 55
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	715 07
United States deposits.....	10,000 00
Postal Savings Deposits.....	2,108 73
Reserved for taxes and interest.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 999,573 65

State of Pennsylvania, ss. County of Somerset, J. B. H. PHILSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. R. E. PHILSON, Cashier. Correct-Attest: W. T. HOLTZELLE, CLARENCE MOORE, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 1913. My commission expires March 26, 1915. ROBERT COOK, Notary Public.



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Report of the Condition of the **Citizens National Bank,** MEYERSDALE, PA., At the Close of Business, August 9, 1913.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Investments.....	\$713,230 75
U. S. Bonds.....	74,000 00
Banking House.....	29,300 00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents.....	123,006 05
Cash.....	60,039 83
Total.....	\$999,576 65

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....	\$ 65,000 00
Surplus.....	100,000 00
Undivided Profits.....	15,548 58
Circulation.....	65,000 00
Deposits.....	744,028 07
U. S. Government Deposit.....	10,000 00
Total.....	\$999,576 65

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