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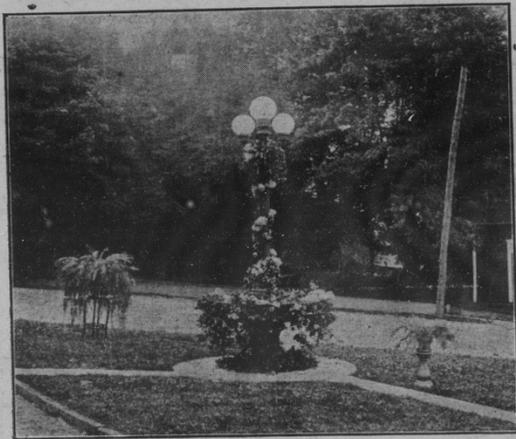
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CIVIC LEAGUE DEDICATES FOUNTAIN

Impressive Exercises, in Which Many of Our Citizens Participated—Fountain Beautifully Decorated.



Fountain Erected by the Civic League

The Civic League of Meyersdale occupied the lime light on Friday evening, when the much admired fountain was dedicated amidst a profusion of flowers and ferns, under the soft rays of the electric light and amidst the enthusiastic assemblage of hundreds of people under a clouded canopy over their heads and slippery walks under their feet.

This event was an interesting occasion and a fitting climax to the work which the members of the Civic League carried to a successful execution. Prof. W. H. Kretzman was chairman of the meeting. The following program was carried out:

Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., pastor of the Reformed church, offered the prayer.

Miss Jessie McKinley, president of the Civic League, in well chosen and a neat speech, presented the fountain to the city. In concluding her presentation, she expressed the hope that the fountain would be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Burgess J. F. Reich in behalf of Meyersdale accepted the fountain and dedicated it to the service of Meyersdale in a short speech of well chosen words and evenly balanced sentences. It was a literary gem to which the audience was treated by his honor, the Mayor.

Three of the pastors of town made short addresses. Rev. G. A. Neel called attention to the work of the league, the help rendered by others, of the prizes offered by the league

for beautiful lawns, and the future work of the league in behalf of Meyersdale. He brought out the thought that utility is defective, abnormal, irregular and unfair, unless accompanied by the beautiful. That the necessary things we must have and will have, but let us also have the beautiful when we can have it.

Rev. H. L. Goughnour, spoke of the great humanitarian idea, of helping others. That the erection of the fountain was for the whole town. That the spirit of helpfulness in beautifying the town was manifest in the work of the Civic League which he commended, and urged the citizens to co-operated in the movements for the good of the town.

Father Brady, the last speaker said, The ladies had given him three minutes for his speech, and Providence had given him one minute, for just when he commenced his speech rain drops began to fall. He brought out the beautiful thought, that everything done for the uplift of humanity is acceptable to Almighty God.

Prof. Kretzman in behalf of the Civic League, thanked the band for furnishing music, the pastors of town, the municipality represented by the burgess, and for all who had a part in the work of the erection of the fountain and for those who honored the occasion by being present at the dedicatory exercises.

Dr. Truxal pronounced the benediction. Music by the band.

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.

In another column appears the name of Joseph J. Snyder of Friedens, candidate for the nomination to the office of Director of the Poor. His attitude during his past candidacy is explained and his plans for the future are made known in the accompanying letter:

DEAR EDITOR:—Two years ago some of the Ruppel supporters said that I sacrificed the nomination for County Auditor by being an open supporter of the Republican candidate for Judge, which I of course granted as true. But I did not sacrifice principle, and am still a Republican and on the same anti-Ruppel platform, and if nominated by my party I shall then define my anti-Ruppel platform and go before the whole people for election.

JOSEPH J. SNYDER.

VAL GRESS ANNOUNCES

In another column appears the announcement of one of Meyersdale's well known citizens, Valentine Gress for the nomination for Burgess of Meyersdale. Mr. Gress has been a citizen of Meyersdale for many years, a member of the city council for seven years and on his retirement from office was president of that body. He is an active candidate for the office and among other things bases his claims for support on his fidelity to the city's interests when he was councilman.

Miss Elizabeth Hauger, left Sunday for Pittsburgh, where she will spend several weeks with relatives and friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS ENJOYED.

The Reformed Sunday school picniced at Riverside park last Thursday, the weather was fine, the attendance was large and everybody had a good time.

On Friday the Brethren Sunday school was booked for Riverside. The early morning rain interfered very much with the attendance and the pleasures of the day.

Yesterday the Catholic's had their day. While early in the morning a few drops of rain fell and the weather conditions were unfavorable, yet later on the sun came out and the day was almost ideal bringing many to the park, where all enjoyed the day's outing.

SOUTH SIDE BUSY.

Ex-county Commissioner John Wagaman is engaged in erecting a fine residence on Salisbury street.

William Brandt is laying a sewer at his residence.

Frank Miller is excavating for a cellar.

NEW TRIALS REFUSED.

Judge Ruppel on Monday heard testimony in the equity case of Margaret Phillips et al. vs. the Connelville and State Line Railway company. The bill was filed to prevent the closing of a certain right-of-way by the defendant company.

Judge J. M. Woods handed down opinions last Saturday, in the following cases, refusing a new trial in all: Stewart vs. Mount Smokeless Coal company; Adam Berkebile, vs. Simon Shaffer; Cogan vs. Johnson; Peter Snyder's executor vs. Coughenour; Addie Z. Lichty's vs. Fred Rowe.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

The coming three Sundays will witness services of a specially interesting nature at St. Paul's, Wilhelm church in Elk Lick twp. The service of next Sunday will be in observance of Labor Day, and the order of service rendered will be that prepared by the Commission on the Church and Social Service. On the following Sunday, September 7th, the service will be in recognition of the opening of the public schools in Elk Lick township. On September 14th, the annual Harvest Home Services will be held. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Hassler, will preach sermons appropriate to the occasion at all these services, and in other ways they will be interesting and profitable. Next Sunday in particular are working-men especially, and all people invited to be present.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On August 15th, Mr. David Lindaman of Olinger street, celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth, and in honor of the occasion he was tendered a surprise party, which was arranged by his relatives and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Lindaman was the recipient of a number of beautiful gifts including a purse of money.

FAIR AND FARMERS' REUNION

Parades and Prizes—\$245 in Gold Will be Given in Different Events.

The Meyersdale Fair and Farmers' Reunion promises to reach large proportions this year and the parades on three days of the week are bound to be interesting and attractive.

The Fair Association has decided not to have Fraternal organization and trades display parades this year, but instead on that day have a Firemen's parade on a large scale.

The scholars of the Meyersdale schools will be out on Tuesday morning to parade, the Firemen of the county, and from Georges Creek, Md., on Wednesday morning will be an interesting feature, and then the last parade will be the farmers on Thursday. We all remember the good account they gave of themselves last year. They are trying to surpass that great event.

Tuesday, 10:30 a. m. School Children's parade and display. \$25 in gold for school room decorations. Wednesday, 10:30 a. m. Firemen's parade. Three cash prizes—Best ap-

TWO SUITS AGAINST BANK.

As a sequel to the alleged defalcation of \$43,000 from the Farmers National Bank of Somerset by its former cashier, Henry F. Barron, came on Tuesday with the filing of two actions against the bank. The poor house directors of the county obtained an attachment and execution against the bank for the personal property of Barron which are found in the hands of Harry L. Sipe, the cashier.

The second action was a suit brought by ex-Judge Francis J. Kooser in behalf of W. F. Gonder and Newton Gonder, executors of the estate of Frederick Gonder of Jenner township, to recover \$5,160 the dead man is alleged to have deposited in the bank.

The executors gave a check for this amount to be collected through the First National Bank of Boswell and claim that it was returned with the notation that no funds were on deposit in Gonder's name.

CAMPERS RETURN.

As is his custom, T. W. Gurley, each year, together with his family, spend some time in camping in the solitudes of the woods near Stanton's Dam, one mile east of Grantsville, so when the day arrived, in automobiles piled high with cooking utensils, bed clothing, grub etc, they made their exodus from town, with kids and dogs following in their wake. When they reached their destination the fun began. The first thing was to unpack and get things in order. And no one held back when the dinner hour was announced.

The time was occupied in fishing, shooting mark, swimming and poaching on the land of the nearby farmers.

Mr. Gurley was bent on having a lively time, for at least twenty boys from the surrounding community together with his son's playmates from town enjoyed the outing to the fullest extent. The boys caught, or attempted to catch fish which was one of their main foods, and when the supply of other grub ran low, the Gurley car came to town to replenish the stock. At night they built a huge bonfire and then Mr. Gurley amused them by telling Indian stories until the boys began to get drowsy and all were packed off to bed. The boys say that the nights were as cold as the days were warm but they managed to keep from freezing by huddling together. In the morning they had to break ice from water bucket before they could take a drink.

On Sunday seemed to be their big day as about 75 persons visited their camp on the first Sunday and about 40 the second.

After spending nearly two weeks in their place of enjoyment, they broke camp on Monday and returned home. Say you ought to see the Gurley kids now, they look like little brownies. All who spent any time out at the camp say it was the best time they ever had.

TEACHER ELECTED.

At a special meeting of the school board on Tuesday evening, J. Henry Coleman was elected teacher in the High School. He is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College, and has besides other work, been teaching in the Philippines for four years.

DEATH HAS A LARGE HARVEST

Mrs. Mosholder and Mrs. Gress, Two of Meyersdale's Highly Respected and Aged Ladies, Passed Away—Mr. Johnson Meets Tragic Death—Mrs. Engle Yields to a Complication of Diseases.

On August 9th, Joseph Mosholder and his wife, two aged and highly respected people of Meyersdale, left for Akron and other places in Ohio to visit relatives and friends, and to attend the Mosholder family reunion in that state.

Last Friday night a telegram was received by friends, of the illness of Mrs. Mosholder. In those few words the condition was serious. Her sons left at once to be at the bedside of their mother. After they had left for Akron, another message was received apprising the community that Mrs. Mosholder had passed away. The remains were prepared and shipped, leaving Akron on Saturday evening at 5:00 o'clock, and while the remains were in transit to Meyersdale, the sons were hastening westward to her bedside, and somewhere along the line the trains passed, one going east with the remains and the other going west with the sons. The remains reached Meyersdale at noon on Sunday and the sons made their return Sunday evening.

Hanna Caroline Wilhelmina Wittig Mosholder was born in Germany, February 4, 1848, and died on Saturday, August 23rd, aged 65 years, 6 months and 19 days. She came to America when she was a child four years of age. She was married to Joseph Mosholder on August 30, 1856, almost forty-seven years ago. To this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters. One son Charles died in childhood. She is survived by her husband and the following children:—Emma Elizabeth, married to George Bopp of Allegheny; Herbert F. of Rockwood, Florence E. married to Alexander Baer of Akron, Ohio, and Maurice A. of Meyersdale, and two sisters, Zura Wittig and Mrs. Daniel Alt of Berlin.

Mrs. Mosholder had strong religious convictions, and was most zealous in the cause of temperance, having been an earnest and active member of the W. C. T. U. of Meyersdale. As a neighbor she was highly respected and showed a deep interest in the misfortunes and sufferings of others.

When she left home she was concerned about the health of her husband, but he in the providence of God was permitted to return home while she was summoned to the great beyond.

She was a faithful and consistent member of the Amity Reformed church. The funeral service was conducted at the Mosholder home on Beachley street, by her pastor, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. The trip was made overland to Berlin, where interment was made.

On Tuesday afternoon, one of Meyersdale's aged pilgrims ceased her journey when Mrs. Catharine Strube Gress, passed away. She was the widow of John George Gress, who died about 14 years ago.

She was born September 21st, 1844, in Germany, and died August 26th, 1913, aged 69 years, 10 months and 25 days.

In 1882, the family came to America. A family of eight children were born to this union, two of whom died in Germany and two in America, one died in childhood and three were grown-up consequently four children survive to mourn her loss. Ex-councilman Valentine Gress, and John Gress, of Meyersdale, Mrs. Christine Rector, of McKeesport, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Kalffleish, of McHenry, Md.

She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie Keidle, of Meyersdale, and Mrs. Elizabeth Meel, of Germany. There are ten grandchildren living. She and her son John lived together, on Salisbury street.

For thirty-one years Mrs. Gress has been living in Meyersdale and was well and favorably known by many people. Mrs. Gress had been in poor health for several years, yet attended to her household duties until she was stricken with her fatal illness on Saturday.

She had been subject to dropsy, but apparently a few weeks before her death this disease had subsided, but only to attack her heart, when the end came suddenly on Tuesday.

She was a faithful and consistent member of Amity Reformed church. The funeral service is being held today at 2:00 p. m., conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. Interment in the Reformed cemetery.

IRA JOHNSON.

Last Thursday one of Summit township's finest and best young men was seriously hurt while operating a saw mill in manufacturing shingles, when a block accidentally got on the saw and was hurled with terrific force against the abdomen of Ira Johnson, cutting his bowels in three places, and resulting in his death.

Ira Johnson was the son of Daniel Johnson, and a grandson of the venerable Daniel Johnson of the Johnson corner near the Handwerk school.

He is survived by his mother, wife, six children, and three brothers, John of Norfolk, Va., Martin and Adam, adjoining the estate. After the accident he was taken to the home of R. J. Engle, from which place he could not be removed. His death occurred on Sunday evening at 9:00 o'clock.

Dr. Hemminger attended Mr. Johnson. Dr. Johnson of Cumberland, was also called, and the care of a nurse was given to Mr. Johnson, but there was no hope for his recovery.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday. Interment took place in the cemetery of the Centre Lutheran church. Rev. Mr. Carney of Garrett, officiated.

The community was shocked to learn of this misfortune, and death of a young man in the prime of life. A deep and abiding sympathy goes out to the wife and orphaned children in this great calamity.

MRS. JOSEPH ENGLE.

Mrs. Malinda Engle nee Folk, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Opel, at Summit Mills, on Monday, August 18th, from a complication of diseases incident to advanced age, she being 67 years, 1 month and 28 days old. Mrs. Engle was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Folk of Elk Lick township, long deceased. Many years ago she united in marriage with Joseph Engle, who died about six years ago. Mrs. Engle is survived by the following children: Mrs. Grant Dean of Texas, Mrs. J. A. Opel of Summit Mills, R. J. Engle of Summit Mills, Mrs. Francis Sipple of Coa Run, Mrs. William Harding of West Salisbury, Samuel Engle of Coal Run, and George Engle of Boswell; also 28 grand children, two brothers viz: Simon and Ephraim Folk, and one sister, Mrs. D. J. Engle.

Mrs. Engle was a very devout woman a good mother, a kind neighbor, always willing to assist in a good cause. The funeral was largely attended at St. Paul's Reformed church of which she was a life long and faithful member. Her pastor, Rev. E. S. Hassler, officiated. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery.

CLOSE A COAL DEAL.

A deal involving the transfer of 215 acres surface and mineral rights of the George B. Manges farm near the new mining town of Cairnbrook was closed on Monday. M. L. Reiman, of Johnstown, who held an option on the property, making the transfer to John Lochrie of Windber for a consideration that is in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The property is underlain with two of the finest veins of coal to be found in Somerset county and adjoining holdings of the Berwind-White company, the consolidation coal company and the Loyalhanna Coal and Coke company. Of the surface, 100 acres has been cleared and is in a good state of cultivation, while the remaining 115 acres is covered by an excellent second growth of timber, suitable for mine posts and other uses.

It was stated that it is the intention of Mr. Lochrie, to develop the mineral. It is also reported that he will acquire other tracts of mineral in the same locality which have not yet passed into the hands of any of the three large corporations which promise to convert the Cairnbrook field into one of activity within the next six or seven months.