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Enforce the Ordinance.

Fortunately Meyersdale has an ordinance regulating the speed limit of automobiles, etc., unfortunately there is no one to enforce the ordinance. That ordinance is violated every day of the week without a doubt. On Tuesday evening fast driving was responsible for hitting a boy who narrowly escaped death. Mr. Cramer is not the only one offending in this respect, but he was unfortunate enough to hit a boy. Many others who drive recklessly on the main streets have escaped hitting anyone, and nothing in particular, except a passing remark has been made about their speed.

Accidents may happen and will happen, but it is a serious reflection on our city government, if the speeding in our borough can not be broken up. Stop it, stop it at once. Why do we have an ordinance and why do we have officers if every one with an automobile does as he pleases.

Mexican Situation Grave.

The situation in Mexico continues grave. The strong appeal made in behalf of patriotism against foreign interference by Huerta, is receiving unusual and unexpected response. The spirit of patriotism has been appealed to and aroused. The outside world is watching that Republic and is cognizant of the disorder, devastation of property and loss of life which are taking place, and is also recognizing that our country is ready to use her best endeavor to bring order out of chaos, and her unselfish interest in the proper government of that country. The United States has been patient and long-suffering. That Republic has been made to feel that this country expects the lives of her people and her property to be taken care of. The patience of this country is being heavily taxed and there may be a time and that time may not be far distant when a limit shall have been reached, and the strong arm of the government will be exerted in bringing wrongdoing to account.

Huerta has been imprudent and insolent, he has presumed heavily upon President Wilson's aversion to war, but Huerta cannot go on indefinitely in his defiance of the law of nations and the law of humanity.

Our Schools.

The work of the public schools has taken its beginning in our midst. The community is fortunate in having her schools in charge of one who is so capable, so scholarly, so well balanced, conservative and yet progressive, conscientious and yet tactful, mild yet firm, a supervising principal as Prof. W. H. Kretzman. The very first day, when every boy and girl was so full of life, and free from the schoolroom discipline for weeks and months, yet in the momentary confusion, at the proper time there was a lull, and order quickly gained the mastery among the surging, teeming hundreds, some for the first year and others for the last year in the public schools.

Thorough preparation had been made for the opening of the school year, and the indications are that this will be the most successful year in the Meyersdale schools. The supervising principal a college man with years of successful teaching behind him. With two college men in the High School and three college women, the unbiased observer should consider the High School well manned for successful work, and in going down the grades our teachers compare favorably with the teachers of any locality in the State. Now what the teachers need, what the directors need, and what your boy and girl need, is your loyal support and hearty cooperation in the work of the schools of Meyersdale.

The Rat Tariff.

Not all the burdens of taxation under which the community suffers are laid by Republican tariff experts. Among them one of the most persistent and hated is the common household rat. He makes his levies wherever and whenever opportunity offers, and is no respecter of persons. His ravage takes in the farmers' crops, the storekeeper's groceries, the ship's cargo, the householder's food-stuffs, the beggar's crust, the widow's mite—anything, anywhere, within the range of his active search. Everyone knows of his habits and his unscrupulous and audacious plundering, but few realize the extent of it. Surgeon General Creel, of the United States Public Health Service, has made a study of the rat both from a sanitary and economic standpoint. In his capacity as a carrier of plague and propagation of various diseases, the rat is a standing menace to the public health. His extermination should be made a task of common effort both on the part of individuals and municipalities. This is the only way to secure either sanitary or economic safety.

Dr. Creel says the female rat begins to reproduce her kind at the early age of three months, and that an adult animal will give birth during the year to six litters, each of which comprises from six to twelve young ones. He estimates the rat population of America as constantly equal to the human population, but outnumbering the humans in country districts. The upkeep of the rat costs at least half a cent daily. Based on this calculation of average plundering it is shown that no less a sum than \$167,000,000 is sacrificed annually by reason of rat depredations. The rat is simply a scourge with no redeeming qualities. He eats as heavily into the means of subsistence as the sugar tax or the wool tax, while contributing nothing to the public treasury. A few million dollars spent in a systematized war of rat extermination in which every community should take part, employing every known death-dealing device compatible with public safety, would be one sure way of reducing the cost of living. Is it not worth trying.—Philadelphia Record.

**An Ad. in The Commercial
Brings Good Results.**

For Good Roads.

The campaign of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation in behalf of the approval of the \$50,000,000 road bond amendment that is to be submitted to the voters at the polls in November is to open September 17th with a State convention to be held at Harrisburg. The Motor Federation is composed of active automobile clubs throughout the State, whose members include not only the owners of automobiles but many other citizens interested in the cause of good roads.

The campaign is in direct charge of Joseph H. Weeks, chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Federation, who has been working on the details for months. The program includes besides the Harrisburg convention a series of meetings to be held in all sections of the State to be addressed by the most able speakers procurable. Several men of national prominence in road building have consented to assist in the Pennsylvania project. One will be James H. MacDonald, of New Haven, Conn., president of the American Roadmakers' Association, and for many years Commissioner of Highways of Connecticut. Mr. MacDonald has a world-wide reputation as one of the leading authorities of highway construction.

Chairman Weeks will establish general headquarters in Philadelphia, whence the campaign will be directed. Already invitations have been sent to officials of all the automobile clubs in the State urging them to attend the Harrisburg convention.

Others who have been asked to be present and assume active interest in the campaign include the chairmen of county committees of all political parties; members of the State executive committees of all parties, all county medical societies, road associations, editors of newspapers in the State, County Commissioners, Judges and District Attorneys, the heads of the various religious denominations, members of the Hotel Owners' Association, boards of trade and the heads of the leading labor organizations.

From this gathering a County Committee composed of one member from each of the above named classifications will be appointed in each county to look after the details of the campaign in its respective territory. These Committees will be expected to arrange for halls and other suitable places wherein meetings can be held; the distribution of posters and other literature, which will be furnished from the home office.

The General Committee will prepare a schedule for each of the speakers and also will publish an edition of one million campaign booklets, containing a fund of information setting forth the necessity for and the advantages of good roads.

It has been so arranged that wherever a local automobile club exists, that organization will automatically become an unofficial committee which will work in conjunction with the appointee of the Harrisburg convention.

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

More Fresh Air, Please.

Fresh air is needed for the system during the sleeping hours as well as during the waking hours, and also to you people who sleep with your windows open at night but do not let in a fresh breeze occasionally in the day time—during the waking hours as well as during the sleeping hours. Air that has once been breathed is not fit to be breathed again. We should live in the open air as much as possible, and if we can do so we should sleep in the open air, so as to get the fullest supply of pure, fresh air.

Says one who has studied such matters carefully "circulation means good air, stagnation bad air; circulation calls for inlets; also for outlets. An inch at the top of the window is worth a foot at the bottom."

It is a good idea to throw open the windows at least once each morning and afternoon, so as completely to change the air in the rooms. Pneumonia, which is a "dirty air" disease, claims as many victims as tuberculosis.

SEPTEMBER IS HERE!!

and next week I will have choice

Oysters

and in fact everything in season.

J. W. Wasmuth.

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THE FAIR STORE

for Fair People During the Fair

We are prepared to look after the comforts of our friends and cater to the wants of the public in our line during the Fair Week as never before.

If you do not want to miss one of the main features of Meyersdale's popular attractions, you must see our exhibition of Fall wearables for Men, Women and Children.

Ladies' Suits, Fall Coats, Neckwear, Headwear and Footwear.

A greater line of Men's Clothing, Young Men's Suits, Hats and Furnishings and Boys' Suits, than ever before for fall selling.

This is Looking Time

and looking means buying now or the next time you come to town. Call and renew the old acquaintance and get a souvenir.

FAIR Dealing
FAIR Buying
FAIR Selling

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FAIR Treatment
FAIR Prices
FAIR Merchandise

Big Bargain Attractions for Fair Week

I cordially invite all out-of-town people to make my store their headquarters while in Meyersdale. This store has taken on new life and is now brimming full of FRESH NEW STOCKS and offers every inducement to visitors at the Fair. A NEW POLICY AND NEW PRICES PREVAIL.

Fair Week Sale of Dry Goods and Domestic.

A large new stock of Dry Goods at low introductory prices during Fair Week. All calicoes—all colors—the best your money can buy anywhere at 60¢ a yd.

Best apron gingham, plain colors and neat checks, all shades, at 70¢ a yard. Bates' Dress Gingham—Everyone knows what Bates' Gingham are. You can boil them, leave them in the sun week in and week out, and they will not fade. The regular price of these Gingham is 12 1-2¢ to 15¢, but during Fair Week they will be only 10¢ a yard.

Best outing cloths, light or dark shades, plain and fancy colors, regular price 10¢ and 12 1-2¢—your choice during Fair Week at 10¢ a yard. Bleached and unbleached muslins at 8¢, 10¢ and 12 1-2¢ yd.

Fair Week Sale of Table Linens.

A large line of white and colored table linen, worth 35¢, during Fair Week at 25¢ a yd. Another lot worth 50¢, reduced for Fair Week to 35¢ a yd.

Pure white Damask table linen at 65¢, 75¢, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.75 a yard, worth from 10 to 15 per cent more.

Fair Week Sale of New Dress Goods.

New Dress Goods in cotton, wool, mixed, silk and messalines in all the best shades and patterns. Many are dress pattern lengths so there will be no two alike. All specially low priced for Fair Week.

Extra Special During Fair Week.

Granulated sugar at 4¢ lb. if you buy \$5 worth of Dry Goods or Groceries. We will sell you one 25 lb. sack of sugar for \$1 when your purchases of Dry Goods and Groceries amount to \$5 or over. Remember it does not matter what you buy in Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing or Shoes just so your bill amounts to \$5 cash, and you will then get 25 lbs. sugar for \$1.

The Latest Word in Women's New Neckwear.

An assortment that provides almost unlimited opportunities, including the new turn over net fichus. Also the cape or Van Dyke effects, together with net yokes and the new bows, and Windsor ties in all colors, at prices that are strikingly moderate.

Fair Week Sale of Shoes

Men's and Boys' Work and Dress Shoes. Women's and Misses' everyday and dress goods. Fair Week sale of Winter Underwear. Fair Week sale of Umbrellas. Fair Week sale of School Hosiery. Fair Week sale of Bed Blankets and Comforts. Fair Week sale of Carpets. Fair Week sale of Brooms. Fair Week sale of China and Cut Glass.

Fair Week Sale of Souvenirs.

Toys, Dolls, and small inexpensive jewelry and perfumery to take along back home to those who could not attend the Fair.

Sole Agent for the Famous "Magic Seal," with a Large New Stock on Hand.

Visitors are Welcome.

Enjoy our hospitality. Rest room on the second floor provided with comfortable rocking chairs. You can view the parades from the second floor windows if you desire. Men's and women's lavatories, cloak room, etc. Come in and enjoy it all free.

All Trolley Cars Pass and Will Stop at Our Door

ALBERT S. GLESSNER
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