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SUNDAY AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Five Men and Two Women in the Car—Two of the Men Were Seriously Injured.

On Sunday afternoon between 3:00 and 4:00 a party of automobilists met with a serious accident on the state road at the Elk Lick bridge near the fair grounds. At the approach to the bridge is a short turn and while making the approach it is alleged that a tire collapsed and the driver could not control the car, as a consequence the bridge was struck with the resulting accident. In the car were E. H. Kaighin, a traveling man from Cleveland, O., Bernard S. Holzen, Lucius P. Shepherd, Leo Sell and Andrew C. Martin of Cumberland, and Miss Elizabeth Mervine and Miss Mary Spence of Meyersdale. Mr. Kaighin had a deep cut in his head and was otherwise battered up. Mr. Holzen was most seriously hurt. At first it was thought that his neck was broken but such did not prove to be the case, and while there were no fractured bones, he was jarred most severely and it is believed that the lower part of his brain was struck and that being the case the final outcome of his condition is problematical. For a long time he was unconscious and later on could only be aroused by an effort. He was taken to Thomas' Drug Store, where Drs. McKinley and Largo gave him attention. He was placed on a cot and taken on train No. 16 to Cumberland, to the Allegheny hospital. Dr. McKinley accompanied him. In the hospital he was placed under the care of Dr. Claybrook. The rest of the party escaped without serious injury.

The occupants of the car had many external evidences that they had been in a wreck, their clothing torn and dusty. The young ladies who were in the car it is said, walked home, preferring that way of traveling, in preference to taking a car to land them safely at their homes.

The accident caused the excitement usual in such cases. A large crowd gathered at Thomas' Drug Store and later at the B. & O. station.

Mr. Shepherd was the driver of the car and is given much credit for the manner in which he handled the car under the circumstances.

The car was not badly damaged, and was used to make the return trip to Cumberland.

SOCIETY NOTES.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Thursday evening of last week, Miss Cora Bittner, very delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home on Lincoln avenue. The evening was spent in playing games and with music. A delicious lunch was served.

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Miss Mae Daubert, very charmingly entertained a few of her friends at her home on Centre street, Friday evening of last week.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Friday evening of last week a very pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Margaret Fullem at her home on Lincoln avenue. The evening was spent in playing games and luncheon was served.

Those present were, Misses Mary Fullem, Ruth Pfeiffer, Dorothy Klingaman, Ellen Darrab, Mabel Beal, Ada Darrab, Dorothy Crowe, Louise Will, Julia Beal, Olive Pfeiffer, Rebekah Will, Helen Darrab, Valera Diehl, Grace Pfeiffer, Florence Fullem and Elizabeth Darrab, Gilbert Fullem, Ward Pfeiffer, Joseph Fullem, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fullem.

MINERAL LAND IN DISPUTE.

A writ of partition and instructions to sell 400 acres of mineral land in Southampton township and make a distribution of the proceeds were issued on Monday morning by Judge W. H. Ruppel.

The Court appointed Attorney Frank A. Holbert Master in the equity proceedings of Attorney R. Edgar Leahey and W. H. Cook, of Johnstown, vs. Jennie Wilmoth of Meyersdale, and Marcus D. Lafayette and Albert W. Brinham, both of Scalp Level, awarding the writ of partition and directing that the land in litigation be sold.

DEDICATION.

The new Lutheran church at Grantsville, Md., Rev. L. P. Young, pastor, is nearing completion and will be dedicated Sunday, October 12, 1913. Services will be held morning, afternoon and evening. This is considered to be a very beautiful church building, costing about \$8,000, and stands as a great credit to the town and a monument to the sacrifices of many who have labored faithfully for its construction. Should the weather prove favorable a very large attendance is anticipated. The presence and help of the public is cordially invited.

NEW MILLINERY STORE.

Miss Mary Thornley of Meyersdale, and Miss Lulu Bear of Salisbury, who very successfully conducted a millinery store in the latter place for the last two seasons, have moved their stock to Meyersdale, and are ready to do business in the Hocking Block, next door to Habel & Phillips grocery store. Both young ladies are very popular and we predict a successful business for them in Meyersdale.

RICE THROWING PARTY

After the Long-Gnagey marriage ceremony of last Wednesday was performed, the happy couple left in an auto bound for the railroad station. They were quickly followed by some of their friends in three autos but the car containing the newly weds speedily outstripped its pursuers and the preceding car, instead of going directly to Meyersdale, they turned around and drove to Garrett, laughing up their sleeves at the trick which they thought they had played on their friends. But the other cars, plodding along hopelessly in the rear, drove directly to the Meyersdale station and imagine their chagrin upon finding that the couple were not there. After driving around town they picked up some clues that led them to believe that the couple had gone to Ga rett, so dividing their forces, part going to Garrett on train No. 15, while the rest took the autos to that place where they found the newly weds waiting in suspense for the arrival of the train. When the train arrived the balance of the party stepped off and it was a signal for a general good time as the rice flew in all directions and good wishes and congratulations were tendered the party as the train departed.

Mr. and Mrs. Long left on a 10-days' honeymoon trip and while gone will visit Pittsburg, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and other points of interest.

They expect to make their home at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. John D. Gnagey, in Summit township.

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EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.

Appointments of the Evangelical Association Conference, held at Koster, Pa., September 18-21, 1913, are as follows:

Pittsburg District, J. W. Richards, P. E.

Johnstown—Franklin St., L. E. Haviland; Garfield St., W. M. Peffer; Mt. Olive, to be supplied; Cambria, to be supplied; Garrett, C. Mankamyer; Meyersdale, A. G. Mead; Fossilsville, to be supplied; Pleasantville, A. F. Richards; Indiana and Blairsville, R. C. Miller; Indiana Circuit, to be supplied; Westover, L. F. Smith; Marchand, H. H. Faust; Worthville, J. C. Bishop; Venango, A. W. Bender; Lickingville, T. B. Hauvermale; Brownsville, A. Fisher; Connelville, W. F. Conley; Bridgeport, C. W. Snields; Preston, to be supplied; Cumberland, M. B. McLaughlin; Berkeley Springs, L. B. Wissinger.

C. F. Hartung, member of Indiana and Blairsville Quarterly Conference.

F. Northey, member of Preston Quarterly Conference.

The Conference will meet at Cumberland next year.

L. B. Rittenhouse of Meyersdale, remains a member of the conference, but due to his physical condition will not engage in the active work of the ministry during the coming year.

PLEASANT AUTO TRIP.

A most delightful tour by automobile was begun when Mr. and Mrs. C. M. May and Misses Harriet, Ruth and Edna Hay left Salisbury Saturday, September 20th, going through Bedford and Chambersburg, reaching Gettysburg where they remained for the night. Sunday morning, after driving over the celebrated battlefield, they went on to Westminster where they were dinner guests of William Buchanan and family who formerly resided at Salisbury and who still have many warm friends there. The party arrived in Baltimore Sunday evening where Misses Harriet and Ruth remained, having employment in the city. After a visit of several days with the girls the remainder of the party went on to Washington where they went through the Congressional Library, the Museum and the Mint. Wednesday morning the trip to Mt. Vernon was made by boat and was enjoyed by all. The interesting scenes about the old home of the "Father of Our Country" were looked upon with interest. Returning to Washington, they went on to Frederick where they spent the night. Thursday morning the next point of interest was Brad dock Heights, from there they went to Winchester viewing the National Cemetery and from there to Romney, Springfield and Cumberland, returning home Friday noon.

REFUSED NEW TRIAL.

Opinions received from Judge A. W. Williams, of Mercer county, by Prothonotary Aaron F. Heiple refused new trials in the cases of Isaac G. Jones vs. Berkebile Lumber company, and James Kelley, vs. B. & O. R. R. In the former, a jury awarded the plaintiff \$2,000, and in the latter Kelley was given \$560 for injuries sustained in the construction of the new Sand Patch tunnel.

BLAMES MURDER ON WIFE; ASKS DIVORCE

Josiah D. Long, under \$10,000 bail in connection with the murder of Carl Phillips, an Italian, in a duel on a road between Jerome and Boswell, on Monday morning filed a libel in divorce against his wife, Florence E. Long. He alleges that she had improper relations with Carl Phillips, who was murdered.

Mrs. Long is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stull, of Quemahoning Township, where she is now living, and Mr. Long is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Long, of Stoyestown. They were married December 10, 1908, and Mrs. Long is only 20 years of age at the present time.

LARGE POTATOES.

Rev. L. B. Rittenhouse comes near being the champion potato raiser. Several of the largest potatoes weighed a pound and a half.

IS ARRESTED FOR PERJURY

Serious Charge Made Against Fred Rowe by Levi Deal. Under Bond of \$1,000.

Frederick Rowe of the South Side, was served with a warrant on Monday at Butler, Pa., charged with perjury. The information was made by Levi Deal, formerly of Meyersdale, but now manager of the Erie Coal & Coke Co., of Butler county. County Detective Lester G. Wagner, served the warrant issued by Justice of the Peace, A. Kent Miller of Somerset. At a meeting of the board of directors held September 24th, it was decided to send Frederick Rowe and W. N. Moser to Butler to investigate the condition of their interests in that place, and while there the arrest was made. W. N. Moser gave bond to the amount of \$1,000.

The proceedings against Rowe follow the regular meeting on July 14th and the adjourned meeting August 23rd, when an affidavit executed by Rowe declaring that he was the owner of certain shares of stock. Mr. Rowe says to this date the stocks have not been transferred on the books and is still in his name. In the information sworn by Deal it is set forth that on three different occasions Rowe sold a total of 140 shares of stock to S. D. Livengood, with authority to sell, assign or transfer the same, and that in 1907 S. D. Livengood individually and trading as the Farmers Bank of Meyersdale made a deed of voluntary assignment to Harvey M. Berkebile and that the above named certificates of stock came into the hands of assignee Berkebile and that loans for which the certificates were pledged were not paid on demand being made, and that thereupon Berkebile sold the 140 shares to Levi Deal and that when later presented to W. A. Merrill, secretary and treasurer of the Erie Coal & Coke Co., the certificates were canceled and new certificates were issued to Levi Deal, James Deal and Mrs. Henry F. Brant, and it is further alleged that Rowe willingly and corruptly committed perjury before Notary Public Robert Cook, by claiming the stock belonged to him, and that this course on the part of Mr. Rowe, affected the result of the election, and did much injury to Mr. Deal.

Mr. Rowe says the warrant for his arrest gave no specifications, only the broad charge of perjury. Mr. Rowe said the news paper accounts had contained much of which he was not aware. While he was interested in the turn matters had taken he was not free to express himself in the matter. His attorneys are Berkebile and Shaver, and Mr. Rowe says in every step he has taken he has done so at the advise of his attorneys.

RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Miss Elizabeth Lee West, and Homer Lawrence Christner, both of Meyersdale, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset United Evangelical church, by Rev. Virgil Cameron Zener.

Miss Muriel C. Shaffer, and Frederick E. Ray, both of Jenner township, were married at Pleasant Unity, by Rev. S. W. Bryan.

Mrs. Elizabeth Berkey of Somerset, and John Mayot of Bridgeton, N. J., were married at Somerset, by Justice of the Peace A. Kent Miller.

Miss Amanda S. Griffith of Jenner township, and H. L. Maurer of Stoyestown, were married at Stoyestown by Rev. J. S. English, pastor of the Stoyestown Lutheran church.

Miss Florence M. Zimmerman of Jenner township, and Martin Van B. Mock, of Boswell, were married at Boswell, by Rev. Frank Wetzel.

Miss Katharine Ellen Hare, and Alfred J. Daubert, both of Meyersdale, were married at the home of bride's parents, by Rev. J. A. Yontt, pastor of the Meyersdale Lutheran church.

Miss Katharine M. Zufall of Casselman, and Charles E. Cunningham of Rockwood, were married at Casselman, by Rev. E. F. House.

Miss Vida L. Vought of Summit township, and Albert W. Hoffman of Brothersvalley township, were married at Berlin, by Rev. Henry Harbaugh Wiant.

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SUES TO RECOVER.

Attorney Ross R. Scott has brought suit against Harvey M. Berkebile to recover the sum of \$800, the amount of a promissory note dated May 18th, 1912, secured by collateral in the amount of 125 shares of the capital stock of the Somerset Telephone company, of a par value of \$25.

DANCE AT BERLIN.

Last Friday evening a party composed of Misses Marie Holz, Emma Gress, Ida Pfahler, Evelyn Gordon, and Eva Leckemby, went over to Berlin, where they attended a dance given by the young people of that place.

SYNOD MEETS AT BERLIN.

The Allegheny Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, comprising Somerset, Cambria, Blair and Bedford counties, will open its 73rd annual meeting in Trinity Evangelical church at Berlin today, and will continue in session until next Monday. About 130 ministerial and lay delegates are expected.

The members of Trinity church are perfecting arrangements for the entertainment of visiting delegates and from present indications will do so in a manner to reflect credit on the members of the charge and especially on the entertainment committee. Upon the arrival of the train on Thursday incoming delegates will be met by the entertainment committee and escorted to the homes, where they will be entertained during the progress of the synod.

The program for the synod, while not yet wholly completed, includes in the list of speakers many men of note in the church in this section. The opening sermon Thursday evening will be delivered by Rev. L. P. Young, and following will be a talk by Rev. I. Hess Wagner. The morning and evening sessions Friday will be devoted entirely to the transaction of the regular business of the synod, including of the reports of the various department heads. The speakers Friday evening will be Rev. F. J. Matter and Rev. H. W. Bender.

Saturday morning and afternoon will be devoted solely to the transaction of such business as may come before the conference. A number of very important committees will be appointed, besides the election of officers for the ensuing year, and this will probably be gotten through with Saturday morning. In the afternoon addresses will be delivered by the representatives of the various church boards of the synod. Saturday evening an address on "The Permanent and the Changing Elements in Christianity" will be delivered by Rev. J. A. Yontt. Rev. W. H. Fahs will speak on the work of the church federation.

The Sunday morning services will be in charge of Rev. M. J. Kline, D. D. In the afternoon the ordination services will take place, when a sermon will be delivered by Rev. L. N. Fleck, D. D.

KILLED IN BERLIN MINE.

Henry Koontz was instantly killed in a mine of the Brothersvalley Coal company at Berlin on Tuesday when he was struck on the head by a piece of slate that fell from the roof. He was 25 years of age and had been employed by the Brothersvalley company only two weeks, going to Berlin from Hooversville.

MINE LAWS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

We have received a number of copies of the Bituminous Mine Laws for distribution. Hon. J. W. Endsley at our request has furnished them for distribution, and those coming first will receive a copy with the compliments of the senator of this district.

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JOHN H. SEIBERT GOES WRONG

Charged With Embezzlement by the Berkebile Lumber Co. Ten Different Warrants Are Issued.

John H. Seibert of Somerset, treasurer of the defunct Berkebile Lumber company, was arrested on ten different warrants charging embezzlement and fraud at Somerset Tuesday morning by Constable G. Newton Schrock, and gave bail in the sum of \$5,000 before Justice of the Peace W. W. Knable for his appearance at December court. His bondsmen are his brother, Prof. Daniel W. Seibert, county superintendent of schools, and his brothers-in-law, William H. Stutzman and William H. Saylor, both of Somerset township.

Seibert's defalcations are alleged to be in excess of \$20,000, of this amount he is charged with securing \$1,500 in the form of a secret profit on real estate the Berkebile Lumber company purchased from John P. Stalter, of Somerset; another \$1,500 was misappropriated out of the company's treasury, and the sum of \$2,500 on a note with a fraudulent assignment.

Information No. 1, contains the charge of secret profits on real estate. This is said to have happened in December, 1911.

In No. 2, it is alleged that Seibert as treasurer on December 6, 1911, sold a note executed by the Berkebile Lumber company for \$3,500 to the County Trust Company, of Somerset, and pocketed the money instead of turning it over to the company as he had been directed when the note was made.

In No. 3, he is charged with appropriating to his own use the proceeds of a note calling for \$2,000, executed similarly. This note was discounted by the Farmers National Bank, of Somerset, Feb. 4, 1911.

In No. 4, he is alleged to have disposed of a similar note for \$2,500 at the Farmers National Bank, of Somerset, on July 10, 1911.

In No. 5, another note for \$2,500, dated May 4, 1911, was sold to the Farmers National Bank, of Somerset.

In No. 6, he is charged with misappropriating \$1,500 of the company's money on April 1, 1912.

In No. 7, he is charged with similarly disposing of a \$2,500 note, dated May 23, 1911, to the First National Bank, of Garrett.

In No. 8, Seibert is alleged to have the note specified in No. 7, renewed on March 22, 1911, paying the old note on April 1, 1913, and taking an assignment of the same which makes it appear that the Berkebile Lumber company owes him \$2,500, the amount of the note.

In No. 9, he is charged with fraudulently disposing of three notes at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Rockwood. One for \$1,500 was made by the company on May 1, 1911; another made by the company April 15, 1913 for \$3,000, and the third was a note of Charles F. Hochard held by the company. The prosecutor claims that the \$3,000 note was intended to cancel the note for \$1,500, while the balance was to be applied on other indebtedness of the company.

In No. 10, Seibert is charged with having similarly disposing of a \$2,500 note, dated March 7, 1911, at the First National Bank, of Stoyestown.

Adam G. Berkebile is named as prosecutor in all the informations on which the ten warrants were issued. Berkebile is president of the Berkebile Lumber company, which is insolvent. Seibert recently filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy and Attorney Ernest O. Kooser was appointed trustee.

BARKS LIKE A DOG.

Barking like a dog, John Maus showed signs of insanity when told that Governor Tener had fixed October 23rd for him to expiate on the gallows for the murder of Harrison Brown, a United States mail carrier in Beachley last September. Maus will not be electrocuted in the penitentiary as provided by a new law, because he was sentenced before the new law went into effect, but will be hanged in Somerset jail.

Mans is becoming profane and vicious. He gives a perfect imitation of a dog's bark. An effort will be made to have him declared insane, it is expected.