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## COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION

A Number of Property Holders Are Ordered to Lay Sidewalks—To Adopt a License Ordinance—Other Business Disposed Of.

Council met in regular session in the council chamber on Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:25. Present, Dia, Bauman, Bolden, Darnley, Deal and Weakland.

Minutes of the preceding regular and special meetings were read and approved.

**TO PAY LICENSE IN ADVANCE.**  
On motion, council decided that the P. & M. street railway company be required to pay its license in advance.

Thomas Walker was present and complained that many boys gather at the auditorium and create a nuisance in the neighborhood. The nuisance is to be abated.

Mr. Jones asked that council erect a light at the foot bridge across the W. M. R. R. A numerous signed petition to this effect was also presented. This request will be complied with.

**PAVEMENTS TO BE LAID.**  
Ozias Weimer is directed to have his walk on Broadway completed within five days.

M. H. Boucher is directed to lay sidewalk on Sherman street within 10 days.

Nelson Brant is directed to place his sidewalk in proper condition, proper width and city grade within 10 days, and that he will be held liable for any damages in case of accident.

The Meyersdale Brewery is directed to lay walk within 10 days.

F. J. Cover is directed to complete walks on Sixth avenue within 10 days.

M. Shannon is directed to lay sidewalk on Centre street within ten days.

**TO COMPLETE THE WORK.**  
The W. M. R. R. is directed to clean sidewalk on Eighth street and is to complete all work on streets and alleys which the company agreed to do.

**STREET COMMITTEES REPORT.**  
The committee reported that two cars, one of ballast and one of shale had been received and placed on the streets.

With reference to the Main street paving the street commissioner was directed to lower the sewer line so as to have at least five inches of ballast on the street.

No report on Finance Committee.

Water and Light committee had no report to make.

**TO RECORD CONTRACTS.**

The finance committee is instructed to have all contracts, franchises and deeds recorded.

The following bills were rendered:

Hammers	\$ 21 64
Austin	20 63
Saylor	18 15
J. Saylor	21 10
Weller	28 00
E. E. Klingaman	15 96
"    "    horse and cart	5 81
"    "    hauling	14 00
Charles Weimer	8 00
Wils Wagaman	1 65
J. Wagaman	8 00
Hare	30 00
Oramer	30 00
Republican	25 50
Planting Mill	5 76
Gloninger & Maxwell	54 25
E. J. Dickey	4 75
Somerset Telephone	6 35
Savage Fire Brick Co.	60 07
Clarence Moore	39 90
Baer & Co.	15 82
Baer & Co.	69 78
Klingaman	2 75
Lenhart	3 05
Jas. Gordon, police	2 00
Electric Light Co.	126 42
Frank Bolden	21 84
John Stacer, extra police	8 00
John Keim, extra police	8 00
Ulysses Miller, extra police	4 00

All bills ordered paid but those of Baer & Co., and light and heat bill.

**TO CHANGE LIGHTING SYSTEM.**

The electric light company is directed to change the lighting system within a period of 30 days, and the council agrees not to return to the white flame arc light.

**BURGESS REPORT.**  
A number of permits granted for improvements and repairs.

Previous fines unpaid	\$106 00
Fines imposed in Sept.	107 00
Collected	96 00
Due the borough	116 00

Report received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**  
Letters from the W. U. Tel. Co., and the Bell Telephone company were received with reference to painting their poles. The companies were referred to the ordinances.

J. C. McSpadden's was referred to the secretary of council.

The Policemen, due to an increase in their work requested council to increase their salaries. Laid on the table until the next meeting.

Bill was rendered to Light, Heat & Power Co., for a franchise for heat, \$25.00 per year.

**LICENSE ORDINANCE.**

A number of copies covering the matter of licenses were presented. All referred to the borough solicitor. The license for the auditorium was tentatively placed at \$55.00. Council adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

## LOVE FEAST CELEBRATED.

The Church of the Brethren observed love feast in their church on Sunday evening. Several services preceding were held and on Sunday evening the love feast was celebrated. This service is of a three fold character, first the custom of feet washing, then the mutton supper, symbolical of the paschal lamb, and the holy communion, the participation of the members of the elements of bread and wine. The service was very largely attended and over two hundred communed.

Elder J. M. Kagey of Dayton, Va., had charge of the services and was ably assisted by Elder J. W. Peck of Meyersdale, Prof. J. C. Boehm of Elk Lick, and Rev. D. W. Long of Meyersdale. Several evening services were held during the week. The Church of the Brethren is minded to work and is realizing the beneficial effects of the conference held here some weeks ago.

## SURPRISE PARTY.

While Mr. Joel Bowman, was visiting his son, D. J. Bowman, near Ralpton, his children and friends thought it fitting to observe the anniversary of his 78th birthday and accordingly they gave him a surprise birthday party, on Saturday evening last, September 27th. About thirty-five guests were present. There were son, daughter, daughter-in-law, and fourteen grandchildren among them.

## HOTEL MEN HOLD MEETING

The Somerset County Hotelkeepers' Association held its regular quarterly meeting at Somerset, last Thursday afternoon. It was an uneventful session. There were between 15 and 20 landlords present out of a total of about 80 in the county. The meeting was called to order by John Brennan, of Ralpton, president of the organization. The quarterly dues of \$5 were collected. There being no other business to transact, the dispensers of the joyful fluids talked about the weather for a quarter of an hour, when someone made a motion to adjourn, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## MANY TIE VOTES.

Between 300 and 400 men are tie in the vote for municipal offices in the county. A number of candidates went to Somerset last Friday, and in the County Commissioners office tossed coins to decide who should remain on the ballot. The majority of the candidates, however, are not contesting for a position on the ballot.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR OPENING EXERCISES

No period of the day is so important in its influence, as the first fifteen minutes. Out of the group of individuals, gathered from various homes and conditions, the teacher must construct his working unit. To draw these different minds from home and outside incidents, and put them into harmony with the work of the day is the great purpose of the daily opening exercises.

One of the most important features, the one that brings pupils to the same frame of mind most easily, is singing. An angry child cannot sing and the singing of others makes him forget his anger. Children forget petty troubles under the influence of a good snappy song. Select the bright and cheerful songs and sing them with enthusiasm. Nothing will more quickly drive out peevishness, relieve sultriness, and gladden the whole school, than the morning song, well sung.

The exercises should be planned and varied from time to time. Interesting exercises will have a tendency to decrease tardiness. The following suggestions may be helpful to young teachers in planning opening exercises.

1. Select cheerful songs. Avoid the doleful sounds from the toms.
2. A solo or duet by pupils will be pleasing, especially if arranged as a surprise.
3. A good story, well read or recited is interesting and instructive.
4. Reading from the Scriptures is always in place. It must be done without comment. Avoid sectarianism. Sincerity must characterize the Scriptural reading and the prayer.
5. A summary of the world's news of the week.
6. Review the life of some great man. Teach pupils to look for the best in these men.
7. Discuss questions of public interest, being liberal in your views. Avoid partisan statements and bitter criticism.
8. Information lesson on plants and animals, illustrating whenever possible.
9. Tell history of some famous quotation, as "Don't give up the ship."
10. Describe briefly some historic place.
11. Describe the custom of some strange people.
12. Have pupils give memory gems. It will create interest and store their minds with material that will be valued in later years.

## APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES

Fred E. Rowe, of Meyersdale, has been appointed superintendent of the mines in Somerset county of the Ajax Consolidated Coal Company, which include the Fort Hill mine and two other mines about to be purchased by the company. By a plan of reorganization recently adopted the capital stock of the company was increased to \$275,000 and a bond issue of \$250,000 authorized, secured by first mortgage on all of the company's property in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. The work of reorganization has been under the direction of the Walker-Wadsworth company, investment bankers of Baltimore and their plans include the execution of a voting trust agreement, by the terms of which a majority of the stock of the coal company has been deposited in the hands of three trustees who will have the control and management of the business for five years. These trustees are John R. Rooper, cashier of the Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore, Peter E. Tome, who is president of the Tome Institute and also a director of the National Bank of Baltimore and Richard M. Duvall, who was elected president of the Coal company at a meeting of the Board of Directors held last week. Besides the new mines acquired by the company a considerable acreage has been purchased in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

## PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING.

On Friday October 17th at 8 p. m. the Parent-Teachers Association will hold its first regular meeting of the school term in the High School Assembly room.

## THE GRIM REAPER

CATHERINE ELIZABETH SIEHL.

Catherine Elizabeth Siehl departed this life on Friday, October 3rd, at noon. She was the widow of Michael Siehl who died more than twenty-one year ago.

Mrs. Siehl came from Germany as a girl and lived in the eastern part of the state where she was married to Michael Siehl. More than half a century ago the young family came from Allentown to this county where the family has resided since, first at Summit Mills and surrounding communities. Mr. Siehl died at Shaw Mines, after which Mrs. Siehl bought a property on the South Side, and had lived in Meyersdale for the last thirteen years.

She was born June 11, 1838, and was aged at the time of her death 75 years, 3 months and 26 days.

She was the mother of nine children. William, aged 24 years, died eight years ago. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Kate Miller of Cumberland, Md., Mrs. Anna Folk of Grantsville, Md., Mrs. Mary Mimmie of Shaw Mines, and the following of Meyersdale:—George D., Henry C., Mrs. Minnie Baumber, Louis P. and Clement. She is also survived by forty grand children and three great grand children.

Mrs. Siehl had been a life long member of the Reformed church and one of the oldest members of the Amity congregation.

She had been in feeble condition for the last eight years and for the last five years had made her home with her son George D. Siehl, on Salisbury street. She had received several paralytic strokes in the last few years. On Tuesday morning another one came which terminated in her death after lingering for two days.

The funeral services were held at the home of George D. Siehl on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. Her pastor, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., officiated. Interment was made in the family lot in the Reformed cemetery.

## JESSE COOK.

Jesse Cook, an aged citizen of near Glencoe, died last Saturday. He was born April 29th, 1837, aged 71 years, 5 months and 5 days. His wife died last May.

He is survived by the following children, George H., Glencoe, Adam C. at home; Calvin W., Northampton township, Mrs. Alice Riley, Cumberland, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, and Mrs. Kate Bowman of Northampton township and Miss Phoebe of Pittsburgh. He is also survived by twenty-seven grand children and one great grand child.

He died where he had lived for the last thirty years.

He had been a member of the United Evangelical church. Rev. Mr. Wise, his pastor, conducted the funeral service. Mr. Cook had been a veteran of the Civil War and had enlisted twice, first in Co., K., Second Maryland Regiment, "Potomac Home Guards" second in Co., C. of the same regiment and served until the close of the war.

He had been a member of the M. C. Lowry, G. A. R. Post, A detail from the post attended the funeral. The funeral was largely attended. In the death of Mr. Cook, the M. C. Lowry Post has no longer any living member in that vicinity.

## SOMERSET LAD HIT BY PITTSBURGH AUTO

Charles, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Sherwood, of Somerset had a narrow escape from death, Thursday last, when he was struck by a large touring car from Pittsburgh. The accident occurred in front of the Somerset Trust Company building. Young Sherwood sustained painful bruises of the head, face, and knees and was dazed when picked up. He was carried into the Mullin Drug Store, where Dr. H. I. Marsden, examined him but failed to find any broken bones.

## STOYESTOWN WOMAN PAINFULLY INJURED

Mrs. Charles Snyder, sustained a fracture of the right leg and her two daughters were bruised about the body on Thursday last week when a pony they were driving scared at an auto and upset the cart. The accident occurred on the Kantner hill. A boy in the cart was not hurt.

## GARRETT WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Garrett and Rockwood had been playing ball frequently during the summer, the score stood two victories and two defeats for each team. The rubber had to be played to determine the championship and as a consequence neutral grounds were selected where each team would have the benefit of a fair show, and as a consequence Meyersdale was chosen. Both teams came to do or die. They fought with desperation, and put up a splendid battle. While the score is one sided the game was an interesting one and was closely contested throughout, with the exception of the disastrous sixth for Rockwood. Garrett and Rockwood had their partisans on hand in large numbers but the crowd was fair and a good spirit prevailed throughout the game. Kennedy Price and Frank Hoblitzel occupied the positions of danger, the former called balls and the latter watched the bases. Both escaped without serious injury, and gave general satisfaction. Both teams played sharp fielding games and few errors were made. The Garrett Pitcher made a splendid record, allowing his opponents only three hits, while the Rockwood pitcher was more liberal, giving no less than thirteen. The sixth inning resulted in seven hits, one a three bagger and one for two bases. This inning netted six runs for Garrett and the only inning throughout the game in which a run was scored.

According to the record for the year 1913, Garrett is counted the master of Rockwood in base ball.

The score by innings:  
Garrett 0 0 0 0 6 0 0 6  
Rockwood 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## ENTERTAINED CLUB.

Misses Giza and Bessie Deal, entertained the C. B. C. club, very delightfully, at their home on North street, Thursday evening of last week.

## SURPRISED THEIR TEACHER.

On Friday evening of the past week Miss Hester Meyers, one of the teachers in our Public School, was very delightfully surprised, when a number of her pupils gave her a surprise party, at her home on Meyers avenue. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing games and music, and lunch was served.

## GRAND CONCERT IN ST. PAUL, OR WILHELM REFORMED CHURCH.

The Ithaca Conservatory of Music will render a concert and entertainment in the above named well-known church on the evening of Monday, October 20th, next. The talent consists of Miss June Robertson, Soprano; Miss Hazel Pameroy, Violinist and Pianist and Mr. Frederick Pratt, Impersonator. The program will be of the highest grade, and first class in every particular. Popular admission prices, adults, 25 cents, children under twelve, 15 cents.

## GOES WEST.

From a Fairmont paper we notice that W. M. McKillop, who has been district manager of the H. J. Heinz Company, with headquarters at Fairmont, for the past few years, has been promoted to the position of branch manager by the same concern. He will be located temporarily at Denver, Col., and will later be stationed at another point in the west.

Mr. McKillop will leave early next week for his new quarters. Mrs. McKillop and children will come to Meyersdale to visit her parents before joining her husband in the west.

Mr. McKillop's promotion is a most deserved one and his many friends here will rejoice in his success.

## DIED FROM INJURIES.

Joe Zellensky, while undermining coal yesterday in the Summit Mines, was fatally injured. First aid was very efficiently rendered him.

Dr. Hemminger was called and found that his hip was broken and dislocated and internally injured. He was taken on No. 49 to the Markleton Sanatorium where he died this morning at two o'clock. He was aged about 50 years.

## "GOLDEN GULCH" BY HOME TALENT.

Golden Gulch will be rendered in the Donges Theatre on Tuesday Oct. 14th, under the auspices of the Civic League. The following is the cast of characters:

Joy, "A Wildflower of the Hills"—Gertrude Landis.  
Henrietta Wel's, "A Boston School-ma'am"—Marion Leydig.  
Bedelia O'Rafferty, "An Irish Cook"—Ida Pfahler.  
Spiketail Charley, "A Ladies Man"—W. H. Baldwin.  
Jim Gordon, "A Relic of '49"—Clifton Jeffries.  
Julian Gray, "A Tenderfoot from New York"—S. E. Thorley.  
Hank Williams, "Proprietor of The Palace"—Conrad Glessner.  
Alkili Pete, "Copper Lined Through-out"—Harry Cook.  
Jake Dalton, "Down and Out"—Edgil Kelly.  
Dennis Kelly, "Of Emerald Isle"—Earl Kilroy.  
Cyclone Jim, "From Kansas"—P. D. Clutton.  
Ned Davis, "Driver of Deadwood Stage"—Edwin Meager.  
Snowball, "Who Said Chicken"—Bernes Compton.  
Utah Bill, "With Seven Wives in Salt Lake"—Mayor Joe F. Reich.  
Judge Thomson, "Judge of the County, Post Master of Red Dog, ex-Sheriff and Justice of the Peace"—Frank Bittner.

## CHORUS.

Florence Middleton, Edna Payne, Edith Gurley, Amelia Clotworthy, Nelle Bittner, Helen Grier, Catherine Meyers.

## "REDDOG" QUARTETTE.

Messrs. Clutton, Cook, Thorley and Baldwin.

## SYNOPSIS.

Act I—Red Dog Postoffice. Dakota. A Petticoat demoralizes Red Dog.  
Act II—Jim Gordons shack up the mountain. The Courting Judge.  
Act III—Red Dog. The Girl of The Golden West.

## GARRETT BALL TEAM BANQUETS.

The Garrett base ball team held a banquet at the Merchants hotel in Garrett on Tuesday evening in celebration of the successful baseball season which has been closed.

Mine host prepared an appetizing chicken and waffle supper.

The following persons enjoyed the affair:—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Claar, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Phenice, Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Bowden, George Smith, Lloyd Miller, Ralph Zimmerman, Harry Detrow, Chas. Merrill, Hubert Devore, Homer Detrow, Joe Roberts, J. Edwards, and Misses May Lohr, and Ada Bittner, all of Garrett, and Misses Ada Mitchell, Ida Pfahler, and Bess Hady of Meyersdale. Music and dancing were the order of the evening.

A challenge was received from the Meyersdale ball team to play a game at Meyersdale this week.

## GRANTED DIVORCE.

On recommendation of Attorney James B. Landis, who had been appointed master, the court granted a divorce in the proceedings instituted by Bertha Nelson, of Windber, against Harry Nelson, who was charged with desertion. The couple was married May 3, 1911.

## TRUST COMPANY SUCCEEDS BERKELEY.

Judge Ruppel on Monday appointed the Somerset Trust Company guardian of the Madison Walker estate to succeed Attorney Harvey M. Berkeley, who has been missing from the county since August 21. The Trust Company furnished bond in the sum of \$15,000.

## BUTCHERS FINED.

Michael Alba and Gaetano, meat dealers at Norristown, Pa., were convicted at Norristown, Montgomery county, and fined \$250 and costs for selling the meat of a diseased cow, and immature (bob) veal.

In imposing sentence the court issued a warning not only to the defendants but to all who handle bad meat in Montgomery county to the effect that if any more offenses of a similar nature are brought before him and convicted the full penalty of the Meat Hygiene law will be imposed. The full penalty is \$500 fine or imprisonment for one year, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

It will be advisable for unscrupulous meat dealers to remember the Court's advice.