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REPORT OF LUTHERAN CONGREGATION.

The annual congregational meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran church was held Friday evening, October 10th. S. B. Philson and W. H. Deal were elected as elders. Clarence Moore and C. E. Deal were elected as deacons; Fulton Shipley and J. I. Smith acted as tellers. In the absence of J. H. Bowman, Barron Shipley acted as secretary. W. H. Baldwin and George Renford were appointed to audit the treasurer's account.

The Pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount, presented his third annual report. He reported the largest Easter communion in the history of the church and the largest summer communion also. The total accessions for the year were 86, 41 of whom are adults. A special fund of \$1,654.62 in cash and \$290 in pledges was raised with which to pay off all the old indebtedness of the congregation. The benevolences of the congregation amounted to \$1,017 which is by far the largest benevolence amount ever raised by the congregation.

The Ladies Aid Society placed a new carpet in the church at a cost of over \$600. The Brotherhood reduced its debt by \$150. The church roof was repaired at a cost of over \$710, which amount remains to be raised in the new year. The total amount raised during the year was \$5,400 which is a very exceptional total. A salaried financial secretaryship has been established. Mrs. E. E. Conrad is the present incumbent.

D. A. Floto, treasurer of the church, reported as receipts for the year, not counting the special debt fund, as \$2,383.25 which covers all expenses and leaves a balance of \$18.98.

E. J. Dickey, treasurer of the Sunday school reported receipts as \$284.16 and a balance of \$47.78.

Mrs. James Darnley, treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society, reported receipts \$243.47 and a balance of \$6.17.

Miss Daisy Ebbecka, president of the Luther League, reported receipts as \$71.30 with a balance of \$17.66.

Zion church begins its new church year with its finances well in hand and bright prospects before it.

MOTORED TO MARYLAND.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel, Mrs. Troutman, mother of Mrs. Habel, and Mrs. Mary Jenkin, of town and Mrs. Charles Emerick of Hyndman, left here in the former's touring car for Frostburg, where they spent several hours with relatives, and then proceeded to Cumberland, and returned home in the evening.

TO PATRONS ONLY.

After each name of subscriber appears a date. That means that the subscriber is credited with payment on the Commercial to that date. The rule of The Commercial is payment in advance. Please examine your date. If 100 subscribers are in arrears they have \$150.00 that we should have. If there are 1,000 subscribers that are in arrears, then those \$1,500.00 ought to be in our hands.

There are many demands made on us and we would appreciate it very much if the patrons of The Commercial would make an effort to catch up.

How many new advance payment subscriptions can we have within the next month? Look at your date, and see if you can be one of them.

THE WORLD'S SERIES.

The series of games between the Athletics, of Philadelphia and the Giants of New York, for the championship of this country and the world was terminated on Saturday when the Athletics defeated the Giants.

The games resulted in the Athletics defeating the Giants four games out of five.

DAILY PLAYERS DIVISION.

First Day.....	\$40,637.97
Second Day.....	26,805.60
Third Day.....	40,912.29
Fourth Day.....	26,808.30

Total.....	\$135,164.16
Philadelphia.....	\$81,098.49
New York.....	54,065.66

Based on teams of 25 men each sharing in the receipts:
Each Philadelphia player—\$3243.94
Each New York player—\$2162.63.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET.

The Firemen will banquet in their rooms on Friday evening at 8:30.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

On Saturday while on Centre street, opposite the Somerset Central telephone office, a serious accident befell John Austin, Sr., who was seated on a two horse wagon, when the driver turned the team to a side, the front wheel caught on the trolley line rail and jolted the wagon throwing Mr. Austin on the paved street. He sustained a gash in his forehead and cheek, and the hind wheel of the wagon was pressed against his neck when he was picked up unconscious. He was carried into the pool room of his son and Dr. McMillan gave him immediate attention.

He is getting along well and apparently suffers no ill effects of his fall, except the cuts as above noted.

The astonishment is that he escaped as he did. The fall itself might have resulted fatally and had not the driver stopped at once the wheel would have passed over his neck.

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 Mr. Frederick Pratt, Impresario. 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.

KILLED AT ROCKWOOD.

On Friday morning N. S. Baker, of Rockwood, was killed by being electrocuted by a live wire. Mr. Baker was formerly a carpenter and bridge inspector of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. He left that company several years ago with the good will of his employers and all men who were under his charge. He practically built all the stations and telegraph offices on the Western Maryland for J. S. Grave, who had the contract. Mr. Baker was a model man and he will be missed by every and most by his family. The sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

ASKS \$12,000 DAMAGE.

Jacob H. Francis, of Sand Patch, acting for his 9-year-old son, Howard Walter Francis, through Attorneys John R. Scott, Valentine Hay, and A. L. G. Hay, brought suit against the B. & O. railroad to recover \$12,000 damages for injuries the boy is alleged to have sustained in an accident at a grade crossing in Sand Patch on February 24th, 1913.

It is alleged that the plaintiff's son was struck by a locomotive running backward and that his right leg was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated. He was returning from school with his 13-year-old sister, who narrowly escaped, it is alleged. It is claimed that the railroad company maintains four tracks through the village of Sand Patch, and that there is only one crossing which is a grade crossing.

WANTS DIVORGE.

Through Attorney John Calvin Lowry, Zella Walker, of Elk Lick township, yesterday instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, James T. Walker, whom she charges with desertion. They were married at Cumberland on July 26th, 1907. Mrs. Walker claims that her husband has joined the U. S. regular army.

SOCIALISTS AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

The Somerset branch of the Socialist party, by a referendum vote of its members, has mapped out a campaign program for the November election which includes public ownership of the electric light, heat and power plant, and a municipal market.

The socialists also advocate a municipal industrial plant, which would provide steady work for the unemployed, and a minimum wage of \$2 per day for all municipal employees of the municipality, in addition to an 8-hour day.

Miss Ethel Scott spent Wednesday with relatives at Rockwood.

GOLDEN GULCH.

Golden Gulch was rendered in the Donges Theatre on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Civic League. The audience was fair sized and an evening's amusement and entertainment was furnished to the satisfaction of all present. The Meyersdale band furnished the music. The choruses by the young ladies were much enjoyed by the audience, which was attested to by the prolonged applause. Altogether the audience enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING.

On Friday evening October 17th, at 8:00 o'clock the Parent-Teachers Association will hold its first regular meeting of the present school term in the Assembly room of the High School building. The following program will be given:

Music—by the Quartette—Messrs. Baldwin, Cook, Thorley and Clutton. Collection of yearly dues of 25 cents. Address—"The Advantages of the Library in the Public Schools."—Rev. G. A. Need.

Music—by the Quartette. Awarding of prizes of \$25 for the tomato and potato contests. Let every one come.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

More than 90 per cent of the high schools now reporting to the U. S. Bureau of Education have full four-year course.

Parent-teacher circles and the civic club of Lock Haven, Pa., are co-operating to control cigarette smoking and to censor moving picture shows.

A parent-teachers' association, where one-half the members are men, is the fact at Gettysburg, Pa., according to information received at the U. S. Bureau of Education.

At Lebanon, Pa., one hundred and eighty-nine boys and girls aided in a plan to transform vacant lots into flourishing gardens.

Little Rock, Ark., spent \$20,000 on public play grounds last year. The money was raised by popular subscription.

A number of the leading business and professional men of Shelbyville, Ind., have been giving talks to the high school students on vocational subjects.

Parents who keep their children at home to help in the house work have been warned by the Milwaukee authorities that this will not be considered a valid excuse for absence and the truant officers have been ordered to be on the lookout for all such cases.

The school directors of Dubois, Pa., are considering a salary schedule, based on preparation, experience, and efficiency, instead of length of service, alone.

The board of education of Bristol, Conn., has passed a rule permitting high school pupils to substitute music, instrumental, vocal, or theatrical, for a high school study. In order to do this, the pupils must do a specified amount of work under a teacher approved by the board of education and reports must be made by the teacher and the parents on the progress of the work. The superintendent reports good results from the plan.

Cincinnati is trying compulsory vocational training with satisfactory results.

Rutland, Vt., has had for 10 years, a summer school for pupils who fail of promotion in the regular classes. Eighty percent of the pupils have made up the deficiencies, and been promoted and nearly all of these have continued to make good after promotion.

A farm of 160 acres has been deeded to the schools of Paola, Kan. Money from the farm is used to buy books and clothing for boys and girls who wish a high school education but cannot afford it.

Of the 85 foreigners who are in Rome this year studying the Montessori schools, 60 are Americans. Wisconsin reports a revival of interest in penmanship.

Louisville, Ky., has established an open air school for anaemic and sickly children.

MOVING TO KENTUCKY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dailey, and family, are packing their household goods preparatory to leaving Meyersdale. Mr. Dailey, accepts a lucrative position at McRoberts, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Dailey have lived here for several years and in that time have made many friends who rejoice in Mr. Dailey's promotion, yet regret to see them leave.

THE GRIM REAPER

CHARLES STURTZ.

Charles Sturtz, died at his home in Sterling, Ill., Saturday October 11, 1913, and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery in that city, Monday, October 13th, the funeral services at the grave being under the auspices of Will Robinson Post G. A. R., of which he was a member.

Charles Sturtz was born on the old Sturtz homestead, near Wellersburg, Somerset county, Pa., July 6, 1837. He was one of a large family of children, and his boyhood days were spent on the farm. He married Catherine Kennel, June 26, 1859, and to them 13 children were born, 11 of whom with the widow survive his death. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in Co. D, 171st Pa. Inf., serving out his enlistment. In February 1865 he re-enlisted in Co. D, 3rd Md., Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war.

In 1869 he came to Whiteside county, Ill., and settled on a farm where he lived until 1903 when he removed to the city of Sterling, where he has since resided. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and his funeral was largely attended showing what high esteem his friends and neighbors had for him. Three brothers and one sister survive him, his eldest brother Herman, who resides in Sterling, being in his 86th year.

The above obituary was furnished The Commercial through the kindness of G. E. Bishop, formerly Editor of the Republican.

MRS. THOMAS.

Mrs. Matilda Thomas, wife of Griffith Thomas, of West Salisbury, died October 7th, of a complication of diseases, terminating in dropsy. She was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery on Friday October 10th. She was aged 59 years, 2 months and 29 days. Rev. W. W. Wagner officiated at the funeral.

MRS. LOWRY.

Mary C. Lowry, wife of Jacob Lowry, of Keystone Mines, died October 8th, aged about fifty-nine years. The family had come originally from near Cumberland, Md., interment was made in the Union cemetery. Rev. Mr. Wagner of Salisbury officiated.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Lloyd Stewart of Johnstown, pleaded guilty before Judge Ruppel to a charge of defrauding a boarding housekeeper by Mrs. Harry Ward, of Jerome and was sentenced to pay the costs amounting to about \$40 and serve 60 days in jail.

George Burkhouse, of Holsopple, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny preferred against him by Ferd Sann, of Holsopple, and was sent to jail for three months. Burkhouse stole \$20 worth of clothing.

MEDICAL INSPECTORS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, state health examiner, has named the physicians who will act as medical inspectors in various school districts. The Somerset appointments follow:

Addison borough, Dr. F. B. Landerbaugh, Addison; Benson and Paint boroughs and Ogle township; Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, Holsopple Berlin borough and Brothersvalley township; Dr. William E. Shaw, Berlin; Caselman, New Centreville and Rockwood boroughs and Black township; Dr. C. T. Saylor, Rockwood; Boswell borough, Dr. C. F. Livengood, Boswell; Wellersburg borough and Fair Hope, Greenville, Larimer and Southampton townships, Dr. F. A. Sass, Sand Patch; Garrett and Meyersdale boroughs and Summit township; Dr. C. P. Large Meyersdale; Jefferson and Lincoln townships, Dr. Fred Shaffer, Somerset; Jennertown borough and Jenner township, Dr. Henry Hertzler, Jenners; Middlecreek and Milford townships; Dr. G. F. Speicher, Rockwood; Stoyestown borough and Quemahoning township; Dr. W. H. H. Schrock, Stoyestown; Somerset borough and Upper Turkeyfoot township, Dr. H. P. Meyers, Confluence; Somerset borough and Somerset township, Dr. H. I. Marsden, Somerset, Stonycreek township, Dr. J. R. Heffley, Berlin; Salisbury borough, Dr. A. M. Lichty, Elk Lick.

H. J. Ebbecka, leaves today for a visit with relatives and friends at Hagerstown, Md.

COURT NEWS.

The Superior Court in an opinion by Judge Morrison quashed the appeal of John G. Emert, Recorder of Deeds, of Somerset county, from the court of Common Pleas, which affirmed the judgment of a Justice of the Peace in entering judgment against him in favor of Simon H. Sweitzer, for \$50 and cost as a penalty for the taking of illegal fees.

Justice Morrison holds that the action before the Justice was civil one and in no sense of a criminal nature, as the record did not show a lack of jurisdiction either of the parties or the subject matter, under the Act of March 20th, 1110, the judgment of the Common Pleas Court affirmed of the Justice of Peace was final and the appeal would not lie.

"It was contended that the constable's return of the summons did not show a legal service, but the defendant appeared before the Justice and the case was tried on its merits. This gave the Justice jurisdiction of the person of the defendant beyond any controversy."

Justice Morrison also filed an opinion affirming the judgment of the Somerset County Court in the suit of Daniel Wagner, against James F. Hamer, Elmer Berkebile and Josiah Naugle. The plaintiff sought damages for the cutting of trees by the defendants on a tract of land containing 31 1-2 acres in Shade twp. The jury in the lower court found in favor of the defendants.

The case involved questions of title and possession of the land in this case. As the question was submitted to jury in a fair and elaborate charge, the Superior Court dismisses the assignments of error.

Other decisions handed down by the Superior court were the following:

Augustine vs. B. & O. Railroad Company's judgment reversed with jury trial awarded.

Evans vs. American National Gas Company, appeal from Indiana County, Degree modified and affirmed.

Livengood for use vs. Hay, appeal from Somerset county. Judgment reversed, record remitted with direction to enter judgment on the verdict.

RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Miss Darlia M. Yorty, and Charles E. Bisbin, both of Somerset, were married at Somerset, by Justice of the Peace A. Kent Miller.

Miss Olga Lanning, and Philemon Holsopple, both of Windber, were married at Windber, by Rev. G. W. Rothemel.

Miss Eva R. Hartline of Somerset township, and Leonard M. Carter, of Baltimore, Md., were married at the parsonage of the Somerset United Evangelical church, by Rev. Virgil Cameron Zener.

Miss Mary A. Fluck of Somerset, and Hiram E. Trent of Somerset township, were married at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. I. Hess Wagner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Somerset.

Miss Leah A. Nicola of Addison, and Frederick D. McMahon of Oakdale, Pa., were married at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. John H. Lancaster.

Miss Edna M. Fisher of Summit township, and Louis Hoyman of Summit township, were married at Garrett, by Justice of the Peace William Clements.

Miss Elizabeth Kiss and Elmer Pater, both of Jerome, were married at the court house by Marriage License Clerk, Bert F. Landis.

Miss Maude Shultz of Summit township, and George W. Fritz of Brothersvalley township, were married at Meyersdale, by Rev. W. H. B. Carney, pastor of the Garrett Lutheran church.

Miss Amelia L. Yoder and Monroe D. Yoder, both of Elk Lick township, were married at Flag Run church, by Rev. Moses D. Yoder.

Mr. and Mr. Harry B. Streams, of Indiana, Pa., who had been the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clarke, of Main street, left here Monday for Pittsburgh, where they spent a few days before returning to their home.

PRESIDENT TOUCHES BUTTON AND LINKS OCEANS AT PANAMA.

PANAMA, Oct. 10.—The long task of building the great canal which is to unite the Atlantic and the Pacific Pacific oceans was practically completed at 2 o'clock this afternoon when Colonel Goethals received the signal from President Wilson to discharge 1,227 charges of dynamite which will destroy Gamboa dike separating Gatun Lake and Culebra Cut.

Though this is regarded as the final step in the canal construction, it does not actually unite the two seas, as the great Cucaracha slide in Culebra Cut still blocks the way. It will take about two weeks to remove this. The oceans, however, have been in a senses, connected for some weeks by 24-inch pipes which were set in place because of expected water pressure in the cut.

When the waters of the Atlantic and those of the Pacific were wedded today and the breaking in two of the backbone of two continents finally completed, the United States had achieved what for two centuries had been dreamed of attempted and abandoned as too gigantic a feat for human effort. America's triumph in the building of the canal will be written down in history as one of the greatest achievements of mankind. It will stand up as a Sphinx and the Pyramids of the modern era, and just as the ancient Egyptians overcame what would seem to have been well-nigh insurmountable obstacles in their task, the United States has undertaken what four other nations of the world tried and despaired of from the early part of the sixteenth century.

It has thrown across the isthmus an army of men, and these men have clawed the dreamed of passageway through mountains of rock. It has opened its purse and poured into the undertaking a flood of nearly \$400,000,000 dollars.

It will be possible to go through the Canal from ocean to ocean in eleven hours. It took the battleship Oregon six weeks to pass around the Horn during the Spanish-American War. From deep-water in the Caribbean Sea on the east to deepwater in the Pacific Ocean on the west, the Canal measures a length of 50 miles. Vessels will reach its summit elevation by a flight of three locks located at Gatun, on the Atlantic side, and by one lock at Pedra Miguel and a flight of two at Miraflores, on the Pacific side. These steps in the great waterway vary in height from 47 to 82 feet, and those at Gatun, the largest ever designed, can be mounted by the greatest vessels in less than half an hour each.

Locks at every point have been built in duplicate the better to accommodate traffic. The Canal has been designed to take care of 80,000,000 tons of traffic a year, or four times the amount of commerce now passing through Suez Canal and twice the amount now passing through the American "Soo" Canal.

Uncle Sam began the construction of the canal nearly seven years ago. Back of that time runs a period of four centuries, during which time men were talking of a Panama canal, a period of bright dreams, and darkened by the lost fortunes of those who sought to make these dreams materialize.

WINDBER'S NEW BAND.

Windber's musical organization, the Windber Hungarian band, under the leadership of Prof. Joseph Allidy, on Saturday made its first appearance in public, on the occasion of the dedication of the new church flag of the Hungarian parish, when they headed the parade, that preceded the event. Five Hungarian societies turned out in the parade, and the day was a holiday event for the Hungarian populace. Work is progressing on the new church on Somerset avenue, and they expect to have the edifice completed early next year. The band made a creditable showing and gave a number of selections after the parade.—Windber Era.

MARRIED AT EVANGELICAL PARSONAGE.

Married at the United Evangelical parsonage at Husband, Pa., Clarence R. Young, son of Prof. and Mrs. Harvey Young, and Miss Myrtle N. Sheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheeler, both of Zimmerman, were united in the bond of matrimony on Wednesday evening, October 8th, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. E. L. Berkey, pastor of the United Evangelical church.