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A COSTLY BLAZE.

Fire Destroys Brick Works at Keystone Junction—The Loss Is Heavy.

On Friday night shortly before midnight the brick manufacturing plant at Keystone was totally destroyed by fire. The dimensions of the building were about 100x160 feet and contained all the machinery for the manufacture of the bricks. The loss runs up into many thousands of dollars, and is covered partially by insurance.

Percy Allen Rose of Johnstown, is president, and S. J. McClure of Meyersdale, is the general manager.

This plant was purchased about ten years ago from the Hohlitzell company. There are about three dozen houses mostly tenanted, belonging to the plant which were not damaged by the fire, and the kilns were not affected by the conflagration.

The company employs about seventy-five men on the yards and about an equal number of men in the mines. The origin of the fire is not known, but presumably started in the engine room. The company had a night watchman, men firing the kilns and attending to firing the boilers, but the origin is a mystery to them.

The Savage brick company has been quite prosperous, and had been working unceasingly in filling orders. It is the purpose of the management to rebuild at once, and equip the plant with the most modern machinery and push the industry to the fullest capacity.

During the rebuilding of the plant a number of men will likely be out of employment for some time.

OFFICIAL COUNT SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coroner—Henry S. Kimmel, Rep., 2783; Dem., 768; Wash., 1122; Pro., 170; Sec., 173; total, 5016.

Jury Commissioners—John G. Bender, Rep., 2540; S. P. Brubaker, Dem., 1285; Pro., 283; total, 1548; Josiah W. Pile, Wash., 1346; George W. Shaffer, Soc., 387.

Director of the Poor—Joseph J. Snyder, Rep., 2684; Jacob C. Dietz, Dem., 1341; Wash., 995; total, 2336; Perry U. Miller, Pro., 487; Bert F. Brown, Soc., 330.

Amendments—No. 1—Yes, 2156; No, 2007. No. 2—Yes, 1090; No, 1323. No. 3—Yes, 1088; No, 1280. No. 4—Yes, 1074; No, 1273. No. 5—Yes, 1116; No, 1279.

Superior Court Judge—James Alcorn, 290; Webster Grim, 590; John J. Henderson, 325; John W. Kephart, 3403.

EGGS MUST BE PLACED ON MARKET.

Harrisburg, Nov. 11.—While the prices of eggs are soaring, because of alleged scarcity, ten million dozens are being held in cold storage warehouses in Pennsylvania, according to Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust.

These eggs were put away before April 1, and unless they are taken out of storage and disposed of before December 1, they will be tagged by representatives of the Dairy and Food division, "Stored beyond legal limit. Not salable for food, under penalty of the law."

The new cold storage act prohibits the sale of eggs after having been stored more than eight months, not because they are then unfit for food, but for the purpose of preventing just such holdup tactics as are now being employed by speculators.

"The price of eggs would be reduced 10 per cent if the surplus stocks were now to be put on the market," said Commissioner Foust, who has several times warned the owners of these April eggs that they will be vigorously prosecuted if they attempt to sell them after December 1.

"Selling eggs that are past the storage limits subjects the seller to a \$500 fine and imprisonment, and we mean to enforce the law," said Commissioner Foust. "Our agents will be placed all over the State, and an extra force if necessary, and they will be under strict instructions to arrest anyone trying to sell April eggs in December. The gamblers had better unload their stocks now and take what they can get for them."

There have been veiled threats of resistance of the new law and a test in court, but whether this is to be attempted is not known. The department intends to proceed against all offenders.

MOVE TO SHORTEN SCHOOL COURSES.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The National Education Association for ten years has been trying to find a way to shorten the school and college courses for boys and girls. Various courses have been appointed. The problem assumed this form: "The period of general education is too long; economy in the selection of subjects and topics and in methods will save approximately two years in the whole period of general education; with greater efficiency in the earlier periods the college course may well end nominally at twenty instead of twenty-two; a redefinition of culture may modify the preparatory period; the ideals of our civilization today may affect the view of culture and the desirable limit of formal training."

A committee appointed in 1908 to make a full investigation of the subject generally and report was composed of John H. Baker, president of the University of Colorado; James H. VanSickle, superintendent of schools of Denver; Henry Suzzallo, professor of the philosophy of education of the Teachers College of Columbia University; Albion W. Small, professor of sociology of Chicago University. The Federal Bureau of Education is preparing to print the report of this committee.

The committee draws these general conclusions:—

1. The contemporary judgment is that the period of general education should be shortened at least two years.

2. This judgment is supported by the demands of society today, both practical and ideal.

3. It is claimed that more will be accomplished for a people if the preparatory stage of education ends at a reasonable period and special aims be emphasized while the mind is at a high degree of adaptability, energy and interest.

4. In the elementary and secondary periods economy through selection, elimination, vital methods, relation to modern life, would yield much better results, and little or nothing would be lost by the proposed change in time.

5. The American college in its present form presents problems for immediate solution; there is no longer any excuse for it as a mere four-year addition to the two earlier periods of education. The history of European education supports this view. This is not the same question as that of abolishing the college or of shortening the college course.

6. It is recommended that all university colleges organize the last two years in view of the coming elimination of preparatory education, and make them of the university type in form and method. When the college degree can be reached at about twenty those two years can become a part of the real university, consisting of a reorganization of the present graduate and professional schools.

7. It is recommended that the National Association of State Universities and the National Department of Superintendents be urged to continue their work on this problem—both the economy of time in the period of general education and the form or reorganization throughout; that the Association of American Universities be invited to cooperate. Upon these bodies will rest the responsibility of a final solution.

8. To define the form of discussion the following divisions of the entire period of general and special education, are proposed; elementary education, 6 to 12; secondary education, 12 to 18, two divisions, 4 years and 2 years; college, 18 to 20 or 18 to 20; university (graduate school and professional schools), 20 to 24.

DR. H. C. MCKINLEY SICK IN IOWA.

Dr. H. C. McKinley, who went to Waterloo, Iowa, to see his sick wife who is there on a visit with relatives, is himself sick with pneumonia, while his wife's condition is not much improved.

Just before going to press word was received that both Dr. and Mrs. McKinley are improving.

SNEAK THIEF

Last Wednesday some one went into the Slicer Hotel and appropriated to his use, the rain coat of a traveling man and at the same time took with him a dress coat of Mr. Logue.

PROGRAM OF COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

COURT ROOM Number 2 will be open on Monday Morning, November 24, from 9 o'clock until 1 o'clock. All teachers will go there during this time for the purpose of receiving enrollment cards and information relative to the Institute. The enrollment clerk will be present and all teachers are expected to procure from him membership cards some time during the forenoon. At this time teachers may procure song books for use during the week.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30—Opening Service.....Dr. Hiram King
1:40—Address of Welcome.....Rev. V. Zener
1:55—Response.....Prof. J. C. Beahm
2:10—Music Drill.....Prof. Jerry March
2:30—Instruction.....Supt. Reed B. Tietrick
"The First Requisites."
3:05—Music.....Rebekah Quartet
3:15—Music Drill.....Prof. March
Boys and Girls Spelling Contest.

Monday Evening Session, Eight O'clock.

Selection by Rebekah Quartet.
A Four Act Drama Portrayal of
Abraham Lincoln by
BENJAMIN CHAPIN.

Tuesday, November 25th.

FORENOON SESSION.

9:00—Devotional Exercises.....Rev. I. Hess Wagner
9:10—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
9:25—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"A Law of Teaching."
10:00—Demonstration "First Aid".....Windber High School Team
10:30—Music Drill.....Prof. March
10:45—Instruction.....Prof. Dennis
"The Rural Schools."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30—Music Drill.....Prof. March
1:50—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"The Teachers' Problem."
2:25—Reading.....Mrs. Martin
2:35—Instruction.....Prof. Dennis
"Public School Agriculture."
3:10—Music Drill.....Prof. March
3:25—Address.....Dr. Houck

Tuesday Evening Session, Eight O'clock.

Selection by Rebekah Quartet.
Characterist,
ELIAS DAY.

Wednesday, November 26th.

FORENOON SESSION.

9:00—Devotional Exercises.....Rev. H. A. Buffington
9:10—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"Fundamentals in Teaching."
9:45—Reading.....Mrs. Martin
9:55—Music Drill.....Prof. March
10:15—Address.....Dr. Houck
10:50—Music Drill.....Prof. March
11:10—Instruction.....Dr. A. Holmes
"Physical Causes of Retardation."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30—Music Drill.....Prof. March
1:50—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"Standards of Teaching."
2:20—Reading.....Mrs. Martin
2:25—Music Drill.....Prof. March
2:35—Instruction.....Dr. Houck
3:10—Music Drill.....Prof. March
3:25—Instruction.....Dr. Holmes
"View Points in Child Psychology."

Wednesday Evening Session, Eight O'clock.

Reading,
AGNES STOVER MARTIN.
Lecture by
DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS,
Preacher, Lecturer, Author,
"The America of To-day and To-morrow."

Thursday, November 28th.

9:00—Devotional Exercises.....Rev. S. G. Buckner
9:10—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"Effective Teaching."
9:50—Music Drill.....Prof. March
10:05—Instruction.....Mrs. Martin
10:45—Reading.....Mrs. Martin
"Instincts of Childhood."
10:55—Music Drill.....Prof. March
11:10—Address.....Dr. Houck

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30—Music Drill.....Prof. March
1:45—Instruction.....Prof. Tietrick
"My Boy's Teacher."
2:20—Music.....Quartet

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THE GRIM REAPER

JOSIAH COOK.

Josiah Cook, of Hyndman, died Sunday morning at the age of 72 years. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

Josiah Cook, was a native of Wellersburg and was a veteran of the Civil War. He is survived by his widow and four children—John, Mrs. Herman Altfather, Rose and Katie—all at home and the following brothers and sisters, E. L. of Johnstown, Jonas of Somerset; Jesse, of Cumberland, Mrs. William Deal, of Meyersdale and Mrs. Carpenter, of Hyndman.

SOCIETY NOTES.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Miss Mabel Baer very delightfully entertained a number of her friends at her home on Beachley street, South Side, Thursday evening. Playing games and music was indulged in and a delicious lunch was served.

Those present were:—Misses Marion Layton, Mary Leckemby, Mary Beal, Hazel Rosenberger, Grace Dickey, Bessie Bittner, Julia Hohlitzell, Sylvia Ford, George May, Glenn Blake, John Meyers, James Leckemby, James Darrah, Mer Ford, Harry Stahl, Jack Hohlitzell, Bud Leonard and George Baer.

AT IEND ANTI-SALOON JUBILEE CONVENTION.

Somerset county, which for a number of years has been a great temperance stronghold, will send a dozen delegates to the National Jubilee Convention at the Anti-Saloon League, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, from the 10th, to the 13th inst., inclusive. It will be the 20th annual gathering of the great anti-liquor organizations. The Somerset delegates will leave Monday morning. They will go to Johnstown, where they will join a special train of hundreds of other delegates from Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania delegates will have a chorus of forty voices. They will rehearse in Johnstown and Pittsburgh. The names of the Somerset delegates follow: Rev. L. P. Young, Mrs. Victoria Dean, Rev. Ira S. Monn and C. J. Otto, of Salisburg, Rev. J. A. Hopkins of Confluence, Rev. Virgil Cameron, Zener B. W. Lambing, and Rev. Jesse G. Deeds, of Somerset, Rev. Perry J. Blough, and E. Percy Blough of Hooversville, Rev. D. W. Leorone, of Davidsville and Rev. Dr. J. Domer, of Windber.

DISTINGUISHED METHODIST CLERGYMAN COMING.

This week and next there are being held Evangelistic services in the Methodist church in Meyersdale, every evening at 7:30. The pastor of the church, Rev. G. A. Neeld, will preach this week, but will be assisted on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, that is November 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st of next week by Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon D. D., of the Foundry Methodist church in Washington, D. C. Dr. Wedderspoon is an eminent preacher of the Methodist church and pastor of the largest church of his denomination of the National Capitol. He is known throughout the Eastern States for his ability as a preacher and lecturer. It is a rare opportunity afforded us in having Dr. Wedderspoon and one we should not let pass. Everybody in Meyersdale and vicinity is invited to come to the Evangelistic services and to hear Dr. Wedderspoon when he comes.

Choir of good voices. Organist, Mrs. C. E. Klingensmith, Soloist, Carl Leith.

NO DEER HUNTING IN THIS COUNTY.

The state game commission on Monday declared Cambria, Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties closed to deer hunting for three years.

SPECIAL SERVICE.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics of Witttemberg, Pa., will meet in a body in the White Oak Reformed church, November 23rd at 10 a. m. when Rev. A. S. Kresge, will preach to the Order,

GRADUATING EXERCISES AT ST. PAUL.

As per announcement in our paper last week, the exercises incident to the completing of the Teacher Training course of study by a class of the Reformed Sunday school, were held in the Reformed church last Sunday evening. The class, the second largest ever graduated in the county, is composed of the following persons:—Elizabeth Beals, Lulu E. Davis, Lloyd F. Engle, Mrs. Lloyd E. Engle, Mrs. Mary C. Engle, Eva I. Faidley, Mrs. E. S. Hassler, Hiram Hassler, Etta C. Lepley, H. G. Lepley, Nancy Lepley, Jonas Lowery, R. S. Nicholson, Mrs. Mary E. Rhodes, Jacob I. Sechler, Elsie Sipple, Mrs. Agnes Winters. The church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of the class colors, the class motto, and many flowers and plants. The address of Rev. Mr. Matger of Frostburg, Md., was an able effort. The pastor in conferring the diplomas congratulated the church on having as many to take this charge and the members of the class in now having better and greater knowledge of the Bible and increased equipment for teaching it. The full program of the commencement was as follows:—

Music—Lucille Overture.
Invocation.
Hymn No. 29 Sunday School Hymnal.
Song, "We Come"—Class.
"Value of Old Testament Study" H. G. Lepley.
"The Value of New Testament Study"—Mrs. E. S. Hassler.
Music, Violin Duet, "Sweet Remembrance"—Prof. U. D. Miller, F. L. Engle.
"Our Class Colors"—Miss Lulu Davis.
"Our Class Motto"—Miss Nancy Lepley.
Song, Duet—Mrs. Agnes Winters, Mrs. Nan Engle.
Class History—Jonas Lowry.
Address—Rev. C. E. Metger, Frostburg, Md.
Class Song, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing, Lord".
Presentation of Diplomas—Rev. F. S. Hassler.
Offering.
Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Benediction.

SERIOUSLY SICK.

John T. Hocking of Meyers avenue, who has been seriously sick for some time is in a very critical condition and his end seems near at hand.

NO. 13 WRECKED.

Train No. 13 going west was wrecked today at Salisburg Junction. The engine and mail car was off the track. No one was hurt.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

John Wagner has accepted a position at the Slicer House, in the capacity as an all-around man. John is a genial and an accommodating fellow and is well suited for the position.

HE ADVERTISED.

As a result of an ad. in The Commercial, George D. Siehl, of the Siehl Hardware Store, sold one farm wagon and got two good prospects.

Do you advertise in The Commercial? If not join the ranks. It pays the other fellow who advertises in The Commercial and we believe it would pay you too.

REAL ESTATE SALE

The statement of the purchase of the A. C. Lepley farm by Lloyd Hay, of near Meyersdale, will be of great interest to many people. This farm originally belonged to Jacob Hershberger and after his decease came into the possession of his daughter, the present Mrs. Lepley, who with her husband, A. C. Lepley, have lived there about 40 years. The new owner of the farm, Lloyd A. Hay, will take possession on December 1st, next, and Mr. and Mrs. Lepley, who are Mrs. Hay's parents, will continue to live there also. The farm is a fine one in every respect. Mr. Hay is a progressive and successful young farmer, and we congratulate him on entering upon his possession.

ON A HUNTING TRIP.

Messrs. Vincent E., and Gus Hartle, George Wagaman, George Mosholder and John Clites, left here Saturday morning for Clearfield county, where they will spend several weeks on a hunting trip.