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KILLED AT SAND PATCH

B. & O. Employee Loses His Life—Body Horribly Mangled.

On Sunday evening about 8:00 o'clock a tragedy took place at Sand Patch, when Guy Baer, a young man in the very prime of life had his life snuffed out almost in the twinkling of an eye.

He was employed by the B. & O. as switchman at the Sand Patch yards. An engine helped train No. 97 up from Hyndman, when it was out off at Sand Patch and run in on a switch. The engineer says Baer gave him the signal to back up. Baer was standing on the tender and as No. 97 was going west, he was struck and thrown under the train with the result that he lost his life. He was horribly mangled and died fifteen minutes later without uttering a word. His remains were brought to Reich's morgue where they were prepared for burial. He was a son of John Herman Baer of Pocahontas, and was about 22 years of age.

Last April Guy Baer was married to Miss Alice Garlitz, who with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Baer, five brothers and six sisters are left to mourn his loss.

The remains were taken to the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garlitz, in Greenville township, on Monday afternoon.

The funeral was held from the Catholic church yesterday morning. Rev. Father Brady officiating. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery.

KICKED BY A HORSE.

Charles Diveley, aged 22, an employee at the Charles Weimer blacksmith shop, was kicked by a fractious horse on Monday morning, sustaining a broken right leg.

INSTALL NEW MACHINE.

The Meyersdale Steam Laundry has purchased a Prosperity collar moulder, a machine that is claimed moulds the collar perfectly. This machine is in transit now from the factory and costs I. Bradburn & Son the fancy price of \$225. Immediately on its arrival it will be installed in their up-to-date laundry.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Somerset County Sunday School workers: At our County Convention at Rockwood last May resolutions were passed urging that a county convention in the interests of temperance be held at Somerset this fall. In compliance with this action your county officers have co-operated with the notice league of Somerset County, with which we as an association are affiliated, and have arranged for the general convention of temperance forces of the county to be held in the Christian Church, Somerset, Friday evening, Dec. 12, 1913. We feel sure this will be a "worth-while" convention and urge all Sunday School workers to help it along by advertising its purpose and insisting upon attendance. Notice of the convention has been sent you through your pastor. Please take the matter up with a will. Have your school represented at the Somerset Convention. Watch for notices and program.

B. W. Lambing, Pres.
V. C. Zener, Sec.

MARRIED

BEALS—WENGERD.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rhoades, November 30, 1913, at 6 P. M. Miss Edith M. Beals and Moses J. Wengerd were joined in matrimony by Rev. E. S. Hassler.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

The sale of the S. D. Livengood property, was held Thursday Nov. 26, by the assignee Chas. H. Ealy, and the property known as the Fred Rowe property, in Meyersdale, was sold for \$332. The sale thereof was confirmed Dec. 3rd, to become the absolute property within twenty days if no exceptions are filed or a higher bid offered for the property.

The sale of the coal property in Somerset and Stonycreek townships was continued until Jan. 9th, at 1:00 o'clock at the Court House in Somerset.

F. O. E. SMOKER.

Large Attendance—A Notable Occasion.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles and invited guests met in the ninth annual smoker and banquet in the large and well equipped home of the Order on Tuesday night to the number of one hundred strong, to do honor to the occasion. The Order occupies the second and third floors of the Kendall building on Centre street. The home had just been renovated, and presented a beautiful appearance. The early part of the evening was spent in games of various kinds and in social exchanges.

About eleven o'clock the company repaired to the banquet hall and there awaited a spread to more than satisfy the most fastidious epicure, a feast of which the Greek gods never dreamed of. Roy Stahl is the steward and if the feast is a sample of his work, then every one is ready to O. K. him. With fire at one end of a cigar and a man at the other the smoke began to fly.

Dr. W. T. McMillan was toast master and guided the wisdom, wit and verbiage safely through the evening's proceedings. The Livengood orchestra furnished the music. James L. Dixon, president of the Eagles, delivered a cordial address of welcome. The following persons delivered addresses:—Rev. Father Brady, Grand Officer McDermitt, of the Cumberland Press; W. S. Livengood, of the Meyersdale Republican, and A. M. Schaffner of The Commercial.

The addresses were of an unusually high order and called forth a splendid and unbounded enthusiasm.

The membership of the Eagles is about one hundred and is in a flourishing condition. The following are the officers:

Past President—C. C. Eyester.
President—J. L. Dixon.
Vice President—Galloway Stotler.
Chaplain—C. E. Crowe.
Secretary—W. E. Baker.
Treasurer—G. W. Logue.
Conductor—F. P. Heffley.
Inside Guard—H. L. Heffley.
Outside Guard—H. J. Bittner.
Physician—W. T. McMillan.
Trustees—M. J. Livengood, W. T. McMillan, J. W. Maul.
House Committee—F. F. Heffley, W. T. McMillan.
Steward—Roy G. Stahl.

MADE A TRIP TO ILLINOIS.

Herman B. Beal, of Sand Patch, who spent two weeks in Illinois, returned home yesterday. He had a splendid visit and enjoyed every minute of his time. While in Illinois, he had the pleasure of calling on G. E. Bishop formerly editor of the Meyersdale Republican who has many pleasant recollections of Meyersdale. Mr. Beal called at The Commercial when he reached Meyersdale.

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MASTERS APPOINTED.

Judge Ruppel on Wednesday appointed masters in the following divorce actions: Ephraim L. Countryman vs. Lydir Margaret Countryman, Attorney John G. Ogle; William J. McKee vs. Annie McKee, Attorney Frederick W. Biessecker; Peter Mankamer vs. Nettie Mankamer, Attorney Rufus E. Meyers; Edna G. Baer vs. Walter L. Baer, Attorney A. E. G. Aay; Genevieve Snyder vs. Charles Snyder, Attorney Clarence L. Shaver; Conetta Polito vs. Guacano Polito, Attorney John S. Miller.

SOCIETY NOTES.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

On Friday evening a number of young folks enlivened the Streng home by giving Luther Streng a surprise party on High street. The evening was delightfully spent in playing games, and big eats. The music was furnished by Miss Bessie Streng and the refreshments served will long be remembered by those present.

The following were, Misses Fernie Close, Bertha Gerhart, Hazel West, Edna Saylor, Margaret Zinn, Edna Zinn, Pearl Collins, Jane Largent, Myrtle Largent, Mary Streng, Margaret Brant and Grace Jones of Berlin. Allen Close, Nelson Gerhart, Ira West, Wm. Bradburn, Edgar Brant, Robert Brant, Homer Wiland, Archie Gray, Arthur Streng, Norman Arnold, Walter Carter, Carl Daugherty.

Somerset Spelling Contest Winners.



Left to Right—Clark Whipkey, of Upper Turkeyfoot Township; Ada Fike, of Meyersdale; Bruce Lichty, of Somerset Township, and Rose Davis, (winner of first prize), of Somerset.

CRIMINAL COURT IN SESSION

MANY CASES ON TRIAL

The regular December term of Somerset county criminal court convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge William H. Ruppel presiding. Hon. John C. Weller of Gebhart, was appointed foreman of the grand jury. The grand jury returned true bills in the following cases: Road supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public highways, Clarence C. King, prosecutor; Soferina Bufalino; assault and battery with intent to kill, Samuel W. McMillan.

SUPERVISORS ON TRIAL.

The first case called for trial was that of Samuel Baker, John Engle, and Joseph Livengood, supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public roads. The Commonwealth's case is in charge of District Attorney Virgil R. Saylor and Attorney Norman T. Boose, while the defendants are represented by ex-Judge Francis J. Kooser.

ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING

Toney Madee, charged with selling liquor without license by County Detective Lester G. Wagner, and Michael Foley, charged with selling liquor without license by W. E. Paden, pleaded guilty and were released on parole on payment of the costs of prosecution.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

John Thomas Jackson, charged with carrying concealed weapons by B. & O. Detective Edwin F. Lugwig, entered a plea of guilty, but has not yet been sentenced.

ROWE—DEAL CASE CONTINUED.

A continuance was announced in the case in which Frederick Rowe is charged with perjury by Levi Deal.

CASES SETTLED.

The following cases were settled:—Michael Stinetsky and Frances Sabot, charged with assault and battery and resisting an officer by Constable Edward Arisman of Boswell; Jacob Drisco, assault and battery to ravish, Francis Collier; John Fesco and Andrew Glov, aggravated assault and battery, Shandor Baker; George Baker, assault and battery, John Fesco.

WANTS DIVORCE.

Thomas J. Wagner of Elk Lick township, through his Attorney, Ernest O. Kooser, Esq., filed a libel in divorce against his wife, Estella E. Wagner. They were married on February 24, 1909.

AFTER E. M. BIGELOW

Political influence saved Stase Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow the humiliation of being haled in the court of quarter sessions of Somerset county to answer a charge of criminally neglecting a state highway built under the Sprout act. The paint township constable appeared here Monday to make his quarterly return to the court. He reported that with one exception the peace and dignity of the commonwealth had not been offended since September court. That single act of wrongdoing, the constable stated in his return, was the criminal neglect of the State road between Windber and Ashcola by State Highway Commissioner Bigelow.

The road in question, the constable says, is in an almost impassable condition. The top dressing has been worn away, leaving nothing but the heavy ballast stones for a roadbed. The frost, he claims, will distort these rocks before spring, as there is no top dressing to prevent rain and melt-

ing snow and ice from penetrating to the bottom, which will make the thoroughfare impassable.

The constable secured a stenographer as soon as he arrived in town and promptly made out his return. In some way the politicians found out what the constable purposed swearing to and the county authorities immediately got busy. The constable was given to understand that he could not legally make a return against the state, although he was about to return not the state, but an individual, Commissioner Bigelow. He was also told to withhold his return against Bigelow, by officials in authority, until other cases concerning criminal neglect of roads had been disposed of, although what weight such actions will have on the prosecution of Bigelow was not laborated upon.

Under these circumstances the constable withdrew his return of Bigelow, but says he may and his return so as yet to accuse the highway commissioner.

JUDGE O'CONNOR HERE.

Judge Francis J. O'Connor of California county, presided in criminal court on Tuesday and directed a jury to return a verdict of "not guilty" in the first of the ten embezzlement cases in which John H. Seibert, former prosperous lumberman of Somerset, who is now seeking relief from financial embarrassment in the bankruptcy courts.

In this action Seibert was charged with embezzling the sum of \$1,400 from the Berkeley Lumber company, of which he was treasurer. The Berkeley company is also a bankrupt now. The company purchased a large tract of timber in Jefferson township, from John P. Statler of Somerset, the deal being negotiated by Seibert, acting for the lumber company. It was charged in the indictment against Seibert that he had made a secret profit of \$1,400 in the transfer of the timber tract.

TWO NEGROES CONVICTED.

John Thomas Jackson and John Williams, two negroes, were convicted of highway robbery. They held up Charles Harvey and Frank B. Emerick on a public road near Fair Hope, on the afternoon of September 16th. They secured 75 cents from their victims, overlooking \$30 in paper money in one of Emerick's coat pockets.

TRUE BILLS.

The grand jury rendered true bills in the following cases: Isaac Shaffer, charged with aggravated assault and battery by Daniel Farby; John and Robert Kelley, assault and battery, P. H. Ouler, prosecutor; James Albright, burglary, Irvin Foust, prosecutor.

After a partial trial a settlement was effected in the case of Samuel Baker, John Engle and Joseph Livengood, supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public roads.

A settlement was effected in the case of Harrison Bittner, Levi Lape, and Noah Pritts, supervisors of Black township, charged with neglecting public roads, by Constable Adam A. Baker.

George Hoover, charged with assault and battery by Edward Diekey, entered a plea of guilty, but has not yet been sentenced.

Robert Hawkins of Jenner township, charged with assault and battery by Tony Bartola, was tried in Judge Ruppel's court. A jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. Prosecutor pay one-third cost and defendant two-thirds.

After the Hawkins case Judge Ruppel took up the aggravated assault

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING COMPLETED.

OPENING DECEMBER 14.

Sunday School Room to be Dedicated With Appropriate Ceremonies.

The Sunday school and social room of Amity Reformed church is about completed and is to be dedicated on Sunday, December 14th, with a series of services. Services preceding will be held as follows:

Thursday evening—Address by Rev. E. P. Skyles of Cumberland, Md.; Friday evening—Address by Rev. E. S. Hassler of Keim; Saturday evening—Address by Rev. D. B. Lady of Gettysburg.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock dedicatory services—Address on the twentieth century Sunday school by W. G. Landis of Philadelphia, secretary of the State Sunday School association; followed by an address by Rev. H. L. Goughenour, of this place, on the need of young men in the service of the Lord. The Lutheran and Brethren congregations will unite in this service.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a rally of all of the Sunday schools of the town—remarks by the superintendents of the various schools and by W. G. Landis. On Sunday evening the Methodist congregation will unite in the services. Address by Rev. W. J. Muir of Scottsdale on the Training of the Young, followed by an address by Rev. G. A. Neel of this place on the Influence of Environment. These services will be of an unusual order.

An itemized program will be published next week. These meetings ought to be largely attended. Rev. J. H. Hassler will close his church on that day and invite his people to attend these services with him.

THE GRIM REAPER

J. D. MILLER.

Councilman J. D. Miller, and manager of J. C. McSpadden's department store, of Rockwood, died very suddenly on Friday afternoon about 2 p. m. in his office, from a severe attack of neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Miller had apparently been in good health, although he was subject to attacks of this character years ago, it was thought that the cause had been removed from his system. Mr. Miller has hosts of friends in Rockwood and surrounding vicinity who are grieved to hear of his demise. Mr. Miller was 74 years and 8 months of age, and is survived by his widow and five children, besides four brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held at the Miller home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment at the New Centerville cemetery. Rev. D. S. Kurtz, officiating.

FAREWELL SERVICE

On Sunday evening Rev. J. A. Yount ended a pastorate of about three years in the Lutheran church. During his pastorate he labored faithfully to build up the church of which he was pastor, and throughout his ministry he has proven faithful, zealous and very successful.

His many friends rejoice with him in the prospects he has at Uniontown for a successful work and are sorry that he is leaving Meyersdale.

CRITICALLY ILL AT WILKES-BARRE

Attorney John H. Uhl, of Somerset, on Saturday received a telegram from Wilkes Barre, Pa., announcing the critical illness of his son Russell Uhl, of that place. The younger Mr. Uhl, the message stated, underwent an operation for bowel trouble. A later telegram informed Attorney Uhl that there has been some improvement in his son's condition.

BETTER EQUIPPED FOR LARGER WORK.

We have just received a lot of new type, direct from the factory, which is specially intended for poster and larger work. We would like to show you how nice a job we can make for you when you need your next posters. If in need of anything in the printing line, we will count it a privilege to serve you. To the old force which has been in our print shop right along, we have added another man, Ed Lehman, who had been a pressman in Pittsburg, so we are better equipped in material and help today than at any former time.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING

Miss Edith Smith Becomes the Bride of Harry Boyer.

Last Sunday at 12:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, 606 Beachley street, was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Edith Myrtle, to Harry Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Boyer of near Berkley Mills. Miss Alma Sass of Pocahontas, cousin of the groom, was the bridesmaid, and Ralph Smith of Somerset, brother of the bride, was the best man. The bride, on the arm of her father, entered the parlor which was tastefully decorated with palms and ferns; here the beautiful ring ceremony was used, making Harry Boyer and Edith Smith, man and wife. Dr. Truxal, pastor of Amity Reformed church, performed the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a navy blue messaline gown with hat to match and the maid of honor was gowned in light blue. The groom and best man appeared in the conventional black.

After the ceremony, hearty good will and congratulations were extended to the young couple. The bride was made the recipient of numerous, beautiful and useful presents.

Mr. Boyer is a young man engaged in mining at the Pine Hill mines.

The couple left on a wedding trip on Monday evening on train No. 49 for Johnstown and other points. They will return in a week or ten days and locate in this community.

An elaborate wedding dinner was served to the following guests:—John W. Boyer, wife and four children of Summit township; August Sass, wife and daughter, Miss Alma, Mrs. Elizabeth Peck, Mrs. Ellen Hostetler, and Jesse Garlitz, all of Pocahontas; Nevin Smith and son Charles of Ralplton; Ralph Smith of Somerset; Dr. A. E. Truxal, A. M. Schaffner and wife, Mrs. M. H. Boucher, Henry Siehl, wife and four children; Lloyd A. Smith and wife, Ralph Smith, son of Virgil Smith; George W. Smith, wife and daughter, Catherines, all of Meyersdale.

The Commercial extends hearty congratulations to the young couple, who have embarked on life's voyage.

PRACTICALLY STARVED TO DEATH

FORMER CASHIER OF GARRETT BANK DIES FROM STARVATION CAUSED BY THROAT TROUBLE.

Unable to take sufficient nourishment because of a tubercular affection of the throat, Lewis A. Beabes, 37 years old and married, died at 3 o'clock on last Thursday morning at his home in Windber. He had been at Cresson Sanatorium, and the White Haven Sanatorium, and had undergone an operation at the latter place, but the disease could not be arrested. Last Friday a week ago the young man returned to his home in Windber. For three months he had been unable take sufficient nourishment.

Mr. Beabes first noticed the disease when he was Cashier of the Garrett First National Bank. His lungs were in good condition and he often expressed the opinion that he contracted the disease in his throat from a former employe at the bank who died.

Lewis A. Beabes was a son of Noah Beabes, who lives near Somerset. His mother is dead. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Ella Hoffman a daughter of Peter Hoffman of Scalp Level; one little child, Wilma, aged 15 months, and the following brothers and sisters: Harvey J., of Somerset; Newman, a school teacher at Garrett; Ettie, and Orle, at home, and Mrs. Howard Peck, of Fort Hill.

Mr. Beabes relinquished his duties at the Garrett First National Bank last spring.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in the German Brethren Church, Scalp Level. Interment was made in the Berkeley Cemetery.

MINERS PROMOTED.

George Hartshorne, formerly a fire boss and assistant to Mine Foreman Griffith, in the mines of the Atlantic Coal Company at Boswell, has been promoted to the position of mine foreman to succeed Mr. Griffith. George Watson, formerly a fire boss, has been honored with a promotion to the position of assistant mine foreman.

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