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DEATH'S HARVEST

EDGAR KYLE.

Ex-Sheriff Kyle, one of the most prominent men of Somerset county died this morning at 1 o'clock, after a lingering illness. For many months he had been feeble in body, but had retained a very alert mind. He at one time was quite prominent in politics of the county and served a term as sheriff. He had seen active and strenuous service in the Civil War. For many years he had been engaged in hotel and mercantile business at Somerset, Meyersdale and Stoyestown but retired about ten years ago and since then made his home with his son, E. C. Kyle, formerly at the Colonial Hotel, and later on Broadway street.

He was born October 2nd, 1844, in Jenner township, and at the time of his death was aged, 69 years, 2 months and 7 days.

The funeral service will take place on Saturday, at the family residence at 1 o'clock, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., officiating. Interment in the Union cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Elbridge of town and Bowman of Windber, three daughters, Mrs. P. P. Ritter, Boswell, Mrs. Marion Cover, of Meyersdale, Mrs. Karl A. Miller, Fairmont, W. Va., two half sisters, Mrs. John Custer, Stoyestown and Mrs. Isaac Friedline, of Boswell, and three half brothers, Joseph, William and Daniel Sachs. He is also survived by his aged mother, who is about 93 years of age.

ELIAS P. YOUNKIN.

Elias P. Younkin of the South Side, a life long resident of Somerset county died on Sunday morning, December 7th, at 7:45 o'clock.

He had been ailing for some weeks and through a complication of diseases the struggle suddenly ceased and life left the tenement of clay. He was born at New Lexington, Somerset county, October 2, 1845, and was aged 68 years, 2 months and 5 days.

On March 4, 1868, he was married to Emma J. Horner. From this union was born a family of eleven children, five of whom preceded him to the grave. He is survived by his wife and the following children:—Miss Anna at home, William of Williams, David F. of Johnstown, Roy of Wheeling, W. Va., Henry and Charles at home; three grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters:—Fremont and Benton, Mrs. Augusta Evans and Miss Lucina of Rockwood, Mrs. E. R. McNeill of Onawa, Iowa, and Mrs. Josephine Curotte of Montreal, Canada. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He had been a member of the Brethren church and his pastor, Rev. H. L. Goughnour officiated. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Younkin was the son of David Younkin and Maria Sophia Culver. For some years Mr. Younkin was engaged in business in Meyersdale, and operated the brick yard plant. For a quarter of a century Mr. Younkin lived in Meyersdale and for forty years he lived in the vicinity of Meyersdale.

In politics Mr. Younkin was a staunch Democrat, and was honored more than once by his fellow citizens in electing him as their representative in the town council.

The family appreciates the many kindnesses received from relatives and friends during the illness and wishes through the columns of The Commercial to all who have thus shown kindness, to express its thanks.

MRS. ADA MENCHORN.

After a severe illness of nearly a month's duration, Ada E. wife of Clarence Menhorn, died on Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock, aged 22 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Funeral services were held in St. Michael's Catholic church at West Salisbury, at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, her pastor, Rev. Father Quinn, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at the church.

Mrs. Menhorn was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie of Greenville township, and besides her parents, her husband and three months old daughter. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters:—Herbert, Elmer, Augustus, James, Robert, Andrew, Wilbur, Viola and Mary most of whom are at home.

Clarence Menhorn and Ada E. McKenzie were married last September a year ago and it is now just a few months since they started house keeping, with their house nicely furnished in the Barchus & Livingood building, and how soon the messenger of death has brought all to naught.

SAMUEL CORFIELD.

Samuel Corfield of Salisbury street, died on Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock from paralysis. While partaking of his noon day meal on Sunday the fatal malady visited him.

He was born in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire England, January 16, 1845, and at the time of his death he was aged 68 years, 10 months and 22 days. Nearly half of his life was spent in America. For 33 years he had been on American soil and for 12 years had been a resident of Meyersdale. He was married to Rebecca Driver in England on November 21, 1866, by whom he is survived, as well as by three sons and two daughters as follows:—James O. Corfield of Hanna, Wyo., Richard Corfield of Cumberland, Md., Wm. Corfield, and Mrs. Arthur Belcher of Meyersdale, and Mrs. Wm. Preston of Frostburg, Md., by six grandchildren, and one great grand child, and one brother, Wm. Corfield of Lonaconing.

Mr. Corfield's life work was mining. In his early life he was confirmed a member of the church of England.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from his late home. Burial was made in the Union cemetery, Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal officiated.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The special session of Council was held in the council chamber on Monday evening. Present—Dia, Darnley, Appel, Weakland, Bauman. Absent—Deal and Bolden.

Prior to the meeting different ordinances were in vogue with reference to borough licenses. These were not clear, neither did they meet the requirements of the present day. The solicitor had examined them, and a revision was effected which is believed will meet the requirements of the borough.

In the future the matter of issuing licenses is placed in the hands of the burgess, instead of in the hands of the treasurer. Hereafter all licenses are due January 1st.

The borough and the electric light company have reached a satisfactory understanding with reference to the lighting system. A few matters still remain to be adjusted by the solicitor and are satisfactory to the borough and the light company. The light company agrees to install the series system and the council waives its rights to the white flame arc.

The contract which the light company has been extended two years and if the light is satisfactory the contract will be extended to expire at the expiration of the franchise.

E. M. Bowser was again present with the request for a crossing at his home.

Council claims that Mr. Bowser has not complied with the conditions required by council and that he had not reported the full facts of the case.

A number of exonerations were granted, many of these were previously exonerated by the county commissioners.

There being no other business council adjourned.

STATUE BLESSED.

Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a very impressive service was held in St. Philip and James Catholic church when the statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was blessed by the pastor, the Rev. Father Brady. The Rev. Father Carr, assistant at St. Columba's church of Johnstown, delivered an eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion. This was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The statue is most beautiful and costly and was donated by Mrs. Michael Foley. Special music was rendered and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large concourse of people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore were at New Centreville, Saturday, attending the funeral of the former's uncle, Mr. W. F. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cahill, and son were Sunday visitors here. Mr. Cahill recently accepted the position as train dispatcher of the Rockwood division of the B. & O. railroad and about the first of the year will become a resident of Meyersdale. He will remove his family from New Castle, Pa., to the S. C. Hartley residence on Broadway street.

Mrs. James Cox, who has been very ill at her home on the South Side, is rapidly improving. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farran Heavner, of Cumberland, Md.

Dedication of the New Sunday School and Social Building

Dedicatory Exercises of Amity Reformed Church, Will Take Place Sunday, December 14, 1913.

At the congregational meeting of Amity Reformed church last January, action was taken to provide adequate room for the Sunday school and at the same time it was decided to remodel and renovate the church. The building committee consists of C. W. Truxal, W. H. Deeter, W. H. Habel, W. H. Holzshu, W. H. Kretzman and H. C. Knierrim. The chairman of the committee made the plans for the Sunday school building and he has kept in touch with every step in the progress of construction.

The cellar was excavated by Val Gress. J. A. Shumaker of Hyndman, put up the basement wall and later was awarded the contract for the brick work. Mr. Shumaker left a magnificent record for workmanship in the building which will be dedicated on Sunday. The foundation is of native Allegheny mountain rock.

The furnace was placed by Baer & Co., and is the largest furnace of the kind in Meyersdale, and will furnish ample steam heat for the Sunday school building and the church edifice. The electric wiring was done by H. J. Smith and J. B. Slicer. The glass was procured from the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company. The Meyersdale Planing mill had the contract for the lumber. Frank Bolden has been the carpenter contractor and made a splendid job of the work.

The interior of the Sunday school is divided into the main and the primary departments, and these are subdivided into class rooms. The primary room is in the rear of the platform and raised to the height of the platform. The two rooms are separated by an immense curtain. The main room has galleries on three sides and has a seating capacity larger than any church in town. The basement has a high ceiling and can be used for many purposes.

The ladies intend to have a well equipped culinary department in the basement, and with the large banquet hall, will be able to accommodate any number of guests. The new building is well appointed in every respect, a credit to the Sunday school and the builders.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., is the pastor of the Sunday school.

A. M. Schaffner, superintendent.

F. A. Bittner, assistant superintendent.

Mrs. C. W. Truxal, superintendent of the primary department.

The Amity school is one of the largest in Somerset county and with this better equipment, the school should increase in numbers and result in more efficient work. The following is the program for the services in connection with the dedication:

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ORDER OF SERVICE.

FRIDAY 7:30 SERVICES.....Address by Rev. E. S. HASSLER, Of Meyersdale, Route No. 2.

SATURDAY 7:30 SERVICES.....Address by Rev. E. P. SKYLES, Of Cumberland, Md.

SUNDAY.

9:30—Meeting of Primary School—Addresses.

10:30—DEDICATORY SERVICES—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.

PSALM 1.....GLORIA PATRI.....PRAYER.

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.

ADDRESS—Subject: The Twentieth Century Sunday School, by W. G. LANDES, Secretary of the State S. S. Association.

ADDRESS—Subject: The Need of Young Men in the Service of the Lord, by Rev. H. L. GOUGHNOUR, of the Brethren Church.

DUET.....EVELYN TRUXAL and H. M. COOK.

STATEMENT.....OFFERING.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE.

DEDICATORY ACT.

By the Pastor, Rev. A. E. TRUXAL, D. D.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION.

2:30—Rally of the Sunday Schools of the town. (Music led by the Sunday School Orchestra and Male Choir.)

BLESSED ASSURANCE.

PSALM 133.....GLORIA PATRI.....PRAYER.

SOLO.....SUSAN N. BAER.

ADDRESS.....By Superintendents and W. G. LANDES.

OFFERING.

GOB BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

BENEDICTION.

7:30—BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE.

MARK 9:33-37.....GLORIA PATRI.....PRAYER.

SOLO.....EVELYN TRUXAL.

ADDRESS—Subject: Keeping the Fig Tree, by Rev. W. J. MUIR, of Scottsdale, Pa.

ADDRESS—Subject: The Influence of Environment, by Rev. G. A. NEEDL, of the Methodist church.

I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE.

OFFERING.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION.

NEW CHURCH FOR POCAHONTAS

Since the project of building a new church at Pocahontas has been seriously considered the pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge, wisely distributed pledge cards for this purpose. Last Sunday a comparatively small portion of the congregation returned the cards with pledges amounting to nearly \$2,000. A friend of the congregation of Grantsville, Md., sent her card for \$50 saying the money is on hand whenever needed and adding that she will have \$25 in addition on the day of dedication. The indications are that a beautiful and comfortable church will be erected next summer, and that sufficient funds will be on hand to meet all requirements.

ELECTED PASTOR.

On Sunday evening Rev. S. R. Kresge of New Providence, Pa., was unanimously elected pastor of the Reformed church at Hyndman. Mr. Kresge is the son of Rev. A. S. Kresge, pastor of the Wills Creek charge.

LONG MURDER TRIAL OPENED.

The Josiah Long murder case opened in criminal court on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge William H. Ruppel presiding. The commonwealth is represented by District Attorney Virgil B. Saylor and Attorney Norman T. Boose, while attorneys John A. Berkey and Clarence L. Shaver are counsel for the defendant.

Long is charged with killing Carl Phillips, an Italian, near Ralphton, on Sunday, July 20th, while he and another Italian, James Sampwell, were driving along the public road.

Sheriff Charles F. Hochard, County Detective Lester G. Wagner, and Deputy Sheriff Bruce Keefer testified that Long admitted to them that he shot Phillips, but said he fired in self defense. Long told his story to the officers shortly after they arrested him. He was informed that whatever he might say would be used against him at the trial, but he was obviously anxious to give his reasons for the shooting. The story Long gave the officers was told in court substantially as follows:

Long said that his wife on the Thursday before the murder confessed to him that she had been unduly intimate with the Italian, and that they had visited a number of places in company with each other. Phillips told her that he himself would put Long out of the way or he would get someone to do it, and then they would elope. He showed her that he carried his revolver in his inside coat pocket where it was more readily accessible than if carried any other place and would not arouse his victim's suspicions as quickly when he would reach for it.

On the day of the shooting Long said he was driving a milk wagon from his farm to Ralphton when he came upon Phillips driving a horse and buggy. When they recognized each other a revolver duel immediately ensued in which the Italian fell. James Sampwell, another Italian, who was with Phillips in the buggy, picked him up and started as fast as he could for Ralphton. Sampwell was wounded in the abdomen and was only recently discharged from a Johnstown hospital. Long admitted to the officers that he might have fired the first shot. He declared, however, that he saw Phillips reach for the inside pocket of which his wife spoke and believed that his life was in imminent danger, and that if he opened the revolver duel he acted in self defense.

Shortly afterward Long applied for a divorce, basing his petition to the court on Mrs. Long's testimony before the coroner's jury, which rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Coroner Henry S. Kimmell, of Ralphton, was the first witness for the prosecution, testifying that Phillips came to his death from the effects of a revolver wound that severed an artery about four inches from the heart.

Verdict not guilty.

THE JURY SELECTED.

The jury that took up the trial of the case Monday morning is composed of the following:

H. C. Dean, clerk, Confluence. Jacob Deitz, mason, Somerset township.

D. H. Hoffman, farmer, Lincoln township.

A. C. Miller, farmer, Larimer township.

J. R. O'Connor, farmer, Jenner township.

Francis Shunk, farmer, Greenville township.

William Savage, farmer, Lower Turkeyfoot.

Harry Prantman, farmer, Southampton township.

William Wagner, farmer, Elklick township.

Ellsworth Walker, farmer, Milford township.

Arthur B. Witt, clerk, Somerset.

W. W. Cupp, farmer, Somerset township.

OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS.

Following are the out-of-town people, who attended the funeral of Mr. E. P. Younkin, Tuesday, Mrs. Ferner, Levi Lichter, and Mrs. Cochran, Salisbury; Mrs. Berkebile, Joseph Walker, Hon. E. D. Miller, Earle Younkin, Mrs. Austin Rhoades, of Rockwood; Mrs. Smith, Williams, and Miss Crissinger, Johnstown.

HOME FOR THE WINTER.

Christ Hartle, who had been working at Dysart, Iowa, for some time, arrived here Saturday, on No. 6, and will remain during the winter, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartle.

JANUARY COURT.

FIRST WEEK, JANUARY 19th.

Monday—Calvin Snyder vs. H. H. Carver, interpleader; Alvin Barnworth vs. Confluence I. O. O. F., ejectment; D. B. Zimmerman vs. Adams Express Co., assumpsit; Henry Donderry vs. Lewis Brehm, trespass.

Tuesday—G. B. Hough vs. Enterprise Lumber Co., trespass; H. R. Watson vs. J. A. Merrill, assumpsit; Ideal Epworth Acetylene Co. vs. Judson Hartsell's administrator, assumpsit; Simon P. Swetzer estate vs. Thomas J. Crowley, judgment opened; Rachel Shaffer vs. Wilmore Coal Co., trespass.

Wednesday—George Bodani vs. Merchants Coal Co., trespass; John Ober vs. same, trespass.

Thursday—Joshua Berkebile vs. Jacob Koontz, trespass; J. R. Robinson vs. Listonburg Coal Co., assumpsit; John Hahn vs. Baltimore & Ohio R. R., trespass.

SECOND WEEK, JANUARY 26th.

List A: Monday Citizens Water Co. vs. C. E. Cunningham, appeal; F. W. Hanning vs. Elk Lick Coal Co., assumpsit; Hartley & Clutton vs. John M. Wright, appeal by defendant; Rose Middleman vs. Johnstown Traction Co., trespass.

Tuesday—John J. Hauger vs. Elmer Hauger, judgment opened; Mary L. Metzler vs. United Railway Co., ejectment; Horatio H. Cassler vs. Laura M. Lohr, ejectment.

Wednesday—John Sevels vs. Samuel Engle, trespass; M. W. Saylor vs. E. F. Bittner's administrator, assumpsit.

List B: Monday—Robert Augustine vs. Baltimore & Ohio R. R., trespass; Ellen S. Hentz vs. Star Mutual Fire Insurance Co., assumpsit; John E. Bisel vs. Albert Beck, appeal by defendant; William S. Stevens vs. Nancy Maurer, trespass; William S. Stevens vs. C. E. Maurer, trespass.

Tuesday—George Martz vs. C. E. Carpenter, assumpsit; S. B. Stein vs. S. M. Hamilton Co., assumpsit; George Auman vs. Sylvester Christner, appeal by defendant.

Wednesday—John W. Henry vs. United Railway Co., appeal by plaintiff; Ella Cobough vs. Western Maryland Railroad Co., trespass.

Thursday—A. Berger vs. M. Panagotacos, appeal by defendant.

THIRD WEEK, FEBRUARY 2nd.

Monday—Charles Landman vs. Somerset & Cambria R. R., trespass; Chauncey Dickie et al. vs. H. F. Barren et al., assumpsit; George Simko vs. Johnstown Traction Co., trespass; John L. Hendall vs. Andrew Horchner, trespass.

Tuesday—Hiram W. Uphouse vs. C. L. Walker, trespass; White Oak Light, Heat & Power Co. vs. Benson borough, assumpsit; J. N. Walter vs. Belinda Ling, appeal by defendant.

Wednesday—Jacob W. Burkholder vs. Connessville & State Line R. R., trespass; Alice F. Howe vs. Johnstown Traction Co., trespass; Jerome H. Judy vs. Quemahoning Branch R. R., trespassing.

Thursday—Leonard B. Miller vs. George L. Dodson, assumpsit; same vs. same, replevin; William Carolus vs. Somerset Coal Co., trespass; Milford township school board vs. Morris W. Speicher, issue framed.

Several cases against the Johnstown Traction company are included in the list of cases compiled yesterday by Judge William H. Ruppel for trial at the special three weeks' term of civil court, which will convene on Monday, January 19th. The plaintiffs were injured in the trolley wreck near Germania Gardens two years ago. A number of other actions are scheduled for trial.

Judge L. W. Doty, of Westmoreland county, will be here during the week commencing January 26th, and will preside at the trial of cases on List A.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

This is the last call. Temperance workers of Somerset county meet in the Christian church, Somerset, Friday evening, December 12th, 1913, at 7:30. The program is as follows:

Organ. Invocation. Hymn. Address—B. W. Lambing. Male Quartette.

Address—Mrs. Azubah Jones. Paper—Mrs. Victoria Dean. Music. Address—Rev. L. P. Young.

Music. Brief Volunteer Addresses. Business. Hymn. Benediction. A. W. Knepper, Chairman.