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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATED

It Was an Auspicious Occasion—Over \$2,000.00 Was Pledged—Three Services Held.

The Reformed Sunday school and social building was dedicated on Sunday morning with impressive services. Services preparatory to that important event were held on Friday and Saturday evenings. Rev. E. S. Hassler of St. Paul, delivered the address on Friday, and on Saturday Rev. E. P. Skyles of Cumberland, brought the message to the people. These two interesting and edifying services prepared the way for the services on Sunday when the formal dedication would take place.

At 9:30 Sunday morning the primary department had Sunday school service as usual. Several splendid addresses were made by the visiting brethren.

The regular service was opened at 10:30. The new building was well filled and the occasion was an inspiring one. W. G. Landes, secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday school association, delivered an interesting and inspiring address followed by the Rev. H. L. Goughnour, who in a vigorous speech declared that the young man needs the church more than the church needs the young man.

The music was of a high order. C. W. Truxal led the large choir of men and orchestra. Miss Susan N. Baer presided at the piano.

Miss Evelyn Truxal and Mr. H. M. Cook, sang a duet, with Mrs. H. M. Cook, pianist. At this service Rev. E. S. Hassler read the scripture lesson 1st psalm. Rev. W. J. Muir of Scottdale offered the prayer.

After the address the strenuous work of the service commenced—the raising of money to liquidate the debt. The pastor had charge of this feature and had as assistants, W. H. Deeter, W. H. Stotler, A. S. Glessner, W. H. Habel, W. W. Nicholson, H. R. Kretzman, W. H. Holzshu, Prof. W. H. Kretzman Rev. E. S. Hassler, Dennis Knieriem, Fred Wilmoth and C. I. Brant. A blackboard was placed on the platform which contained one hundred and fifty spaces, fifteen spaces down the column and ten spaces at right angles. The pastor made the announcement that P. J. Cover & Son would take ten dollar space down the column as fast as the congregation would fill the space across the blackboard, that is P. J. Cover & Son were prepared to pay one-tenth of all the subscriptions that would be received. At the morning session something like eighteen hundred dollars were subscribed. When about all the money that was in sight had been subscribed, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Truxal, conducted the solemn dedicatory service, when the more than three hour period of services finished the forenoon work.

The afternoon session was the platform rally of the Meyersdale Sunday schools when the superintendents brought greetings from their respective schools.

W. G. Landes, who was leaving on train No. 15, was booked for another speech and made an address before the superintendents were heard.

H. M. Cook of the Brethren school and George W. Collins of the Methodist school extended warm greetings and encouraging words. A. M. Schaffner, superintendent of the Amity school, made the last address.

At this point Dr. Truxal again took charge of the financial end and with the assistance of his helpers P. J. Cover & Son were again corralled for several ten dollar spots. The male choir and orchestra again furnished the music. Miss Susan N. Baer, sang a beautiful solo. Miss Truxal, pianist.

At the evening service the new building was crowded. Rev. W. J. Muir preached an eloquent sermon, followed with a short address by Rev. G. A. Neeld, pastor of the M. E. church, which was eloquent and fiery. Solo by Miss Truxal, and Miss Baer, presided at the piano.

Mr. Muir took charge of the financial end of the meeting. He stated that the plan was to raise \$2,500. The full force of helpers was at work. Prof. Kretzman made the record in the book and Mr. Hassler had charge of the blackboard. Responses came in rapidly and the days work netted well on to twenty-two hundred dollars.

Funds have thus been provided for the payment of the Sunday school and social building.

In connection with these services, Meyersdale has been treated to a

feast of strong addresses and sermons. On Sunday the classes will take their places in the new building and Sunday school work will be commenced. In the new building in the main department there will be nine classes, instead of sixteen as before, and every class will be organized, having a full complement of officers, and a number of committees will be appointed, so that practically every member of the school will be an active and a working member. There are also two teachers for every class, a regular and an assistant teacher.

The Sunday school in addition has a home department, cradle roll, and teacher training course, an enrollment in the various departments of nearly five hundred.

For some time the regular preaching services will be held in the Sunday school building and the work of remodeling and renovating the church building will be commenced at an early day. The plan involves remodeling, frescoing, carpeting, the installation of a pipe organ.

The congregation expects to effect a great transformation of the interior of Amity Reformed church within the next few months. When their plans materialize their church property will compare favorably with the best and most beautiful in the state of Pennsylvania.

WILL BE SHOWN HERE.

By a special favor of National Director John H. Risbeck, of the Loyal Order of Moose, the local lodge have secured the pictures of Mooseheart which will be shown here during the holiday season. The pictures of this great industrial and vocational institution are conceded by all who have had the pleasure of seeing them, to be an exact reproduction of the daily life at Mooseheart. Besides getting a glimpse of General Director James J. Davis and all the other supreme officers of the order, a splendid picture of Vice President Marshall will be seen while delivering his address at the dedication of the institution before a crowd of over 50,000 Moose and their friends. The parades and other features of the dedication, together with a fine view of the orphan children who are inmates of the institution, will be shown. To see the happy, smiling faces of the little children will be sure to please everyone.

Mooseheart, which is the pride of every Loyal Moose and the admiration of the world, is near Aurora, Ill., 37 miles from Chicago, and is located on the famous Brookline stock farm, which contains over 1,100 acres. Do not miss the opportunity of seeing these pictures as they tell you better than words what a great good a great fraternal organization can accomplish. Posters announcing the day and date of the exhibition will be distributed later.

BODY OF MRS. KURTZ FOUND.

The body of a woman, undoubtedly that of Mrs. Harvey Kurtz, Jr., who disappeared from her home in Confluence on the morning of November 16, was located on Tuesday in the deep pool of the Yough at the foot of the Ohio Pyle falls.

The identification was established by the fact that one of the fingers held a ring that Mrs. Kurtz is known to have worn.

The body was seen first by John Burk who was on the opposite side of the river when he noticed an object floating around in the pool. He organized a searching party, crossed the river, and reached a point sufficiently close to determine that it was a woman's body. Later a better identification was established.

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY WINDOWS.

The stores all have an attractive appearance on the outside and on the inside. Much time has been spent on decorating the windows, all tell of the ample provision that has been made for the holiday trade. Every one vying with the other for par excellence. Size them all up and tell us which was the most attractive window in town. Send the name of your choice to the Commercial office by Monday evening.

NEW INDUSTRY COMING HERE.

Shirt Factory to Be Started at Once—Employment For About 50.

The project for launching a new industry here in the form of a shirt factory was brought to a successful conclusion by selling sufficient stock to begin operations at an early day. The undertaking was somewhat of a novelty, but determination was written in every feature of the representatives of the Commercial Club and although meeting many difficulties and frequently being turned down, the committee kept doggedly at work and subscriptions covering the necessary amount were secured.

This is not a matter of charity on the part of those who contributed to this enterprise, it is in a sense a coming to the front with financial support to the town, to help herself, but then it is a business venture. Stock has been sold, and those who invested are vitally concerned as to the financial success, while of course there are those who may find fault that plan involves largely the employment of girls and women. Let it be remembered that this is only the beginning of Meyersdale's larger field of industry. We should have employment for one hundred men and then Meyersdale would be unusually prosperous. Let the contemplated shirt factory be made a success and the citizens will be ready to help along bigger work not only for girls and women but men and boys.

President Naugle and Sec. Plock, of the Commercial Club, ably assisted by Cashier Bowman, Landlord Logue, E. C. Kyle, A. W. Poorbaugh and R. H. Philson pushed the work and are deserving of the congratulations of the community for landing new business for Meyersdale. The next serious matter that confronts the management is that of help. The plans are to start the industry with about forty girls and women and as the plant gets established to increase the working force. A number of inquiries have already been made and the help problem should not be so difficult of solution.

BIG BUSINESS ANTICIPATED.

The business community has again given evidence of faith in the people by the large stock of goods which is on display at every store. The merchants have stock in such abundance and in such variety that the people of Meyersdale, and Somerset county have no occasion to go to the city to do their Christmas shopping. Right here at home there is an abundance. Start at the fountain on Centre street, on the right side—Get a stew of oysters from Dively's, then get shaved at Jack's place; drop in and subscribe for The Commercial; if that watch of yours is not quite right, have ex-Councilman Housley fix it; then move on and get domestic fruits from the Lucente Grocery; cross the alley and get the Saturday Evening Post from Mrs. McCune. George Blake will furnish your ice cream, Thornley's are ready to sell that new hat; Habel & Phillips will have groceries, fruits and nuts in abundance; R. Reich & Son can furnish anything from a cradle to a coffin; Albert S. Glessner will sell you a suit to suit, or anything else to suit; but go up and down the streets, crosswise and otherwise and you will find other places of business on a par with those mentioned, for we believe Meyersdale's merchants are prepared to take care of your needs and will treat you right. Do your Christmas shopping early.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

On Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:30, a special Christmas service, consisting of songs, drills, recitations and exercises of various kinds will be held in the Brethren Church at Summit Mills. All are invited to come and enjoy the Christmas spirit of this occasion.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Joint Consistory of the Wills Creek Charge will meet at the pastor's residence, No. 13 Beachley street, on Monday, December 22nd, to transact important business, pertaining to the welfare of the charge. The consistory will be entertained by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Kresge.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE MET IN CONVENTION

Have Organized For the Year and Will Make a Vigorous Campaign Throughout the State.

The cause of temperance took advanced ground on Friday night in the Christian church of Somerset, when many sections of Somerset county were represented in an inspiring convention.

Hon. A. W. Knepper presided, and Rev. Mr. Ware of Windber, offered prayer. The noted Somerset male quartet furnished the music, and immediately touched the enthusiastic audience in leading in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Committees on organization and resolutions were appointed. B. W. Lambing, the earnest and painstaking Sunday school and temperance worker was made chairman of the former committee and Valentine Hay, L. L. D., was made chairman of the latter, with John S. Miller, Esq., ex-district attorney, the second member of the committee.

B. W. Lambing, delegate to the national anti-saloon convention gave a lengthy report on the work of the great convention. Mrs. Victoria Dean of Salisbury, read an interesting report of her impressions at the same convention. This production was of unusual merit in its contents and in its literary finish.

May 24th, 1893, is regarded as the birthday of the anti-saloon league, when a few men banded together to organize against the liquor traffic. So early as 1893, delegates from nearly all the states assembled in Washington, for this purpose, Pennsylvania joined this movement so late as 1903. November 13, 1913, is regarded by the anti-saloon leaguers as being a day noted in the history of our nation when the second declaration of independence was declared, freedom from the influence of liquor.

The resolutions of the Columbus convention are very similar to the wording of the Declaration of Independence and these resolutions are embodied in the resolutions of the Somerset county anti-saloon league resolutions. That convention was honored by the presence of eight governors, five United States Senators, many judges, numerous members of state legislatures, and all ranks of business and professional men, men and women all over the country of deep convictions. Counting West Virginia there are ten prohibition states. Of the 2,856 counties in the United States, seventeen hundred are dry.

The chairman called for five minute speeches and among those who addressed the convention were Rev. A. S. Kresge, Rev. G. A. Neeld, and A. M. Schaffner of Meyersdale, Rev. F. W. Ware of Windber, Rev. Wetzel of Stoyestown, Mr. Landis of Berlin and Mrs. Stotler of Rockwood, and a number of others. The executive committee is authorized to outline the work that shall be done in the near future.

In the future Somerset county will be in line with the great anti-saloon movement of the nation. The committees presented their reports which were unanimously adopted. The organization for the ensuing year is as follows:

President—Valentine Hay, of Somerset.

Vice Presidents—W. H. Habel of Meyersdale, Rev. F. W. Ware of Windber, Fred Groff of Berlin, and Rev. P. J. Blough of Hooversville, A. J. Newman of Boswell, John Reitz of Rockwood, Rev. W. H. B. Carney of Garrett, Rev. L. P. Young of Elk Lick, and E. G. Ross of Shanksville. Secretary—Rev. V. C. Zener, of Somerset.

Treasurer—Rev. H. A. Buffington, of Somerset.

The superintendent for the county is to be appointed. The following additional are to be on the executive committee:—Mrs. Azuba Jones, B. W. Lambing and G. B. Haugh.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Whereas in the Anti-Saloon Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, last November, which was the largest and most representative body of Temperance people ever assembled in the United States, the following resolutions were unanimously and with intense enthusiasm adopted:

"The liquor traffic is national in its organization, character and influence. It overflows the boundaries of states and refuses to be regulated or controlled. It is a federal evil; a national menace, too powerful for state

DEATH'S HARVEST

WILLIAM KERRIGAN.

The remains of William Kerrigan, who died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Kerrigan, of Connellsville, Wednesday of last week was brought here Friday on train 48 for burial. The funeral services were held in SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. Father Brady, officiating. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

CHARLES B. DAUGHERTY.

Charles B. Daugherty, son of Capt. W. M. Daugherty, of Main street, died in Pittsburgh, on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, after an illness of about ten months. He was aged 37 years and 8 months. His remains were brought to the home of his father, on Monday evening on No. 16, where the funeral services were held by Rev. G. A. Neeld, Tuesday afternoon. Interment in Union Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, his parents and the following brothers: Frank, B. & O. station agent at Listie; Joseph, of this place; James of Versailles, Pa.; Thomas, of New Castle, and one step brother, Charles Wilcox, of Cheat Haven.

GEORGE BRAND.

In railroad circles there was a distinct shock felt when it was reported that George Brand had received a paralytic stroke while on his engine at Garrett, Wednesday, December 10th, and died on Thursday following, before midnight.

He was born at Colfax, near Fairmont, W. Va. on Nov. 26th, 1869, aged 44 years, 1 month and 12 days. He was married Oct. 18th, 1905 to Mary E. Mechin by whom he is survived as well as by three children, Pierpont, Milton and Virginia, and also by a sister Miss Willa Brand, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a teacher in the high school, and a brother, James Brand of Canton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Beverline of Grafton, W. Va., the latter a half sister, and Miss Evelyn Brand, a half sister of Fairmont, also a school teacher, all of whom attended the funeral. He spent the past three years in Meyersdale, as engineer on the B. & O. He had been in the employ of the above named railroad company for a period of thirteen years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the fraternal organization of the Knights of Pythias. From the brotherhood his widow will receive \$1500.00 and from the B. & O. \$1000.00.

The funeral service was held at home on Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. A. Neeld. On Sunday Train No. 13 was stopped at Meyersdale and his remains were taken to Connellsville for interment.

Resolved, that we urge the temperance people in every borough and township in the county to circulate petitions and have them signed as largely as possible and forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives, at Washington, respectfully asking that a constitutional amendment be submitted for adoption by the several states of this Union, forbidding the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage.

Resolved, That in as much as it is desired that the next Legislature of Pennsylvania be controlled by men who by voice and vote will throw their influence against liquor traffic, we call upon every candidate seeking the office to publicly declare his sentiments before the time of nomination.

Resolved, That we will not support by candidates of Congress—the House or Senate—who will publicly pledge themselves to vote for a constitutional amendment, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, etc., of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, whenever such a measure comes before Congress.

Resolved, That we recognize in the Women's Christian Temperance Union an organization worthy of the highest commendation of their untiring and praise worthy efforts in the temperance cause—in creating a public sentiment that will help to overthrow the liquor traffic in the state and nation.

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TWO ROCKWOOD MEN INJURED.

On Monday night, S. S. Rickard, hotel keeper and P. E. Weimer, of Rockwood, in company with two other men in an automobile collided with another automobile in Pittsburgh. The machine containing the four men was running at a high rate of speed. When the cars collided Rickard and Weimer were thrown through the wind shield. Rickard was very seriously hurt, concussion of the brain and face cut, Weimer had his left arm hurt and was out about the face. The occupants of the other car were uninjured. The injured men were taken to the Homeopathic Hospital of Pittsburgh.

LOCKED UP FOR FIGHTING.

Percy Shaffer, son of Charley Shaffer, was sentenced to five days in the lockup for discharging fire arms and drunken and disorderly conduct. Shaffer had gotten into a fight with his brother John on account of a girl; they brought the shot gun into play and later an arrest followed with the above penalty.

NEW OCCUPATION FOR MANY GIRLS

Has been provided by Meyersdale people raising sufficient capital to make a Shirt Factory for this town a sure thing. It is desired to have the plant going within the next few weeks and the applicants for positions are urged to register at once in person or by mail as desiring work with

F. W. Plock, Secretary Commercial Club.