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## SAVED BY HIS BIBLE.

A Bible which he carried under his left arm saved the life of Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure of Blairsville, president of the Indiana County Anti-Saloon league, when an attempt was made to assassinate him.

The bullet struck the Bible and went through the book and the minister's clothing, striking the skin but not breaking it.

Dr. McClure had been making a sick call and on his way home had stopped at a doctor's office to be examined for life insurance. After leaving the doctor's office, as he passed the United Presbyterian church, of which he is pastor, he remembered that he had left his Bible in the church. He entered the church and, getting the Bible, continued on his way to his home.

When Dr. McClure turned into a street leading to his home he saw two men some distance away. As Dr. McClure approached them a whistle sounded and one of the men raised a revolver and fired at the doctor. The bullet went wild.

Dr. McClure picked up a brick and threw it at the men, starting toward them on the run. The men ran and the one with the revolver tripped and fell. Before Dr. McClure could reach them the man was on his feet and turning toward Dr. McClure, fired again.

This time the bullet struck the Bible, penetrating it. The man who fell lost his hat and Dr. McClure, securing this clue to the would-be assassin, proceeded to his home and notified the local police. Dr. McClure says that he knows of no enemies he has except what he has made through his activity in anti-saloon work.

## KIDNAPPED SON.

Walter L. Baer, of Somerset township, invoked the law in an effort to have his three-year old son with him for Christmas. Through his Attorney, W. Curtis Truxal, he secured a writ of habeas corpus in which his wife, Edna G. Baer, is named defendant, to have the boy produced.

The youngster, George Lavan Baer, was kidnapped by his mother several weeks ago, it is alleged, following filing a libel in divorce against her husband. The mother is charged with entering the home of a relative of her husband ostensibly to only visit her child. Drawing the child to her breast and showering kisses upon him, she suddenly fled from the house carrying the boy in her arm. Baer says when he went to the home of woman's parents in Listie, he was chased from the premises, not even being allowed to see the child.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN AT WORK.

A very enjoyable event took place at the home of Evangelist Clapper at Shady Lawn, Monday afternoon, when the "seekers after truth" a Bible class in the Church of the Brethren, taught by Mrs. Clapper, met to pack two boxes of provisions consisting of roast chicken, cakes, bread, fruit and many dainties, to be sent to the Mission of the Church of the Brethren, at Chicago, where it will be used to serve a large crowd of the poor children, for a Christmas dinner. Twenty-five of the members of the class were present, and a number who could not be present sent their donations, making a shipment of 209 pounds, with another box to follow. After the box was sent to the express office the class was served with cake and icecream, by their teacher. The teacher was presented with a number of Christmas presents, which were very highly appreciated. The class was reorganized for 1914, with a membership of 62, with Mrs. Dessie Resh as president, and Mrs. Clapper, teacher, and Alice Link, secretary, with a full corps of officers.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. Father Brady, pastor:—Before the first high mass 5:30 a. m., thirty-five children with the senior choir, accompanied by full orchestra, will sing "Dear Little One." Rosewig's mass in F. will be sung by the choir with orchestra accompaniment. Sermon by the pastor. This will be followed by a low mass. Second high mass at 10:30 a. m. Stearns Unison mass will be sung by the junior choir, and this will be followed by Benediction.

## LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Mrs. B. Livengood, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Saylor, of Roscoe, Pa., are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheibear, of near town.

Herbert Leckemby, son of Mrs. Nettie Leckemby, of the South Side, who had the misfortune of breaking his leg while out coasting, is able to be out again.

Thomas Judge, of Magnolia, W. Va., arrived here Wednesday to spend Christmas with his wife, who has been here for some at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Altmiller, at Hotel Altmiller, Main street.

W. E. Binford, of Elkins, W. Va., arrived here Friday to remain over the holidays with his wife and family, who have been here with Mrs. Binford's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Truxal, of Centre street, for several weeks.

Albert Truxal, who is employed in the freight department of the Missouri Pacific railroad, at St. Louis, arrived here Sunday morning for a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Truxal, of Centre street, and his many friends.

Misses Sara and Leota Smith, of Pittsburgh, arrived here Saturday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, of the South Side, and brother-in-law and sister, Burgess and Mrs. Joe. F. Reich, of Broadway street.

Lewis Weld, who is attending the Carnegie Institute, in Pittsburgh, arrived here Saturday and remained until Sunday, when he went to Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Weld, who is spending the winter in that city.

Friday afternoon, while playing about the house, Paul, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Miller, of Meyers avenue, fell from the banister of the stairway, and broke his left arm, just below the elbow. The little fellow is getting along very nicely, although he suffered a great deal of pain.

Thursday afternoon a number of ladies left here for Salisbury to attend a card party, preceded by a 5 o'clock luncheon, which was given by Mrs. J. L. Barchus. The party was made up of the following: The Mesdames J. T. Shipley, J. C. Reed, Daniel Getty, O. G. Getty, Clarence Moore, W. T. Hohlitzell, J. J. Hohlitzell, W. T. McMillen, S. B. Phillips, F. B. Thomas, W. S. Livengood, T. W. Gurley, Bruce Lichty, W. H. Dill, Eugene Hosteler and Miss Mae Eiseller. They returned home on the late car.

## CURRENCY BILL COMES A LAW.

At one minute after six on Tuesday evening President Wilson sat down at his desk, took up a gold pen and wrote "Woodrow" at the bottom of the new currency bill. He laid that pen down to take up another and wrote "Wilson." With a third pen he affixed the date. The Democratic currency bill was then a federal statute. Remarkable in making a currency-law it is well to have gold pens in reserve, the President handed one of them to Senator Owen, chairman of the Committee on Banking and currency; another he gave to Representative Glass, chairman of the House committee, and the third he handed to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

As the President rose, smiling from his desk his visitors applauded him enthusiastically, and he responded with a brief speech, in which he voiced his gratitude to the men who had enacted the bill into a law. He congratulated them all upon their work and predicted beneficent results from it. He voiced his gratification especially at the number of Republican votes that had been cast for the bill and declared that while this, as well as all other important measures, are of necessity party measures, it was not partisan.

## DONATION TO PASTOR.

The people of the Mt. Lebanon Reformed church community, gave their pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge, a generous donation in the way of provisions. Pastor Kresge, in the short time he has been with the people of the Wills Creek charge has gained the confidence and good will of the people, and this bountiful donation was only a slight evidence of their appreciation, for the zeal which the pastor manifests in their behalf.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Meditation.

The central personage of humanity is Jesus Christ. The mightiest influence in the world is the power of Christ. The greatest leveling force in the human race is the spirit of the God-man. King and peasant, millionaire and proletariat, of whatever nation or clime—all turn their eyes towards the East, and in imagination behold the Babe in the manger. For thousands of years the Old Testament people looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. For nearly two thousand years, not only the Christian church, but the best thought and the civilized influences have been guided by the controlling force of the Christ, and as year by year makes its evolution the power becomes stronger, the influence becomes more manifest and the expression of the classes and the masses becomes more distinct and more demonstrative.

No one is so cold, no one so hardened, no one so discouraged, no one so sad, but has this one great supreme conviction of the pure life and the unselfish devotion of the lonely philosopher and generous benefactor, but that his life has been touched by His spirit, his deeds sanctified by His deeds and his being pervaded by His spirit, that everyone in a larger measure than before, gives his good will to men and is more sincere than ever that peace may be upon earth.

## THE LATE E. P. YOUNKIN SPECIAL MEETING OF JOINT CONSISTORY



SOUTH SIDE, MEYERSDALE, PA.

## SERVICES AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

The Christmas festival will be celebrated in the various churches as follows, by the Sunday schools:

M. E. Church, Geo. W. Collins, superintendent. On Sunday morning a treat will be given to the children and prizes will be awarded to those who attended Sunday School every Sunday throughout the year. The school has an excellent record of thirteen who were present every Sunday.

Lutheran church, Ralph D. Pfahler, superintendent—A service of song and recitation will be held on Christmas evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Brethren church, H. M. Cook, superintendent.—The service will be held on Christmas evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Reformed Sunday school, A. M. Schaffner, superintendent.—The service prepared by the Sunday School Board will be used. The offerings will be for the Orphans Home at Greenville. Time of the service, 7:30 Christmas evening.

Church of the Brethren, H. W. Shultz, superintendent.—Services on Christmas day at 9:00 a. m.

Brown chapel A. M. E. Zion, Services on Christmas day at 6:00 and 11:00 a. m. and the Sunday school service at 8:00 p. m. Dr. Byrd, superintendent.

## M'KINLEYS' RETURN TO MEYERSDALE.

Dr. H. C. McKinley and family returned from Waterloo, Iowa, on Tuesday morning at 5:19 o'clock. The doctor called up the Commercial office and apprised us of the fact. The doctor made good the promise that they would be in Meyersdale for the Christmas dinner. His many friends are glad to know of the improved health of Dr. and Mrs. McKinley.

## DEATH'S HARVEST

L. G. DOM.

Leonard G. Dom died at Phillipsburg, Pa., on Sunday December 14, 1913, aged 75 years. He was a native of Berlin and was married to Catherine E. Wingert of Wellersburg, on January 13, 1863. Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated on January 13, 1913.

He is survived by his wife, and three daughters as follows:—Miss Ada, a trained nurse of Philadelphia, and Misses Mary and Grace at home. He is also survived by the following brothers:—Josiah, 87, of Indianapolis;

Louis G., 73, of Hazlewood, and Wm. T., 69 of Greensburg.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday of last week at Phillipsburg. His brothers L. G. and W. T. attended the obsequies.

MRS. ALLERDICE.

Mrs. Maggie Allerdice, wife of the chief of police of Elkins, W. Va., and sister-in-law of George D. Siehl, was buried at Lonaconing, Md., on Monday, aged 32 years. Mrs. Allerdice, known as Maggie Hamilton, frequently visited in Meyersdale some years ago as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Siehl, and is still well remembered by many people of Meyersdale. She is survived by her husband and a son eleven years old.

She was highly respected by the people of Elkins, as was attested by the profusion of flowers from friends of that place. Mrs. Siehl spent several weeks nursing her. Mr. and Mrs. Siehl attended the funeral.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

The musical talent of the Brethren and Reformed churches united forces in rendering a beautiful Christmas Cantata in the new Sunday School building of the Amity Reformed Church on Sunday evening.

The building was crowded with an interesting and interested audience. All who had the pleasure and privilege of listening to the rendition of the Cantata pronounce it a most creditable effort.

H. M. Cook and P. W. Geidt did the heavy work for the men and Misses Truxal, Just, Housel, Baer and Broecker led among the ladies.

The full choruses filled the large building with magnificent volume and splendid harmony. The music rendered was most creditable to the congregations and the town.

## NEW RAILROAD MAY BE EXTENDED TO COUNTY SEAT.

Work will likely be begun this week on the Pittsburgh and Buffalo Coal & Lumber Co's. Railroad, which is to be built from Cook's Mill, Bedford County, to Kennell's Mills, Somerset County, a distance of nine miles. N. C. Hunter & Company, of Pittsburgh, have the contract for the construction of the line. This firm has just completed a big contract for construction work on the Buchanan and Northern Railroad in the vicinity of Fairmount, W. Va. The steam shovels and other machinery of the construction company have been shipped to Cook's Mills. The construction work on the new line will be begun at that point. It is to be completed April 1.

The new road will tap virgin timber and coal. It is understood the Pittsburgh and Buffalo Coal & Lumber Co. have options on a large amount of this land along the right of way of the proposed road.

The new road will follow the general course of Gladden's Run, which makes a defile through the mountains between Cook's Mills and Kennell's Mills. The road will pass through a number of historic places. It will pass through Springtown, Palo Alto, and near the old Tauber Woolen Mills which have long since fallen into decay.

It is believed now that the new road will later be extended from Cook's Mills to Somerset, which is a distance of about 30 miles. In the event the road is extended it will likely continue to follow the defile in the mountain cuts by Gladden's Run from Kennell's Mills to Somerset.

## SAMUEL P. KNEPPER.

Samuel P. Knepper, one of Berlin's best known citizens, died at his home at about 9:15 o'clock Sunday forenoon December 14th, from erysipelas and blood poisoning, aged 39 years, 5 months and 26 days.

## SCHOOL WORK.

HANDWERK SCHOOL.

Following is the program for an institute to be held at the Handwerk school, Friday evening, Jan. 2, 1914. Address of Welcome—Velma I. Gnagey.

Why Professional Training has been Neglected—R. R. Hay.

The Teacher—Mary E. Fike.

Schoolroom Decorations—Lillian L. Seibert.

Value of the School—Orpha Meyers.

Social Training in the School—Harry W. Saler.

Methods of Training—Alverda Growall.

The Value of Plants in a School room—Cora P. Witt.

Co-operation—D. C. Handwerk.

The Pupils—Sadie Schrock.

Benefits Derived from our County Institute—F. J. Fike.

Woman Suffrage—Ruth Commins.

Paul's Illustration—R. J. Engle.

Importance of the Teacher's Work—A. G. Maust.

Use of Habits as a factor in Teaching—Lloyd Shumac.

The Dead-Line in Teaching—J. F. Schrock.

Paper—Estella N. Miller, Nettie S. Maust.

The program will be interspersed with songs, recitations, dialogues and queries. All friends of education are cordially invited to attend.

WEST SALISBURY.

Following is the program for an institute to be held at West Salisbury, January, 10th, 1914.

Song.

Benefits derived from our county institutes Lester Engle.

What should be the social relation between the teacher and the pupil—Edith Deal

Woman Suffrage—Grace Wright.

How Should a Teacher form the Reading habit in Pupils—Lulu Livengood.

Use of Habit as a Factor in Teaching—Roy Folk.

Recitation—Margaret Robertson.

Public Schools and Sub-Normal Child—Savanna Miller.

Securing Home Co-operation—Ada Glatfelly.

How to Teach Writing in the Public Schools—Bess Engle.

The Value of a well Trained Imagination—Steward Rodamer.

Recitation—Nina Peck.

Seat Work—Alice Opel.

Impromptu Class—John Lowry.

Song.

The program will be interspersed with queries.

PECK'S SCHOOL.

The following program was rendered at the Peck school, December 24th, at 1:30 p. m.

Song—Let the Merry Christmas Bells Ring.

Recitation—Freda Glessner.

Dialogue—Christmas.

Dialogue—Christmas Box.

Solo—Avaline Hesselroth.

Recitation—Samuel Spangler.

Song—Jingle.

Dialogue—With Bibles.

Dialogue—Six Little Lights.

Recitation—Pauline Smith.

Song—On the Evergreen Branches.

Dialogue—Four Boys.

Duet—Lydia and Elizabeth Glessner.

Recitation—Leroy Cook.

Song—Hands That can Toil.

Recitation—Elizabeth Glessner.

Dialogue—Jesus.

Song—Little Flakes of Snow.

Recitation—Sarah Spangler.

Solo—Lydia Glessner.

Dialogue—Three Little Lights.

Duet—Rock of Ages—Elizabeth and Freda Glessner.

Dialogue—If I Should have a Christmas Light.

Duet—Mid the Gloom of Night—Elizabeth and Freda Glessner.

Dialogue—Why He Came.

Dialogue—Little Lights.

Dialogue—Six Little Stockings.

Song—Little Lambs as White as Snow.

Recitation—Wavedell Wiland.

Dialogue—Gifts for the King.

Recitation—Emert Saylor.

Recitation—Leona Donahue.

Song—Tingle.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. George Hand desires through the columns of The Commercial to return her thanks for the sympathy and kindness shown during the sickness and death of her husband.

Attorney and Mrs. Joseph Levy, of Philadelphia, arrived here Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.