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THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The services held in the various churches of Meyersdale in connection with the Week of Prayer have proven, thus far, an eminent success. The congregations have filled the auditoriums and there has been a marked interest in the messages which have been presented. On Monday evening in the Christian church Rev. H. L. Goughnour preached on the Kingdom of God. What is it? His treatment was masterly and both instructive and inspiring. On Tuesday evening in the Lutheran church, Rev. A. E. Truxal delivered a very effective and comprehensive sermon on the Kingdom in the Community. Having long been a pastor in our town he was well qualified to speak on this subject.

The services of this week are devoted to a discussion of themes which have to do with problems that we are facing today and in our immediate surroundings. Everybody ought to be interested in the community of which he forms a part and should concern himself about its problems, religious and moral as well as business and commercial. It has been gratifying to see the way in which the various denominations are working in co-operation and this is one of the most encouraging signs of the coming of God's Kingdom.

We are anxious that all church members especially and others if they may be so inclined, may work vigorously to make Sunday, January 11th, the calendar day of this year's religious activities by having each church filled and overflowing. This can be done by each person taking some of the cards that have been liberally provided by the Ministerial Association, and sending them to any persons whom he would like to see in his church next Sabbath. Let us not delay in this matter! Cards may be had at any of the services this week. Take the larger cards and put them in the windows of your home and your store.

STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Economy Telephone company was held on Saturday afternoon. H. G. Will was chairman of the meeting and H. W. Shultz, secretary. The tellers appointed were W. N. Moser, W. J. Kimmel and D. G. Miller.

The meeting was largely attended and more stock was voted than at any previous meeting. A 5 percent dividend was declared, and the last year was counted the most successful year of the company.

Directors elected on Saturday were H. W. Shultz, Meyersdale; Geo. W. Buckman, Berlin, and Jerome Staffs of Stoyestown.

Auditors elected were J. W. Peck of Meyersdale, and Willis L. Mills of Kingwood.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—President, H. G. Will, Meyersdale; Vice President, W. H. Fritz, Garrett; Secretary, H. W. Shultz, Treasurer, S. B. Philson, both of Meyersdale.

Board of Directors are H. G. Will, H. W. Shultz, John Wagaman, W. H. Fritz, George W. Buckman, James Staffs, J. M. Gambert, Israel Gross, and D. W. Snyder.

NEW YEAR PARTY.

On New Year's night Miss Mary Hoover was hostess at a delightful party, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoover, at her home on Broadway. The decorations were marked by simplicity, a large Christmas tree and green crepe paper adorning the parlor, the lights being screened with delicate green shades. The dining room was also arranged and decorated for the occasion and the lunch was one to be remembered, for there was a table loaded down with good things to eat.

The evening was pleasantly spent by playing parlor games and music. The party terminated at 11:30, all of them regretting that they could not stay longer.

Among those present were: Misses Carrie, Edna and Margaret Saylor, Stella Baer, Emma Finegan, Mary Hoover and Edna Wagner; Messrs. Clyde Satterfield, George Binke, Samuel Day, of Garrett, Alfred Beace, of East Pittsburgh, Dalton and Lewis Reiber, Ralph Commons, Robert Downey and Ray Leckemby, all of town.

FAMILY REUNION.

Wednesday afternoon the Shultz family held a reunion at the home of the father, Joseph Shultz, on Keystone street. The occasion for the event was that Edwin Shultz and family left Somerset county to make their future home in Denora, S. C. A big dinner was one of the features of the day.

Mr. Shultz will be in the lumber business in the capacity as foreman, in the mill for a company in which S. A. Kendall, is interested. The Shultz family left on the W. M. R. R. this morning at 1:12 and is due in South Carolina tomorrow (Friday) morning.

Their many friends in this section wish them health and prosperity in their new home.

The following were present:—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shultz, and Ruth Brown, Ohio Pyle; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shultz, and children and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shultz, and child of this place; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shultz, of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mosholder, Rockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shultz, and children of Somerset.

FILES PROTEST.

Your esteemed contemporary, the Republican, in its last issue, through "a friend", bewails the awful sin and iniquity of our little town of Markleton, even emitting some "poetry" appropriate (?) to the occasion, and wishing for a "Billy" Sunday to clean up the place.

Markleton is really a beautiful place, where sin is neither rampant nor does iniquity flourish, but where some of the would-be "sanctimonious" people would condemn anyone who does not think as they do. I have been a resident of Markleton for some time and I have had ample opportunity to observe the "doings" of the people, and they are no worse than the average.

I have made many trips with basket and without, and have always returned sober. There are, it is true, a few "booze" fighters here, and where are there none? There are also a few "calamity howlers" who can always see wrong in everything, and when they see a man with a basket, they shriek, Oh! more booze, and when a lady is out walking with her steady, they hold up their hands in holy horror, and run for cover.

Verily, "to the pure, all things are pure"; and to the knocker, there is wrong in everything.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

The following is the full text of the Prohibition resolutions delivered to Congress by the Anti-Saloon League Committee of one hundred thousand, December 10, 1913.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following amendment of the Constitution be and is hereby proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several States as provided by the Constitution.

Section 1. The sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale, and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are forever prohibited.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to provide for the manufacture, sale, importation and transportation of intoxicating liquors for sacramental, medicinal, mechanical, pharmaceutical or scientific purposes, or for use in the arts, and shall have power to enforce this article by all needful legislation.

SLEIGHING PARTY.

A sleighing party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reich, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crowe, Edward Gauntz, Mrs. Marshall Livengood, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. Michael Carey, Mrs. Frank O'Bryon, Misses Regena Reich and Mary Livengood, left here Tuesday evening and droyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beachy, near West Salisbury, where they were royally entertained and a sumptuous supper served.

NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZES.

Harmony and Work to Characterize the Year—The Passing of the Old and the Coming of the New a Pleasant Affair.

A special meeting of council was held on Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the municipal building.

The following members were present:—Dia, Weakland, Bauman, Bolden, and Darnley. Absent—Appel and Deal.

The minutes of the regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

The retiring burgess presented his report which was filed.

Fines paid during the month... \$12 00 License..... 9 00 Total amt. due and unpaid..... 107 60

The council exonerated the retiring Burgess for unpaid fines. It was reported that Walter Johnson, who had not paid his fine nor served time had made his boast that he would put one over on the city. Policeman Hare was sent to hunt him up and returned in a short time with Johnson, who served three days in the municipal building.

All unfinished business not requiring immediate attention was held over until the next meeting.

The old council had finished its work, the old administration was at an end, Burgess Reich became ex-burgess, and Councilmen Weakland, Deal and Appel, became ex-councilmen. Council adjourned sine die at 10:40 a. m.

E. J. Dickey, secretary of council, called the new council to order. On motion H. E. Bauman was elected temporary president.

The credentials of the new members, Saylor, Staub and Emeigh, properly attested to, were read by the secretary, and the new members took their seats as men who have a part in the work of legislating and executing for the best interests of Meyersdale.

Organization of the council was now in order. Darnley nominated Charles H. Dia for president. Saylor nominated H. E. Bauman for the same office. Nominations on motion were closed. H. E. Bauman declined the nomination and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot in favor of Dia. Mr. Dia, on taking his seat thanked the members of council for the confidence shown in him and for the honor conferred on him.

TREASURER OF BOROUGH. An application was read from R. H. Philson for the position as treasurer of the borough. On motion Mr. Philson was elected treasurer.

SECRETARY OF COUNCIL. An application was read from E. J. Dickey for the office of secretary of council for the ensuing year. On motion Mr. Dickey was elected secretary of council.

Orders were granted for the payment for service to the street laborers, police, and burgess. The council instead of transacting business pertaining to the city, turning the meeting into a symposium with President Dia as chief archon.

Burgess Reich thanked the council for the work done and the general harmony that prevailed during his service lasting well on to five years. He said he tried to serve all alike, without distinction and that if any mistakes were made they were unintentional.

Ex-councilman Weakland said he had nothing to say on retiring from office. At this juncture a vote of thanks was tendered ex-Burgess Reich, and the retiring councilmen for their faithfulness in service.

Burgess Gress was called upon for a speech. He responded fittingly and feelingly, and said the citizens of Meyersdale had seen fit to elect him as burgess and that he intends to do his duty to the best of his ability. All who heard him felt the sincerity of his words. He further expressed the hope that the burgess and council will work in harmony, and by so doing there will be success and progress in the city, and closed by saying, may the Lord help us to do this.

Darnley, in behalf of the council, made a few fitting remarks. Bolden asked to be excused. Bauman made a few remarks to the new burgess and new members, urging harmony in the future work of council and burgess, saying improvements have been made and greater things are still to be done.

Saylor pledged his service to the best interests of Meyersdale.

Staub believes it will be a pleasure to work with council, consisting of

men of such large calibre as the members of the old council.

Emeigh thanked the people for electing him and promised his best service to the city's interests.

The newly elected presiding officer said "get together and work together."

Mr. Williams of the United States Express company was a guest at the meeting and was called upon for a speech, which he gracefully made.

A. M. Schaffner, of The Commercial, and W. A. Shoemaker, of The Republican, were also called on for speeches. They sang the same song of harmony as the rest, and promised with voice and pen to boost Meyersdale and publish in their papers everything printable that takes place at the meetings of council.

Policemen Cramer and Hare demonstrated that they can make neat speeches as well as protect the city.

The meeting throughout was one of harmony. Good will and good wishes went to those who passed out of public office and good will and good wishes greeted the new members.

Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, January 13, 1914, at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

ORGANIZED CHICKEN BRIGADE.

On the rally day in the Brethren Sunday School the Superintendent told a story about Bishop Warne a missionary to India, returning home after 25 years service, being the principal speaker at a Methodist Conference in Minneapolis, telling the audience of his experiences with the heathen. After the morning sermon the pastor of the congregation invited the people to come forward and shake the hand of the bishop and take the privilege of contributing money for the foreign work. Many came forward to shake hands, but the pastor's little girl was the only one that gave money, 50 cents. After the services the bishop went home with the pastor for dinner, and the other two children also came and each one put 50 cents into the hand of the missionary.

While they were eating dinner the pastor and his wife related the circumstances how each of the children came to have 50 cents. An uncle had given each one a chicken and they had made pets of them, playing with them in the warm basement of the house in the winter. But the time came when they could not have them any longer so they prepared one for dinner, and when they sat down to eat one of their pets the children began to cry so pitifully that there was no dinner eaten at their house that day. At the evening service Bishop Warne told the story of the children with their chickens and he started a "Chicken Brigade" and obtained a nice sum for his work. So the Brethren Superintendent started a "Chicken Brigade" on Rally Day to raise money to build a church in South America, and the result was that by Christmas \$50.27 was raised by the Sunday school for that purpose.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

Contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health during the year 1913: Scarlet fever, 28 increase 25. Typhoid fever, 26 decrease 3. Chicken pox, 3 decrease 7. Diphtheria, 2 decrease 4. Mumps, 2 increase 1. Whooping cough, 2 decrease 5. Pneumonia (true), 1. There were 44 cases of measles reported in 1912 and none in 1913. CLARENCE MOORE, Sec'y. Board of Health.

HEAVY SNOW FALL.

The county was visited with a heavy fall of snow on Sunday, putting the trolley company and telephone companies on their mettle. In some sections of the county snow had fallen to a depth of more than two feet. The county is not unusually large but the climate east of the mountain is moderate compared with the stiff weather on the west side, making the season in the former earlier and later than in the latter section of the county.

COURT ISSUES CITATION

On petition of the Farmers National Bank, of Somerset, the court on Monday awarded a citation on Elsie Stahl Barron and her father, Daniel G. Stahl, in which they are directed to show cause why they shall not be removed as executors of the estate of the late Henry F. Barron, former cashier of the bank, who suicided by shooting himself on September 11, 1913.

The petition was sworn to by Harry L. Sipe, president of the bank, who alleges that the executors are concealing moneys belonging to the estate for the purpose of cheating an defrauding creditors, of whom the bank is one. It is further alleged that the executors represent interests adverse to the estate and its creditors.

Elsie Barron is the widow of Henry F. Barron, who in his will left all his property to her absolutely.

President Sipe alleges that before her death Barron fraudulently transferred real estate and personal property, worth several thousand dollars, to his wife and her relatives. Barron deeded a house and lot in Somerset borough to his wife's mother, Emma Grace Stahl, on November 25, 1911. The house is said to be worth about \$5,000. On April 2, 1912, Barron executed a deed of conveyance to his wife for a \$5,000 Mausoleum in the Union cemetery. He assigned a \$1,000 mortgage to Daniel G. Stahl on March 14, 1913, the day following the time he is alleged to have stolen \$13,000 from the bank which ousted him as cashier.

The bank's petition further charges him with transferring a number of shares of the capital stock of the Somerset Trust company and the Meyersdale Brewing company to Elsie Stahl Barron, in addition to making her numerous gifts and presents, consisting of diamonds jewelry, silver ware, cut glass, etc.

The bank claims that Barron was insolvent when he made all these transactions, and as he received no money or other valuable consideration for his property he disposed of it for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. It is alleged that Barron's scheme culminated in his executors filing an incomplete inventory and appraisal of his estate.

Because he was insolvent and received no money or value for the property he transferred and because he made such transfers for the purpose of placing his property beyond the reach of his creditors, the bank claims that such transfers were illegal and void, and that it is the duty of the executors to institute proceedings to recover such property for the benefit of creditors.

The Barron estate was sued some time ago for \$43,000 in civil court, alleging that he took that amount from the bank's vault on March 13, 1913. At the time of his suicide a criminal charge was pending against him in the United States district court at Pittsburgh in which it was alleged by President Sipe that Barron embezzled that amount of money from the bank.

CLEANING UP HYNDMAN

Hyndman, that staid, sober, dry town is undergoing a "cleaning up" process. A real live policeman is on duty and for a start he swooped down on a poker game in the wee small hours of Sunday morning several weeks ago.

As he passed Kelly Gaster's barber shop he heard such remarks as "ante up there" and "ace high" and "gimme two" and he observed through a crack in the door a poker game in full blast.

He summoned Constable Bowser and what they did to that poker game is awful to relate.

Several well known characters were haled before the bar of justice and fined \$10 and costs. It is said this is merely a start and the officers have their eyes wide open for several other law breakers known to exist within the limits of the borough. ANON.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Modern Woodmen of America held their election recently. The installation of officers will take place in their headquarters on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13th when the following persons will be installed:

Consul—Valentine Gress. Advisor—J. E. Albright. Banker—H. G. Will. Clerk—W. H. Holzshu. Escort—J. E. Spangy. Watchman—Chas. D. Saylor. Sentry—Trustee 3 years—H. C. Kneriem. Physician—Dr. E. F. Hemminger. Past Consul—H. C. Kneriem.

DEATH'S HARVEST

SIMON C. TEDROW.

The remains of Simon C. Tedrow, one of Salisbury's oldest and most respected citizens was borne to its last resting place on Tuesday, December 30th, 1913. Mr. Tedrow was sick only a short time, acute appendicitis was the cause of his death. He took sick the day following Christmas and on Saturday evening death came to relieve him of his sufferings which were severe, but of a short duration. The deceased was born at Laurel Hill, nine miles distant from Centerville, August, 7th, 1837, and died December 27th, 1913, being 74 years, 4 months and 20 days of age.

Funeral services were conducted at his late residence the Rev. Ira S. Monn, officiating and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Brieg, who resides in Salisbury and the following children—all of whom witnessed the last sad ceremonies except Mrs. Flora Horchler, of Akron, Ohio, and Edward Tedrow who is in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Alice Brieg, Meyersdale; Mrs. Lizzie Ferner, of Pittsburgh; John, of Youngstown, Ohio; George of Elk Lick township; Irvin of Kearney, Pa., Cleveland, of Akron, Ohio, Frank, Harvey and Mrs. Ellen Chaney, of Salisbury.

MRS. MARGARET NEWMAN.

Mrs. Margaret Newman, died at the home of her son Elijah Newman on Friday January 2nd, 1914, after a prolonged illness caused by the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Newman was cheerful to the last, but played that the end might come soon to hasten her spirit to the better world.

The funeral services were held in St. John's Reformed church of which she was a life long member, on Sunday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Ira S. Monn, her pastor, and Rev. L. P. Young, of the Local Lutheran church, officiating. Her grandsons were the pallbearers, who bore the remains to their last earthly resting place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased was over 70 years of age, and up to the time of her taking ill several months ago, was able to walk about, attend church and do a little work. She was devoted to her family, church and friends and her life would certainly be a good example for any and every body to pattern after. Her husband preceded her to the spirit world a number of years ago and the surviving children are: Richard, Nevin and Elijah of town and Mrs. Wm. Lowry, of Elk Lick township. A number of grand children also mourn the loss of a noble grandmother and several great grandchildren, too young to realize, survive this good woman.

PRIZE WINNERS.

About one hundred and twenty prizes were awarded to the members of the Boys' Agricultural Club and Girls' Domestic Science League of the county, in the contest held at Somerset, November 25-28, 1913.

The following are the successful contestants of Meyersdale:

Ruth Bowman, first prize, centre piece, 75 cents. Kathryn Sipple, first prize, one pair pillow cases, 75 cents. Mae Hook, second prize, bread of Kaws best flour, one-half barrel. Cecil Suder, second prize, one-half peck potatoes, \$2.00. Griffire Heckler, first prize, cement work, \$2.00. Cecil Suder, first prize, single potatoes, \$1.00.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND CITIZENS.

1st, I hereby give notice that the ordinance with reference to children under 16 years of age being on the streets after the curfew whistle, will be enforced.

2nd, All coasting on the sidewalks is positively prohibited.

3rd, All citizens are urged to clean their side walks after a fall of snow. VALENTINE GRESS, Burgess.

VISITED RELATIVES.

Thomas Allerdice, and son of Elkins W. Va., Mrs. Minnie McGann, and daughter Mary of Elizabeth, N. J., Miss Mary Lochner, of Loneaconing, Md., and Arthur Hamilton, of Grafton, W. Va., were guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Siehl, of the South Side, during the holidays.