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THE SMALL-POX SCARE.

Nine Cases Near Coal Run and St. Paul—Two Escaped and Are Quarantined at Stoyestown.

There has been a small pox scare in the vicinity of Coal Run, St. Paul, and Boynton in the last week or more. While there have been a number of eruptions on the faces of people it was not for some time known what caused the trouble, and little attention was paid to the situation. How small pox got to Coal Run, was for some time a mystery, but eventually it was ascertained that it was imported from the neighboring county of Bedford. On or about December 24th, John Beal and Ralph Rhoads who live between Coal Run and St. Paul, visited in Bedford county, in the neighborhood where small pox was prevalent, and evidently came in contact with the disease, returning home about a week later.

Eruptions appeared about January 15th, but the patients did not suffer much discomfort and there was no apparent reason for calling a physician on their account. The patients did not make known their malady and as a consequence the families with whom they were living, Calvin Rhoads and W. H. Beal, have all contracted small pox. There are at the present writing nine cases.

Two boys escaped before the premises were placed under quarantine. Those escaping were traced by the health authorities through Quama-honing and Shade townships and back to Stoyestown where they are now detained and are under absolute quarantine and as such will be held until the expiration of the quarantine period. All contacts are being vaccinated in Coal Run, St. Paul, D Hay school district, and Mountain View, and the schools in these dis-

tricts have been closed. Guards have been placed over the affected premises.

County Medical Inspector Dr. C. P. Large of Meyersdale, and Dr. A. M. Lichty of Salisbury, have been doing the vaccinating and will continue to give the situation their careful attention. Those who refuse to be vaccinated are placed under absolute quarantine for 18 days.

A number of those who were presumed to have come into contact with the small pox families were in town on Saturday evening and attended the moving picture show in the Donges theatre, lodge rooms, etc. As a result the matter of fumigating had been the order of the day in a number of places.

Small pox is a disease which is much abhorred by people generally and while it is a loathsome disease its ravages can be mitigated very much by proper precautions. Vaccination, while objectionable to many yet that seems the most effective method by which the disease is overcome, and modified.

The breaking out of small pox in that community and its proximity to Meyersdale has been the talk of the town and much excitement prevailed. The way to meet this is to go about it in a sane and sensible way, use every precaution, to keep the disease from spreading and use all remedies which restore speedily to health.

Of course the afflicted community has the sympathy of the outside world, and the best wishes are extended, and the hope is entertained that at an early day Coal Run, St. Paul, and other communities may be in their normal condition, unafraid, hopeful and prosperous.

SCHOOL LAW ENFORCED

On Friday morning, Mr. Russell Rosenberger was arraigned before Squire Cook for not sending his son Harry to school regularly in compliance with the compulsory attendance law. This being the first offense, he was given the minimum fine, together with costs, amounting to \$5.00.

The compulsory attendance law must be enforced and those who neglect to send their children under sixteen years of age to school regularly will be required to pay the fine or go to jail. Even those who have employment certificates, who are not regularly employed must attend school regularly. All persons who employ children between fourteen and sixteen years of age who have employment certificates must notify the school authorities when they enter their employ.

HELD ANNUAL MEETING

The Northampton Telephone Company's stockholders met in annual meeting in Leydig's hall, at Glencoe, Jan. 28th, with a large attendance. Report of the year's work was made and the showing gave general satisfaction.

The stockholders elected the following directors; I. D. Leydig, J. H. Miller, Andrew Horchner, Alfred Broadwater, F. M. Coughenour, Chas. Deister and N. B. Poorbaugh.

The following are the auditors: Chas. Deist, W. H. Miller, and Frank H. Mower.

The Board re-organized by electing the following officers: Pres. I. D. Leydig; vice-pres. J. H. Miller; treas. Andrew Horchner; secretary and general manager, Alfred Broadwater.

CARD OF THANKS.

Sugar Creek, O., Feb. 1, 1914.
EDITOR COMMERCIAL:—
Please permit us through your paper to thank the good people of Springs and vicinity for their kindness and sympathy during our recent weeks of sickness while in their midst. We especially wish to thank them for the purse of money presented to us as a Christmas gift, in order to lighten the financial burden incurred through our sickness. The kindness and generosity will never be forgotten and our prayers will ever be that none of them will ever be visited by such misfortune.

Very respectfully,
S. G. STEVANUS AND FAMILY.

DEATH OF THOMAS F. MAHON.

Thomas F. Mahon, superintendent of the Meyersdale Brewing Company for the past ten years and a stockholder in the brewery, died Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mahon home in Connelville, of valvular heart trouble. Mr. Mahon had been in poor health since July and last November spent three weeks at Cambridge Springs for the benefit of his health. He returned to Connelville and since New Year's had been confined to his bed. Funeral will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church in Connelville, where requiem high mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father John T. Burns. Interment will be made in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mr. Mahon was a man of a quiet disposition and won the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Mahon and Mrs. John Dixon, Sr., both of Connelville. He was never married.

ATTENDED FUNERAL.

Mrs. O. A. Diveley, Miss Maggie Smith, H. C. Staub, W. P. Diveley and E. L. Diveley attended the funeral of Alexander Ritchey which took place at Mt. Olive cemetery, near Pennsville, Fayette county, last Sunday. Mr. Ritchey was one of the three trainmen killed in the wreck that occurred last week on the Pennsylvania railroad at Conemaugh, and was the husband of Miss Lida Bittner, who is well and favorably known here. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were many and beautiful—the last earthly tribute that can be bestowed upon a deceased relative and friend.

RAILROAD RUMORS.

The indications are that Meyersdale will be a busy place during the summer and will enjoy a season of prosperity.

Reports that seem well founded are that the B. & O. railroad will lay the third track east and west of Meyersdale. Also that the engineers have been over the ground to start work on the contemplated low grade in the near future.

It is also rumored that the Western Maryland R. R. will lay the second track when the spring season opens. Should these enterprises materialize it would mean much work for Meyersdale for some months.

SUFFRAGIST MEETING.

Favorable Sentiment Growing.

The suffragettes and their friends met in the assembly hall of the High school, on Friday evening, to the number of more than half a hundred. Mrs. F. B. Black presided, Mrs. Rossing, of Pittsburg delivered an interesting address, full of strong argument. Why the Women of America should have the Right of Suffrage. The legislature will be called upon to vote on the proposition of making Pennsylvania a suffrage state.

She said suffragists are non-partisan, Prohibitionists, socialists and Progressives have adopted woman's suffrage and the indications are that the democratic party will adopt it. She said Senator Penrose wore a woman's suffrage button and will vote for it when the measure comes before the United States Senate.

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Because the woman's place is in the home, she wants the ballot to become a better house-keeper. Women are just as responsible for the water supply supply as the men, but in dealing with this matter a woman must make her demands as a voter. Man has all he can do to attend to his affairs but the woman cannot pride herself on her housekeeping until there are streets cleaned before her door and the surroundings cleaned of garbage.

Women do not want to take men's work, only to help them. Clothes are made in factories, food is prepared and canned. A woman interested in pure food ought to know how this is done.

Men sometimes object to women's membership of the legislature, on account of the laws that would be enacted, but there are many who say we are cursed with fool laws now and they were made by men and it is not likely that women would buy furniture by the foot or electric light by the ton as was done in the capitol at Harrisburg.

Again she said that some say women are too emotional but is it not true that men get dreadfully excited when their candidate is elected, create bedlam, jump on chairs and shout, while women under like circumstances would fan themselves and give the Chautauq salute.

A woman who does not have occasion to earn her living ought to help fight the battle for her needy sister. Woman has a great responsibility, but she lacks the authority. Give her authority and she is willing to meet her responsibility. Authority and responsibility go hand in hand if we succeed.

Woman wants authority to help destroy the white slave traffic, 50,000 girls disappear every year. Are you indifferent when a mother loses her daughter, or a sister her sister. Tomorrow it may be your daughter or your sister.

She quoted Colorado the state in which woman's suffrage has been the law for some years and said Colorado has the best child labor conditions, good schools, play grounds, clean streets, sanitary conditions, etc. and urged the women of Pennsylvania to labor in behalf of the cause, which must prove a blessing to all women.

BETTY'S DEGREE.

This college play is of unusual character bringing with it wit, humor and excitement.

If you want to spend a pleasant and enjoyable evening, don't fail to see this fine play.

All the parts are strong, much care having been exercised in the selection of the talent, who show great skill, and as a result the acting will be exceptionally good.

The extras are Solos, Quartets, Reading and Impersonation. Don't forget the date, Friday evening, February 6, 1914 in the Reformed Sunday School Building; price 25 cents.

Rev. Father Brady attended the funeral of his friend, Peter Welsh, which was held at Westernport, Md., Wednesday morning.

POOR HOUSE SENSATION.

The Steward, John C. Miller, Notified to Leave.

SOMERSET, PA., Feb. 4.
Another sensation is buzzing at the county home, the "home" of sensations almost exclusively during the past few years. John C. Miller, steward of the institution, got his "walking papers" today when the board of poor directors notified him that his services will not be required after March 1st, 1914. The directors prefer no charges against Miller and it is very likely that the matter will be fought out in the courts, as John C., has never been known to "lay down" to a bluff.

Once the directors take actual steps to remove Miller interesting developments are expected. The notice received by Miller states that the poor directors are empowered to remove him at their pleasure. This position, it is understood, will be contested. Miller was elected as steward and superintendent to serve a whole year from January 1st, 1914, and his friends declare that he can be removed only for cause. If he is ousted without cause he will no doubt bring suit against the county for this year's salary, amounting to about \$1,000. Miller's will be the second salary suit the poor directors will face for removing employes without cause. It will be remembered that Attorney H. F. Yost, who had been elected solicitor for the board last year was asked to resign and refused, but nevertheless, he was ousted. Yost's friends declare that he was illegally ousted, and are urging him to sue for his year's salary. It is reported that he has employed counsel to prosecute his action to recover the year's salary, and that it will be filed in the near future. The solicitor's salary, with interest, will amount to \$5000.

In the face of these circumstances the wanton removal of employes by the board of directors looms up as an expensive pastime for public officers to indulge in. Besides, there is a suit pending in court against the poor directors virtually in which the county home treasury appears to have been mulcted for between \$2,000 and \$3,000 by the late Henry F. Barron, who suicided last September, who was apparently short to that extent to his accounts as treasurer of the board. The only hope of recovering this money is by means of a suit against Barron's bondsmen, and they declare that they are not liable, and the county stands a promising chance of losing this entire amount.

Superintendent Miller, as far as can be learned, has given the county home an efficient administration; his first term being so satisfactory that he was re-elected by the board only several weeks ago. His friends claim that the poor directors are exercising unwarranted power in attempting to remove him now. Their specious plea that they have the authority to discharge their Superintendent at their pleasure is denied by many people, including several lawyers, who point out that it is necessary to show that he has been guilty of misconduct before his removal can be legally accomplished.

It is rumored that the poor directors have tendered Miller's job to ex-Superintendent Samuel U. Shober, in advance of advertising for a competent man to fill the proposed vacancy. The advertisement for Miller's successor was published in local newspapers today, but if the persistent rumors of the return of Shober are correct the ad. is merely a matter of form, as no other applicant would be seriously considered.

Shober, it is pointed out, would make a most acceptable successor to Miller, from the poor directors' point of view that they have the right to hire and fire at will, regardless of the public's interests. Shober, it will be remembered, was prosecuted in criminal court two years ago and his resignation promptly followed when he was convicted of criminal neglect of the inmates of the home. A grand jury investigated a charge that Shober sold a diseased steer to the county and fed the county home's inmates meat from the slaughtered animal, which was unfit for food. At a trial in court, however, Shober escaped punishment on this charge.

Superintendent Miller today refused to discuss the matter for publication. A friend of his states, however, that the matter will be fought to the bitter end, if the poor directors are really looking for a fight.

The county home for a number of years has been a source of scandal. About six years ago Dr. Henry Wilson, who was employed as physician in the county hospital for the insane, haled the poor directors into court on charges of criminal negligence. He established the fact that maggots fed on patients therein and that the directors and employes were negligent in many other ways, with the result that the inmates of the institution were barbarically abused. After Dr. Wilson established a strong case against the directors a settlement was effected which kept them out of jail. Dr. Wilson, however, was vindicated and a little over a year ago when the board was looking for a resident physician for the hospital he was again put back on the job, his contract calling for several years' service. And Dr. Wilson is there today. The fact that the hospital is in charge of him is generally accepted as a foregone conclusion that humane treatment of patients prevails.

TOWN COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION.

TAX COLLECTOR TO PUSH HIS WORK VIGOROUSLY

Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock. Present—Dia, Darnley, Bauman, Saylor, Emeigh and Bolden. Absent—Stanb.

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

A number of citizens were present on business. Milton C. Horner and Fred Fisher were present to ask council whether or not a sewer line could be built by citizens from the corner of High and Grant streets to Broadway; the former stated that five or six property holders were ready to join in this work. He stated that they want to make one connection and when completed they turn the sewer over to the borough. Council accepted the proposition and stipulated that the 8-inch sewer pipe must be used and the work must conform to the state regulations and must be done under the supervision of the street commissioner.

J. F. Diveley was present with reference to the names of Herwig and Day, railroaders who objected to be taxed as engineers.

Mr. Diveley stated that Somerset and Rockwood have different ratings for railroaders—engineers \$200, extra engineers, \$100 and firemen \$50. This matter is to be taken up by Mr. Darnley with the new assessor.

Messrs. Beal and Wejmer were present because council held up their bill for work done in the fall. The firm stated that the weather was unfavorable for concrete work, but that the council committee insisted that the work should be done and according to contract. Council granted the payment of half the bill and the balance when the work is repaired in spring according to contract.

D. J. Fike and Fred Wilmoth were present concerning the tax on wire and steam line. Mr. Fike stated that the company he represents pays for a franchise and by taxing the company in this way it appears like a double tax. The light committee is to take the matter up with the borough solicitor.

The light committee complained of poor service a week ago. This was due to unavoidable accidents.

BURGESS GRESS' REPORT
The new burgess has been on his job and had two men boarding at the bastille, James McDermott, 24 hours and Frank Fidler, five days, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Policeman Cramer reported that he had made an inspection of wires and poles and the repairs had been made where necessary.

STREETS CLEANED.

Street Commissioner Weller reported he had cleaned the streets, and opened sewerage and given the ashes attention on the north side of town.

D. A. Floto was present and stated that he had a permit to place a sewer. This is a private sewer and a number of connections had been made in recent years. The secretary was instructed to render bill to the W. M. R. R. and to ascertain what parties have made connection with the sewer on Main street, above the railroad.

BILLS PRESENTED.

Hammer	\$ 4 95
C. Saylor	4 95
Austin	1 65
Weller	10 00
Klingaman	1 25
Klingaman hauling	1 50
Hare police	30 00
Cramer police	30 00
Light, Dec. & Jan.	419 13
Somerset telephone	6 00
W. H. Klingaman, H. O.	8 50
The Commercial	4 00
Meyersdale Planing Mill	8 91
B. J. Lynch	57 00
Jonas L. Hart	2 80
E. J. Dickey salary & postage	84 33
W. B. Cook	1 50
Beal & Wejmer	12 50
Burgess Gress, ex. to som.	1 25

BOROUGH FINANCE.

Active Acct.	426 66
Sinking fund	2,269 42

WATER & LIGHT.

Darnley said that the light system is being changed and reported progress.

Policeman Hare asked to be remunerated for taking prisoner to Cumberland. Referred to the solicitor.

ELECTION OF STREET COMMISSIONERS

The street committee is to take up the matter with the solicitor to ascertain definitely whether or not it is necessary to receive applications for the position.

The item of damages to Dr. Rowe's property on Main street, through the breaking of the sewer. The Secretary was directed to render a bill to the Bell Telephone Company.

EXONERATIONS.

Collector Sides was present to be exonerated from the collection of taxes from certain persons whose names appear on the 1913 list. A number of names were stricken from the list.

The Council directed Collector Sides to push vigorously, the collection of taxes.

On motion Council adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

FINED BEFORE 'SQUIRE LOWRY.

Last Friday was a more or less troublesome day for Irvin Wellington and Irvin Welfley of Elk Lick township, who had been employed as miners at Merchants Mine No. 3, by the United Coal company. It was also a rather unusual day for Squire Albert Lowry for he had on hand his first case, when the aforesaid men were haled before him on a charge of stealing mining tools from the Grassy Run Coal company and taking them into the mines at No. 3, where they went to work with them. Welfley promptly confessed when arrested and Wellington before the squire admitted being along when the tools were taken which of course made it look pretty suspicious on his part, especially since he has been in scrapes of this kind before. However, out of sympathy for Welfley, who was never before known to do tricks of the kind, the prosecutor dropped the case by the defendant paying the costs which amounted to 6 dollars.

On Monday morning, January 26th, when the men at Meager's miners went to their rooms to work, there were about 5 miners who missed some of their tools, others missed powder, carbide, etc. Altogether three picks and two shovels were missing. Not much was thought of the matter but a little amateur detective work and the strong circumstantial evidence soon cast suspicion on the two fellows. Accordingly on Thursday forenoon several of the parties whose tools were stolen went to Merchants No. 3 mines and in company with the pit boss, entered the room where Wellington and Welfley had worked on Tuesday and there identified and recovered the missing picks and shovels and the prosecution followed.

LEAGUE MEETING.

The Civic League, of which every woman in town is a member, will hold an important meeting in the High School building on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

All business men, the Firemen, the Commercial Club, the G. A. R., all organizations, and all citizens who have the best interests of the town at heart are cordially invited to attend.