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## READY FOR BUSINESS.

### Shirt Factory Machinery Is Placed and Ready for Operation.

Meyersdale's new industry, the Meyersdale shirt factory is about an accomplished fact. The machinery is being placed, and by the time The Commercial appears, everything ought to be in shape for beginning the manufacture of shirts.

This is a town enterprise and was brought here through the efforts of the Commercial Club. It was no easy matter to accomplish this end. The club had to work persistently and under many discouragements to get sufficient stock subscribed, but the work was done. Then came the serious work which ordinarily should not have been so difficult, that of getting a suitable location and suitable building. Rents seemed too high or locations not suitable. Because of this the project was on the verge of collapsing. Finally the town council came to the rescue, by furnishing a location and opening the way for quarters by giving the old municipal building. A new building has been made out of the old building. This seems an ideal building for the purpose for which it is intended. A large room, high ceiling, plenty of light, steam heat, toilet rooms, one for the men and one for the women, water for drinking with sanitary arrangements, and water and hose connection in case of fire.

The cellar contains the boiler, coal bin, men's toilet, with cement floor, and the cellar is floored and forms a large room for storage; there is a tile drainage in the cellar, making the building sanitary throughout. Those who have charge of the construction of the building, are well pleased with the work and are convinced that it will comply with every requirement of the state laws, as well as the insurance stipulations.

The machinery is being placed, and when finished, there will be thirty machines in operation. The Singer and the Union specials are the machines to be used. A five horse power electric motor will be used to run the machines. With a belt attachment from the motor to a pulley fastened to shafting the shaft will run all the machinery, but each machine runs as the foot of the operator is placed on the pedal of the machine. This does not entail any physical strain, the pressure simply making the contact when the motor runs the machinery.

It will doubtless require some time before the factory will be in full operation, for practically all the help will be required to receive instruction before the work can be carried on successfully. Next week however the plant will be operated and in due course of time the machinery will hum and all the work that can be done will be supplied.

Mr. Weinstein has in mind a formal opening of the new industry when the plant is in running order, and when the public will be invited to be present, to inspect the plant, the people working and the class of workmanship that is turned out.

This new business is now practically an accomplished fact. The Commercial Club deserves the credit for placing it here. Now the next step is new business where men are exclusively employed, more industries, greater prosperity.

Boost the shirt factory, boost all legitimate business, boost the town, even if you get knocked once in a while, boost anyhow.

## CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS.

A meeting of the Civic League was held on Tuesday evening in the High School building. After the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting were read by Mrs. Bruce Lichty, who acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. R. D. Pfahler, the regular secretary, the business of the evening was taken up and several topics were discussed.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up and resulted as follows:—Miss Jessie McKinley was re-elected president, as was also Mrs. Clarence Rowe, the vice president. Mrs. Bruce Lichty was elected secretary, and Mrs. W. S. Livengood was chosen treasurer, filling the places of Mrs. R. D. Pfahler and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, who declined.

## RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN AT SOMERSET.

A three-weeks' religious campaign at Somerset was decided upon Wednesday afternoon at a meeting held in the court house, which was attended by a score of representatives from all the religious denominations of Somerset except the Lutheran and Reformed congregations. Present at the meeting was Evangelist William Asher, who will conduct the revival.

The campaign will open Sunday morning, March 23. The meeting will be conducted along the lines followed by Billy Sunday and other evangelists now working in different parts of Pennsylvania—that is, there will be union meetings in which the ministers of the churches taking part in the campaign are to give their support to the evangelist. Converts will be at liberty to unite with any church they may designate. The meetings will be held in the skating rink, where seats can be provided for more than 1,000 persons.

The Rev. Mr. Asher has been engaged in evangelistic work for about 15 years and was a member of the Sunday party for several years. His work has taken him around the world. He started a series of meetings at Windber Sunday, where a tabernacle has been built specially for his campaign. Before going to Windber the Rev. Mr. Asher was at Portage, where he conducted a revival for three weeks, resulting in the conversion of 803 persons. The evangelist gets for his work only the voluntary collections of the last Sunday.

The details of the Somerset meeting will be worked out within the next week. The only matters decided upon definitely Wednesday were the time and place for the meetings. The Somerset Evangelical association will be organized, with the Rev. V. C. Zener as president, and a directorate of 15 members, three from each of the five churches joining in the campaign. No opposition has developed to the campaign.

ASHER DECLINES TO COME.

The Rev. William Asher, who is conducting a revival at Windber, and who was scheduled to evangelize Somerset in the near future, has notified the Somerset Ministerial Association that it will not be possible for him to come there at the present time, on account of there being a divided sentiment in the ministerial association as to the question of holding a revival, as two of the members of the association are reported to be opposed to the meetings for various reasons. The ministers, however, are not abandoning the revival project, it is said, and will endeavor to secure the services of another evangelist.

## MOOSEHEART PICTURES

Through the courtesy of National Director John H. Risbeck, the local lodge L. O. O. M., have been granted the privilege of showing the Mooseheart pictures in Meyersdale. These pictures are being shown in every city in the United States and are highly spoken of by all who have had the pleasure of seeing them. The pictures will give the public an idea of the good work that is being done for the widows and orphans and indigent members of the Loyal Order of Moose at their great educational and vocational institution located at Mooseheart, Ill. The pictures will be shown at the Pastime Theatre on Tuesday evening, March 3rd. A special lecturer will be present to explain the pictures as they are being shown. Everybody should see these pictures, especially those who are not familiar with the good work that is being done by a great fraternal and beneficial organization.

## BOSWELL ISSUES \$12,000 BONDS.

Although only a small percentage of the registered voters visited the polls at the special election held last Saturday, the proposed bond issue of \$12,000 carried. Out of 260 registered voters, only 82 visited the polls. Sixty voted in favor of the bond issue and 22 against it.

The funds received through the bond issue will be used in erecting a new school building and in constructing an addition of six rooms to the present structure. Specifications for the proposed improvements will be secured at once and bids advertised for.

## CRIMINAL COURT.

District Attorney Virgil R. Saylor, Tuesday announced the cases for trial at the February term of criminal court, which will convene on Monday February 23rd, as follows:

Commonwealth vs. Harrison Bittner, Levi Lape, and Noah Pritts, supervisors of Black twp., neglecting public roads, Adam A. Baker, constable, prosecutor; Com. vs. Fred Rowe, perjury, Levi Deal, prosecutor; Com. vs. Alex Ches and Stoney Ches, aggravated assault and battery, Martin Tolosocy, prosecutor; Com. vs. Steve Moheck, aggravated assault and battery, Andy Tokacs, prosecutor; Com. vs. William B. Duncan, assault and battery, Agnes V. Croner, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Rayman S. Emerick, Walter C. Brant, and Clyde E. Bowser, larceny, constable Harvey E. Bittner, prosecutor; Com. vs. Frank Keshoski, assault and battery, Martin Warznak, prosecutor; Com. vs. Martin Warznak, assault and battery, Frank Keshoski, prosecutor; Com. vs. Charles Cabor, maintaining gambling house, S. W. McMullen, prosecutor; Com. vs. Michael Harmly, larceny, Frank Tarr, prosecutor; Com. vs. John G. Miller, larceny, Albert H. Henry, prosecutor, Com. vs. W. B. Kashmerick, impersonating an officer, Neri Toth, prosecutor; Com. vs. Verd R. Thompson, maintaining a gambling house, S. W. McMullen, prosecutor; Com. vs. William Gregory, assault and battery, Frank Pieszowski, prosecutor; Com. vs. Steve Berish, embezzlement, Frank Balogh, prosecutor; Com. vs. Benjamin Esceki, assault and battery, Blasco Poplaski, prosecutor; Com. vs. David Shapiro and A. A. Shapiro, purchasing junk from minors and receiving stolen goods, Harvey E. Bittner, prosecutor; Com. vs. August Krause, assault and battery and surety, Ellen Krause, prosecutrix; Com. vs. A. J. Lowry, violating mine laws, Fletcher W. Cunningham, prosecutor; Com. vs. Edward Kuchinsky, and John Svish, violating mining laws, Fletcher W. Cunningham, prosecutor; Com. vs. Michael George, larceny, Martin Peock, prosecutor.

## TUESDAY.

Com. vs. Charles V. Seehler and Mahlon M. Saylor, supervisors of Milford twp., neglecting public roads, J. M. Spangler, constable, prosecutor; Com. vs. Ralph Revoric, Winslow Revoric, Darrell Lingenfeld, Willis Speicher, Robert Mitchell, burglary, S. D. Collins, prosecutor; Com. vs. Henry Cologne and Lewis Pelligren, assault and battery to kill, J. F. Peterson, prosecutor; Com. vs. Elmer Moore and Wm. Barnhart, rape, Edward R. Shaulis, Com. vs. G. W. Harmon and John Williams, burglary, Tony Presti, prosecutor; Com. vs. Harvey Dummeyer, adultery, Edward R. Shaulis, prosecutor; Com. vs. Harvey Dummeyer, f. and b., Bertha Aukeny, prosecutrix; Com. vs. John Brant, larceny, Newton A. Lohr, prosecutor; Com. vs. Forsey Mook, f. and b., Minnie Weyant, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Harvey Tressler, f. and b., Ellen Ringer, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Clyde Swingler, f. and b., Mary Lape, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Eugene Livengood, f. and b., Henrietta Zimmerman, prosecutrix; Com. vs. George W. Yutz, f. and b., Hetty K. Wilt, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Lee Moon, f. and b., Edna Ream, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Lottie Pedu, fornication, R. M. Sarver, prosecutor; Com. Maggie Shaffer, fornication, Harrison Fost, prosecutrix; Com. vs. Katharine Garlits, fornication, A. E. Baer, prosecutor; Com. vs. Samuel T. Daley, f. and b., Alice Awtey, prosecutrix.

## MINING RESUMED.

The Ajax Coal company with mines at Fort Hill on the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., has resumed operations after being idle for several years. Coal is being shipped already from the old slope which has been reopened. A new opening is being made. Fred Rowe, of Meyersdale, is president of the company.

## CLOSED REVIVAL.

The Christian Church at Confluence, closed their revival service Sunday night with 28 members received into the congregation. The preaching was done by the pastor J. A. Hopkins, George E. Hopkins of Bellaire, Ohio, a brother of the minister, led the music during the latter part of the meeting in a manner very satisfactory to the church.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Dailey, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage, and in honor of the occasion Mrs. Dailey invited a few of her lady friends to a one o'clock luncheon, which was served at one large table in the dining room, it being beautifully decorated for the occasion, red and white being the prevailing color. The favors were small potted ferns. The guests included the Mesdames C. E. Deal, W. H. Ryland, W. H. Rutter, M. A. Rutter, G. A. Need, James E. McCartney, Sue Liston, P. D. Clutton, S. E. Thorley, C. E. Klingensmith, W. H. Habel, Clarence Rowe, P. H. Ramer. Mrs. Dudley of Washington, D. C., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Need, was an out-of-town guest.

### MRS. CLUTTON ENTERTAINS.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Paul D. Clutton, on Broadway street, entertained the store forces, including proprietors, managers and clerks of Hartley & Baldwin, and Hartley, Clutton Co's stores. The evening was very enjoyably spent by all present. Mrs. Clutton served appetizing refreshments.

## INSTALLATION SERVICE.

The Greenville and the White Oak Reformed congregations will hold a union service in the White Oak Reformed church on Sunday afternoon, when the formal installation service will be held, placing Rev. A. S. Kresge officially over those congregations as pastor. Revs. H. H. Wiant of Berlin, and A. M. Schaffner of Meyersdale will conduct the service.

## SCHOOL CLOSED.

The Southwestern State Normal School was closed on Tuesday by the California Board of Health when it was discovered that the five-year-old daughter of Principal and Mrs. W. S. Hertzog had been stricken with scarlet fever.

One death has already resulted from the epidemic and the condition of Henry Walker of Somerset is very critical. The out-of-town students were dismissed and the boarding students who remained were placed under quarantine.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE.

An interesting missionary conference was held in the Reformed Sunday school building on Tuesday evening and two sessions on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening two strong addresses were delivered by Rev. E. P. Skyles of Cumberland, and Rev. D. S. Stephen of Berlin. Pastors Monn of Salisbury, Wiant of Berlin, Kresge and Truxal of town took part in the conference.

Lay delegates were present from Garret, Salisbury, Brothersvalley, Greenville and Northampton townships.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

"Parents' Day" will be observed in the public schools of Meyersdale, Pa., on Friday, February 20th, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. to which all the parents, citizens, and friends of education are cordially invited.

Light refreshments will be served to all the visitors on each floor of the school buildings between 3 and 4:15 p. m. by the "Parent Teachers' Association."

## DIES AT BALTIMORE.

Mr. Max Shearer, father of Isaac Shearer, merchant at Frostburg, died on Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock at the Hebrew Hospital, Baltimore. Isaac Shearer left Baltimore before his father's death and upon his arrival at midnight found a telegram advising him of the sad occurrence. Mr. Shearer was 52 years old and was a merchant at Piedmont, W. Va., at one time. He is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters. The body was taken to Cumberland on Monday for interment in the Hebrew cemetery.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Somerset County Game and Fish Protective Association was organized at a meeting held in the office of Paul A. Schell, in Somerset, on Monday evening, with the election of the following officers: President, Alvin H. Ferner; Vice President, Curtis O. Kooser; Secretary, Gilbert Endsley; Treasurer, Howard R. Boose.

## FOUR SCORE AND TEN.

On Friday a quiet event of more than ordinary interest was observed, when the oldest person in the community, the venerable William T. Oates, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary. Mr. Oates came to America from Cornwall, England, about sixty-five years ago and has been a citizen of Meyersdale for the last twenty-five years, being a member of the Hocking family.

Father Oates is one of those fine characters who grows old beautifully. Four score and ten years still leaves our venerable citizen with a fairly robust body and a clear mind. He is an interesting character and a fine christian gentleman.

Many friends called to pay their respect to him during the day and a number left remembrances at the home of the eventful day in the life of Mr. Oates.

Mr. Oates was in fine spirits and appreciated very highly the kind remembrances of the many friends who called to see him.

Mr. Oates told the writer that his appetite is good, relishing his meals, and that he generally sleeps well at night, and that his friends are good and kind to him. Thus as he nears the century mark he is contented and happy in the consciousness that he has many warm friends on earth and grateful to a Heavenly Father who has watched over him many years and full of confidence in the days that are before him.

John M. Oates, superintendent of the Sand Spring Water company is the only son and child of Mr. Oates.

## HOME TALENT PLAY.

On Friday evening the home talent of Meyersdale, under the auspices of the Young People's Guild of the Reformed church rendered in the new Sunday school building, "Betty's Degree" to a large and intelligent audience. In addition to the play, the famous Meyersdale male quartet, rendered several selections, Karl Leith sang two solos, Miss Ada Mitchell and Miss Evelyn Gordon recited, and C. E. Livengood's orchestra assisted in the evening's entertainment. Miss Evelyn Truxal and Mrs. H. M. Cook, presided at the piano.

The sweet college girls portrayed apparently to perfection in the life of college girls.

The evening's entertainment afforded much pleasure to those who availed themselves of the opportunity of the treat which the home talent gave to the people of Meyersdale.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the congregation took advantage of the large crowd and served excellent refreshments after the entertainment in the banquet hall. Mrs. J. H. Bowman had charge of this function and executed it very successfully with the help of the many assistants on hand to serve the patrons.

## CIVIL WAR DRAMA.

Members of Capt. James S. Hinchman Camp, No. 122, Sons of Veterans, R. P. Cumins Post, No. 210, and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, of Somerset, are holding nightly rehearsals of a local talent theatrical entertainment they will stage in the Somerset Opera House on Thursday night, Feb. 12th, in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday. The entertainment consists of a civil war drama, depicting exciting incidents of '61-'65. Personal experience of a number of Somerset veterans while they were in arms at Gettysburg will be a feature of the program.

## PRECAUTION AGAINST SMALL POX.

On account of the small pox epidemic which promises well to spread over part of Elk Lick township and probably to Salisbury, the board of health of that city decided that it would be well to disinfect public meeting places where it was thought persons had been in attendance that had been exposed to the dreaded malady. Ira Hay's moving picture theatre and the Methodist church, where daily meetings are being held, were disinfected last Thursday.

Small pox has broken out in two more families in the township—in the homes of Samuel Lowry and George Beals, of Coal Run. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease, but there will undoubtedly be quite a number of cases since it was spread broadcast before the health authorities took charge of it.

## DEATH'S HARVEST.

### CHRISTOPHER C. GARLITS.

Mr. Christopher C. Garlits, died Saturday January 7th, 1914, after an illness of several months of stomach trouble, at his home on Broadway street.

Mr. Garlits was born June 3rd, 1840, in Garrett County, Md., and spent his boyhood days in that county. He was married to Miss Alida Skiff, of near New Germany, Md., September 9th, 1861, where they resided on a farm for a number of years. They then removed to Elk Lick township where they resided on a farm for many years. Later the family removed to Brothersvalley township and resided there until coming to Meyersdale about ten years ago, when he served for several years on the police force.

He was a man of a quiet disposition and won the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was a good, conscientious christian man.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Catholic church where requiem high Mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. Father J. J. Brady. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

He is survived by his widow and the following children:—Mrs. Boaz Trent, of Boynton; Mrs. Charles T. Baker, and Mrs. William Sarver, Berlin; Mrs. Eli Folk, Coal Run; Mrs. George McDonald, Eokard Mines, Md.; Mrs. A. A. Felix, Conemaugh; Mrs. B. F. Livengood, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. John Darrah and Mrs. Charles Ringler, of this place and Miss Edith at home.

### DAVID BAYLESS.

David Brainard Bayless was born in Covington, Ky., and died on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, aged about 40 years.

He was married to Sarah Taylor Hocking, daughter of the late Nicholas Hocking. She was born and reared here and was married about six years ago, after which they moved to Covington, Ky., and from there they moved to Sault Saint Marie, Canada, where they resided since.

Mr. Bayless had been fast a week and died of complication of diseases. The funeral services were held on Monday, and interment was made in a temporary vault in Sault St. Marie. The plan is to later bring his remains here for interment. Mrs. Bayless will return to Meyersdale and remain for some time.

## INSTALLED PASTOR OF WILLS CREEK CHARGE.

A very impressive and solemn installation service was held last Sunday afternoon at Glenco, Pa., at 1:00 o'clock, when Rev. A. S. Kresge was formally placed in office as pastor of the Wills Creek Charge of the Reformed church. The people of the Glenco and Mt. Lebanon congregations united in this service and for more than two hours gave their undivided attention to the solemn rites and ceremonies of the occasion, performed by Revs. Ira S. Monn and Albert S. Glessner. The former conducted the opening service and preached the sermon; the latter delivered the charge to the people and conducted the installation services proper.

Rev. Mr. Kresge has already won the hearts of these people and we speak for him a every pleasant and resultful pastorate. He has organized his forces and is doing effective work. Several weeks ago he held a series of evangelistic services of unusual interest, throughout the charge, and the outlook for a creditable increase of membership is very promising.

## GOOD RECORD.

That the safety first movement among the railroads is bearing fruit is indicated by the fact that in six years the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has not had a fatal accident to a passenger charged to its account. And in that period 128,119,933 passengers have been handled.

The above facts were set forth by the company at the International Safety and Sanitation Exposition recently held in New York. In recognition of what the company has done to prevent accidents and along educational lines a grand prize was awarded the B. & O. at the exposition.

The last great accident on the Baltimore and Ohio attended with loss of life occurred at Laurel Run, near Dawson, when 65 persons were killed. That was 10 years ago.