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**PARENTS' DAY TOMORROW.**  
Tomorrow is Parents' Day in the public schools. This event a year ago was a great success, but the past success in this respect, should be a better preparation for a more general observance of the day this year. The fact is that parents do not attend the public schools as they ought to. Their children need them and the teachers need them and most of all they need a visit to the schools for their own good; while too often they neglect this part of their privilege and duty. Every effort should be made by parents to visit the school tomorrow. Parents' Day. See that boy and girl of yours in the school room, and encourage that teacher, and the work will move along better.

**WHERE AND WHAT IS MOOSEHEART?**  
Mooseheart, the Home of the Moose, is situated on the banks of the Fox River, in Kane county, Ill., on the line of the C. B. & Q. R. R., near the city of Aurora and about 45 miles from Chicago. The postoffice and railway station are named Mooseheart and it is there where the Loyal Order of Moose of the World own nearly 20,000 acres of land and are building their home for the aged, and vocational and educational institutions for the young. The beautiful and fertile Fox River Valley is an ideal spot for the purpose intended—the best that could be found—and when all the plans have been carried out Mooseheart will be an honor, not only to the Moose, but to the state and nation as well.

The enterprise is a gigantic one, but "light is the task when many share the burden." The Moose organization is strong, determined and progressive, and that the good work already started at Mooseheart will be fully and satisfactorily completed, there is no doubt whatever. The Mooseheart pictures that will be shown here in the Pastime Theatre on Tuesday evening, March 3rd, will give the public an opportunity to see "the other and better side" of Mooseheart. Don't miss seeing the pictures—they will surprise and please you.

**SCHOOLS CLOSED MONDAY AFTERNOON.**  
Owing to the intense cold, deep snow and high wind on Monday, the schools were closed in the afternoon. There were many absent in the grades in the forenoon, and the probability was that the afternoon session would have a small attendance, consequently the forenoon session was somewhat lengthened and the afternoon session abandoned.

**DEATH'S HARVEST.**  
**WILLIAM HOLTZHOUR.**  
William Holtzhour, formerly of Meyersdale, died at Rockwood, on Wednesday, February 11th, from the result of an accident which he sustained about six weeks ago when he was struck by an engine.  
He was born January 18, 1856, and was aged 58 years and 23 days. Until three years ago he lived in Meyersdale, when he went to Illinois, where he remained two years; the last year he lived at Rockwood.  
He is survived by his wife who was formerly Christina Keim, and the following children:—Norman of Meyersdale, Mrs. Martha Weibers of Chicago, Miss Mary of Illinois; Mrs. Lydia Hartley, Cacapon, W. Va.; Mrs. Annie Wilhelm, Dixon, Ill.; John of Paw Paw, Ill.; Miss Nellie of West Virginia, and Miss Lizzie of Chicago. The following brothers and sisters also survive:—George of Rockwood, and Charles of Champaign, Ill.; Miss Lizzie of Conneville, Miss Lydia and Miss Annie of Rockwood, and Mrs. Christine Newcomer, of Meyersdale.

The funeral was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. K. M. Newcomer, on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment was made in the Union cemetery. Rev. Mr. McClelland of Rockwood, his pastor, officiated at the funeral, assisted by Dr. Truxal.  
The following acted as pallbearers: Val Gress, George D. Siehl, Dennis Kniertm and C. I. Brant.

**SOLOMAN HOUSEL.**  
Solomon House, whose death had been erroneously reported some time ago, passed away at his home in Pochontas on Tuesday morning, at 2:00 o'clock. At the time of his death he was aged 77 years, 10 months and 25 days.  
Mr. House had been a member of the Church of the Brethren. The funeral services will be held in the Hosteler church this morning at 11:00 o'clock, when Rev. E. K. Hosteler will officiate.  
He was married in 1855, and is survived by his widow, Sarah Beal House, and the following children:—A. Q. House, Larimer township; Mrs. Susannah Steinley, Greenville township; Mrs. Clara Boyer, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Yalst, Meyersdale; Mrs. Emma Erbe Irvin, Virginia; Mrs. Maggie Cook, Mrs. Barbara Ellen Garlitz, and Harvey House of Meyersdale.  
He had been a veteran of the Civil War.

**JACOB PHILLIPI.**  
Jacob Phillippi of Kingwood, a veteran of the Civil War, died on Thursday night at his home and was buried on Saturday afternoon in the Lutheran cemetery at Kingwood. He was aged 71 years, 2 months and 17 days. He received a paralytic stroke two days prior to his death.  
He was married three times and is survived by the third wife and the following children:—By the first wife, Mrs. Lydia Snyder, Markleton; Mrs. Martha King, Indian Head; John Phillippi, Conneville; Albert Phillippi, Coal Run. By the second wife, Mrs. Lucy Shoemaker, of near Conneville; and the third wife, Ruth and Lena, twin daughters, and Lawrence at home.  
The family wishes to return thanks through the columns of The Commercial, to the many neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses received and sympathies shown during the recent bereavement.

**DANIEL G. NEWCOMER.**  
Daniel George Newcomer, brother of K. M. Newcomer of Meyersdale, died on Tuesday morning at his home in Pittsburgh. Mr. Newcomer was stricken while at work last Thursday. He was first superintendent of the Oakland station of the Pittsburgh postoffice with which he had been connected for over 25 years. He was born in Conneville and was aged 52 years.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

**VALENTINE PARTY.**  
Misses Emma May, Marie Crowe and Ethel Ritter entertained at a Valentine party Friday evening of last week at the home of the latter, on Broadway street. Valentine appointments were carried out, hearts and flowers being the decorations. A well appointed luncheon was served.

The following were out-of-town guests:—Mrs. Eugene Bruner, and Miss Matilda Crawford of Frostburg, Md., T. J. Williams, Conneville, J. P. Phillips, Magnolia, W. Va., and John R. Locke, of Rockwood.

**ENTERTAINED.**  
Miss Helen Collins entertained a few of her friends at her home on North street, Tuesday afternoon of this week.

**A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.**  
A delightful surprise party was given Miss Amelia Clotworthy, by a number of her friends at her home on North street Friday evening of last week, in honor of her birthday.

**A VALENTINE PARTY.**  
A very delightful Valentine party was given at the home of Misses Helen and Marcella Bolden, Friday evening of last week. The house was beautifully decorated suitable for the occasion. Games, music and refreshments were the enjoyments of the evening.

Those present were:—Misses Louise Compton, Orpha Meyers, Martha Glessner, Emmeline Hocking, Elizabeth Irwin, Florence Just, Lenore Collins, Hazel Miller, Nellie Hady, Ada Mitchell, Helen and Marcella Bolden. Messrs. Samuel Grier, Wilber Stouler, John Boucher, Samuel Meyers, William Dill, Robert Thornley, Leslie Stouler, Jesse Mathias of this place and Harry Mitchell of Dunbar.

The Wednesday Afternoon club was entertained by Mrs. T. W. Gurley, at her home on Centre street, Wednesday of this week.

**ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.**  
Miss Margaret Saylor, entertained a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Saylor, of High street, February 12th. The house was tastefully decorated. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing parlor games. Delicious refreshments were served. These present were, Misses Mary Hoover, Emma Finegan, Edith Rae, Love Chambers, Mora Siehl, Elizabeth Kendall, Dorothy Kendall, Winnie Spence, Mary Poorbaugh, Viola Saylor, Carrie Saylor, Edna Saylor, Margaret Saylor. Messrs. Thomas Tucker, Clyde Saterfield, of Garrett, Alfred Beech of Pittsburgh, Robert Downey, Ralph Cummons, Ralph Darrow, Lawrence Geisbert, Leonard Branch, Alexander Murray, Philip Hay, and Clyde Ickes of town.

**WRECK ON THE S. & C. BRANCH.**  
The Somerset & Cambria branch of the B. & O. railroad was tied up for several hours Friday last when a rear-end collision between two freight trains occurred at Shamrock, a dozen coal cars being demolished and a locomotive wrecked.  
The trains were running in the same direction when the second train rounded a curve and crashed into another.

**PETITIONS THE BOARD OF PARDONS.**  
Attorney John S. Miller, counsel for Michael Madar of Boswell, who was recently sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of Stephen Duda, has petitioned the State Board of Pardons for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. The petition will be heard on March 18th. Madar was convicted of murder of the first degree at September, 1913, criminal court. Judge Ruppel recently refused to grant him a new trial.

**MEETING POSTPONED.**  
The Frances E. Willard memorial services announced for last Sunday in the M. E. church, due to the intensely cold weather and deep snow was postponed until next Sunday afternoon when the followers of the white ribbon expect to have an enthusiastic meeting in honor of the woman who has done so much for the W. C. T. U.

**TO AWARD BANNER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.**  
On Sunday morning at Sunday school in the Amity Reformed church a banner will be awarded to the class having the best percentage of attendance on Sunday morning. The banner will be the possession of a class one month.  
Last Sunday the school turned in a special offering of over thirty dollars for the foreign mission work in China and Japan. All were enthusiastic in contributing to this work and as a consequence the offering was quite large.

## VICTIM OF THE BLIZZARD.

On Monday Norman Engle of Salisbury, was in town. The trolley cars not running he started to walk home. When he reached Nicholson's store at Vim, he was told that the roads were badly drifted. He then took the trolley track and when he was within sight of Howard Miller's residence he left the track and the supposition is that he intended to stay there, being exhausted. The family was alarmed that Mr. Engle, who is 70 years old, did not return home, nor had any word been received from him.

On Tuesday evening at 5:00 he was found in an unconscious condition in the shanty in Howard Miller's sugar grove. Dr. A. M. Lichty of Salisbury was at once summoned, who gave him all possible attention. Mr. Engle however died yesterday morning at 5:00 o'clock.

While Howard Miller was on his way to the Keystone mines he saw a suit case outside the sugar camp house, and also heard groaning within. On entering he found Mr. Engle in an unconscious condition. He was taken to Harvey Wahl's home where he died.

He was married to Margaret Beveridge in 1873, and is survived by his wife and the following children:—David of Salisbury, George of Greensburg, and Rev. Chas. S. of Mercer county; Miss Bertha, Norman and Jesse at home.

He was a member of the Evangelical church, and a member of the M. C. Lowry Post, G. A. R. of Meyersdale, which will attend the funeral in a body on Friday afternoon when the funeral will be held. The pastor of the Evangelical church will officiate at the services.

Mr. Engle was on his way home from a six weeks visit to Greensburg.

**CHAUTAQUA FOR MEYERSDALE.**  
Meyersdale has taken steps to have a chautauqua next summer. This shows a fine and enterprising spirit on the part of her citizens. To bring to Meyersdale a high class chautauqua entails considerable of a financial obligation and hard work. A comparatively small number will have the matter in charge, but the good is for all the people, and every one should as much as in his or her power, help to make the enterprise a success. This is an exceptional opportunity and should call forth hearty support not only from Meyersdale, but from the surrounding towns and townships.

The chautauqua will be held the latter part of June, continuing for six days, two sessions a day, afternoon and evening, and a different program for each session. Each program has music, entertainment and lecture.

**REMONSTRANCES FILED.**  
Remonstrances filed yesterday afternoon with Clerk of Courts Frank A. Harsh attack the validity of the retail liquor license petitions of the proprietors of Stoyestown's two hotels, James M. Rhue, of the Colonial Inn, and Wilson K. Walker of the Hite House. It is alleged that the applicants do not have the required number of signatures of reputable qualified electors on their petitions. The Brooks license law requires twelve signers. Both hotelmen have more than that number, but the remonstrants claim that a dozen of the men who signed both applications are not "reputable."

**BASKET BALL.**  
On Tuesday evening two games of basket ball were played by the Meyersdale teams against two Cumberland teams. The home teams winning both games.

The result were as follows: Meyersdale B. A. C.—50. Cumberland Y. M. C. A.—15. Meyersdale Juniors—27. Cumberland Juniors—17.

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## MEYERSDALE SNOW BOUND.

Friday night brought a return of winter weather that made it more comfortable to hug the fireside than to go out in winter's chilly blast. The snow-fall in this part of the state was exceedingly heavy. A fall of about fourteen inches has been noted together with the high wind that prevailed on Saturday and Monday, making it next to impossible to travel. All Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland trains have been running behind time and the trolley service has almost been suspended. There has been no trolley service between Meyersdale and Garrett since Friday evening, Meyersdale seemed to be as far as they were able to go and after the second trip on Monday it was found impossible to run any more cars.

The roads are badly drifted and the mail carriers report that the roads are unbroken and few teams out.

The storm seems general throughout the county, in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York traffic has been greatly handicapped by the heavy fall of snow which shows no signs of letting up. Along the Atlantic coast a blizzard of unusual severity has been raging for several days, causing great loss of life and property.

The high wind that prevails keeps the thermometer low and makes it appear colder than it really is.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY AT SALISBURY.**  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown on "Gravel Hill" was the scene of a delightful birthday party on Friday evening February 13th, in honor of the eighteenth birthday of their eldest daughter, Miss Lucinda Brown. A dainty supper consisting of ice cream, cake and other delicacies was served to the guests and the evening was spent in general merry making. Miss Brown received a number of nice presents and will long remember the happy conclusion of her first eighteen summers.

Besides the family the following young folks were present:—Misses Jean Farmer, Marie Yonst, Edith Martz, Mabel Livengood, Charlotte McMurdo, Harriet Garlitz, Margaret Rayman, Esther Hay, Ruth DeLozier, William Garlitz, Clarence Thomas, George Hay, Byard Maust, McClure Barbus, Levi Lichter, Jr., George Winters, Owen Harding and Virgil DeLozier.

**TO TRANSFER LICENSE.**  
On Friday morning, March 6, at 10 o'clock, Judge Ruppel will hear the application of Mrs. Nora A. Winters for the transfer of the retail liquor license now held by Harry G. Spitznogle, of the Hotel Vanneer.

**PATRONS DAY PROGRAM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.**  
Song No. 72, "America".....School Recitation—"The Freckled Faced Little Girl".....Elizabeth Irvin  
Declaration—From Burke's Conciliation.....Alta Siehl  
Piano Solo, "Habaneera".....From Carmen.....Lulu Pitt  
SKETCHES FROM IVANHOE.  
The Prior.....Ray Saylor  
The Templar.....Mildred Payne  
Wamba, the Jester.....John Hocking  
Gurth, the Swineherd.....Marion Dickey  
Isaac, the Jew.....Irene Collins  
Ivanhoe.....Kenneth Brant  
Song No. 90, "In Memory of Washington".....School  
Recitation—"A Big Mistake".....Helen Baer.  
Recitation—"How Girls Study".....Henrietta Horning  
SKETCHES—"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."  
Quince, a carpenter.....Paul McMillan  
Snug, a joiner.....Anna Merchbacher  
Bottom, a weaver.....Wm. Dill  
Flute, a bellowsmender,  
.....Stella McQuain  
Snout, a tinker.....Harvey Pfeiffer  
Starveling, a tailor.....Daniel Schaffner  
Theseus, Duke of Athens,  
.....Sylvester Stouffer  
Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons,  
.....Mary Wiland  
Song—"The Lord is My Shepherd".....Sadie Landis, Irene Collins, Lenore Collins, Sally Stratton, Margaret Richards, Florence Just.  
Recitation—"What Jim Thought,"  
.....Margaret Smith  
School Celebrities—Artist, Elizabeth Bolden; Lecturer, Paul Hostetler.  
Song—"Star Spangled Banner,"  
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