

PERSONAL AND LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Items Pertaining to the Town in General and Prepared for the Readers By Our Busy Staff.

Miss Mary Geiger, spent Saturday last in Cumberland, Md.

Miss Annie Murray, of Garrett, was a Saturday visitor in town with friends.

Misses Sara and Margaret Hartle, were Friday visitors in Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brieg spent Sunday with relatives at Confluence.

Mr. John Stacer spent a few days last week with relatives in Pittsburgh.

Forget some other things but remember the Meyersdale fair next week.

Misses Emma and Minnie Siehl are spending the week with relatives at Somerset.

George Stacer and his sister Miss Annie spent Sunday with relatives at Salisbury.

William Blake, of Pittsburgh, was a Monday visitor here with relatives and friends.

Misses Nelle and Edna Deeter, of Berlin, were Sunday visitors in town with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hittie, of Mance, spent Saturday here at the home of Mr. Wm. Hittie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bolden, of near Finzel, Md., were town visitors with friends on Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Rutter, and daughter Nelle are spending the week with relatives at Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crowe, and daughter Dorothy visited friends in Berlin, on Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Leckemby attended a Spirella corset training school held in Pittsburgh last week.

Miss Tina Collins left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Greensburg, Averlton and Pittsburgh.

Miss Mary Leazar, of Wittenburg, visited friends in town for several days during the past week.

Buy your tickets for the fair at the Slicer hotel and save yourself trouble and assist the management.

Miss Sanna Ebbecka, left on Monday for Cumberland, Md., where she will attend Tri-State College.

Miss Mary Foley, returned home Monday morning from a weeks visit with friends at Mt. Lake Park.

Miss Margaret Wilson, and brother James are spending the week with relatives at Midland and Cumberland.

Miss Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shultz, has left for Cleveland, O., where she will attend school.

Mrs. John Bane of Johnstown, spent several days of last week here with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dunne, of High street.

Miss Lottie Forney, returned to Meyersdale on Saturday after spending the past two weeks with her parents at Berlin.

Levi J. Joder, a citizen of Brothersvalley township, and a veteran of the Civil War, was a business visitor to town on Monday.

Miss Edith Tressler returned to her home in Johnstown after spending a week here and at Glencoe, with relatives and friends.

Charles Sanders, left here Tuesday morning for Beavertown, Pa., where he was called to the bedside of his father who is very ill.

Misses Blanche and Louise Wolf, of Keyser, W. Va., were guests of their friend, Miss Katharine Meyers, several days last week.

Miss Bess Hady, returned home on Sunday from Cumberland, Md., where she had been spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. F. Redman and children of Youngstown, O., left on Sunday for their home, after visiting with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Deist.

John S. Weakland, of Charleston, W. Va., is spending a few weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weakland, of Meyers avenue.

Miss Maggie Baer, returned home Sunday evening from a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peerless, in Pittsburgh.

Miss Lillian Baer, who for the past two weeks had been visiting in New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia returned home on Sunday evening on No. 5.

Miss Leila East, who had been a guest for two weeks with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shultz, has returned to her home at Friendsville, Md.

Joseph Dixon, of Connellsville, was visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon, of Grant street, several days this week.

E. E. Price, who spent a week here with his mother, Mrs. Grace Price, left Monday for Van Lear, Ky., where he is employed with the Consolidation Coal company.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman, of Akron, Ohio, spent the past week here at the home of the former's grandfather, Mr. Wm. Hittie, of Centre street.

Masters Edward Leonard and Herbert Leckemby spent last week in Connellsville, as guests of the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Leckemby.

Misses Emma Liberty, and Gertrude Blair of Garrett, spent Thursday of last week here with the former's cousin's Ellen and Ada Darrah, of Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lenty of Cleveland, following a visit of several days at the home of the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shultz, have returned home.

Mrs. Ida Sturtz, of Scottsdale, visited her mother, Mrs. Hesselrode, and her sister, Mrs. H. J. Wilmoth, of the South Side, during the early part of the week.

Mrs. Martha Harley, who had been visiting relatives in Berkeley Springs, W. Va., arrived here Saturday to spend a week before returning to her home in Vandergrift.

Mrs. J. F. Reich, and Mrs. John Lindeman are spending a week visiting relatives and friends in Altoona and Johnstown. They expect to return home on Saturday.

Misses Ella and Sanna Ebbecka, and Louise Floto of this place and Harry Hammond, of Pittsburgh, spent Saturday at Hagerstown and Pen Mar, taking in the sights.

A son was recently born to Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Long of Summit township. This was the first visit of the stork to the Long family. Mrs. Long was formerly Miss Sue Gnagey.

Miss Reba Leonard, who had been spending several weeks here with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. McCune, of Centre street, returned to her home in Uniontown, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Rebecca Matthews, son Eugene and daughter Pauline of Corrigansville, visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius Bisele, of Cherry street, from Friday until Monday evening.

Mrs. John Deaner of New Buena Vista, Bedford county, stopped off on her way home from Johnstown, to consult and receive treatment from one of our town physicians, on Monday.

Rev. A. M. Schaffner and family were guests for Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. Samuel Hoffmeyer on Keystone street, previous to the departure of the family from Meyersdale.

Mrs. J. W. Walsh, of Cumberland, Md., was a Saturday visitor here with relatives. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Kate Coulahan, who remained there for a few days.

A little son, the second in the home, was born on August 26th, to Dr. and Mrs. D. O. Keller, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Mrs. Keller is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rutter of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, and son Charles returned to their home at Latrobe, Friday last, after spending several weeks here with the former's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Weber, of High street.

James Price, of Uniontown, spent Sunday here with his wife, who has been here for several weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Cook, and Mr. Prices's mother, Mrs. Grace Price.

"Comrade" Nicholas Deitle of Greenville township, attended the G. A. R. picnic on last Thursday and was in town again on Saturday. He is one of the well known residents of that township.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hammond, of Pittsburgh, were guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Klingensmith, of Beachley street, South Side, several days this week.

Miss Jessica Reed, who had been spending the past three weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reed, of Meyers avenue, left on Friday last for New York, where she is employed as a teacher.

Mrs. A. T. Stratton, has gone to Charleroi, Pa., where she joined her husband who has been located there for several months. In all probability they will take up their permanent residence in Charleroi.

Mrs. Ralph Quillman, and little daughter who had been here for some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. J. Wilmoth, at "Hill Crest" left Wednesday on No. 6, for her home in Norristown, Pa. Her mother and sister Gretchen accompanied her as far as Cumberland, who returned home the same evening.

Had more news this week than we could set up. It will appear in our next issue.

Cyrus M. Beachy, wife, and daughter and their niece, following a visit with Somerset county relatives, left on Wednesday evening for their home at Wichita, Kans.

Mrs. M. A. Rutter has been spending the past two weeks with her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Martin, at Williamsport, and Mrs. Dr. Carl Dinger, at Phillipsburg. Mrs. Rutter is expected home this week.

Misses Margat Dia, and Irene Appel, left Wednesday morning for Cincinnati, Ohio, after spending the past three weeks here at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dia, of Main street.

Dr. J. W. Wenzel of Donegal, was in town on Monday looking up a home. If he can suit himself he will locate here. He wishes to get where there are good schools. He can't miss it if he locates here.

Miss Carrie Tressler, who had been spending the summer here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shumaker, of Lincoln avenue, returned to her home at Glencoe, Saturday evening.

W. H. Hay, the South Side Justice of the Peace, is confined to his home much of the time by that troublesome and distressing complaint, asthma. May he soon shake it off is the wish and hope of his many friends.

Miss Pauline Groff, who had been spending the summer vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Groff, on Lincoln avenue, left Monday morning to take up her studies again at the California State Normal school.

Jacob Shoemaker, a veteran of the Civil War, was a visitor to town on Friday last. Mr. Shoemaker is a cripple for life from injuries received in a railroad collision while being transported from one point to another during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Payne, and daughters Misses Elizabeth, Edna and Mildred and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Cook, and daughter Mary Elizabeth, of Berlin, visited relatives at Luray Tavern, Va., a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Foley, are this week, entertaining Rev. Father Riey of St. Charles college, at Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Frank Little of Cumberland. They are college friends of Edward J. Foley, and all will return to St. Charles next week.

Mrs. Wilbur Derry, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Derry, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Derry, Miss Corine Derry of Salisbury, and Miss Myrtle Derry of Washington, D. C., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Livenood, of Broadway street, Sunday last.

Rev. Father Simon, of Cumberland, Md., conducted the regular Sunday services in St. Philip and James Catholic church, while the pastor, Rev. Father J. J. Brady, was at Avilton, Md., assisting in the services of the blessing of the bell of St. Ann's church.

Miss Ida Dia, left Wednesday on No. 6, for Tuckerton, N. J., where she will teach in the High school the coming term. Her sister, Miss Olivia went with her as far as Philadelphia. She will also visit in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leckemby, who lived here some years ago, but now reside at New Brighton, arrived here Wednesday evening to remain until after the Fair, with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Leckemby, and their son James Leckemby and family, of the South Side.

Rev. H. L. Goughnour, who has been the popular pastor of the Brethren church, left on Tuesday to attend the General Conference of that denomination being held at Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. Goughnour expects to arrive home on train No. 6 Sunday morning, and will fill his appointments in the afternoon.

The Meyersdale and Elk Lick Camp No. 213 United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, hearing that Tub Mill run above West Salisbury was being polluted by the leaving of green saw logs lying in that stream, on Friday of last week sent Harvey E. Bitner and T. W. Gurley as a committee to investigate the conditions. They fulfilled their mission and report that there was an active willingness on the part of the one who thoughtlessly disobeyed the law to right the same.

Rev. A. M. Schaffner, the recent proprietor of the Commercial, and Mrs. Schaffner together with sons, Walter and Henry, on Tuesday afternoon left for Johnstown, where they will change cars for Catawissa, going thither by way of Harrisburg and Sunbury. They will visit for a fortnight at Mrs. Schaffner's home in Catawissa, and where Mr. Schaffner served as pastor of the Reformed church for seven years. About the middle of the present month Rev. Schaffner will begin the work of his new pastorate at Orangeville, Columbia county.

Joseph Garletz, of Salisbury, aged about sixty years died last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crowe, of near Frostburg, Md., were Saturday visitors in town.

Mrs. D. P. Ford, of Orleans Cross Roads, W. Va., was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clymer, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. E. F. Hemminger, on Main street.

Hear Pinchot, Lewis and others speak from steps of the Colonial Hotel on next Tuesday 12:45 p. m.

Mrs. M. L. Suder, of Cleveland, O., is the guest of her deceased husband's brother, J. N. Suder, of Summit township.

Miss Jessie McKinley on Wednesday evening was elected a teacher in the primary grades of the local schools. There is one position yet to be filled.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran church services for next Sunday will be at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Brotherhood at 9:30 a. m. Everybody cordially invited to these services.

Misses Lutie and Myrtle Tressler, arrived home Tuesday evening with a full line of Fall Millinery, and will have their first showing of Fall hats, the week of September 8th to 12th. Opening Announcement later.

Oscar Gurley, a few days ago on route to Cumberland, Md., to bring home Mrs. Gurley, who had been visiting for two weeks with relatives, in his auto in rounding a curve at some speed landed with the machine in a ditch, fortunately with no serious results.

Somerset County Veterans will hold their annual reunion at Rockwood, September 12th. The Rockwood band and the Sons of Veterans Drum Corps, of Somerset, will furnish the music. Two games of base ball are scheduled. Free meals will be served to veterans.

A very delightful party was given by Mrs. Ida Staub at her home on Main street, last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Nell Baer, of Youngstown, Ohio, who was her guest and her niece, Miss Pauline Groff, of this place. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Attorney Valentine Hay, of Somerset and his daughter, Mrs. Leroy Hay Nutt, and grandson, Robert, Hay Nutt, of Cleveland, Ohio, Attorney A. L. G. Hay, and wife and daughter made a visit to W. H. Hay, Esq., of the South Side, on Wednesday The trip was made by automobile.

Mrs. J. L. Burnside, formerly a resident of this place, but now resides in Onarga, Ill., was visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe, of Beachley street, South Side. She also visited her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Rowe, and family at Johnstown and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Burnside, at Grove City. She left Meyersdale on Wednesday for her home.

BEANS IN THE GOOD OLD FASHIONED WAY.

The Grand Army picnic at Riverside Park, last Thursday was well attended and a pronounced success. Not quite as many were present as last year owing to the threatening weather, but the day was fine and there was much enjoyment to the full.

Owing to some misunderstanding and mismanagement the special cars were not put on the electric road and the crowd was so great that just about noon the cars were behind time and many came late, but still in time for the bean soup and coffee, about 100 gallons of which were used.

The invocation was made by Rev. Kresge, of Meyersdale. The music was furnished by the Northampton band and the G. A. R. drum corps. Fine addresses were made by Revs. A. M. Schaffner and A. S. Kresge.

Dr. McKinley, read "Keenan's Charge at the Battle of Chancellorsville" and by request recited "No. 4" The commander took a rising vote as to the desire for a picnic next year and every man, woman and child were all on their feet.

"Old Glory" was saluted by three rousing cheers and all went home happy for having spent a day in the park with the few remaining veterans in this section.

NOTICE—BIDS WANTED.

Bids are wanted to lay sidewalk, either concrete, brick or flag-stone, on Sherman street, in front of the M. H. Boucher property. Sidewalk to be put down according to the Borough Ordinance.

Bids also wanted on furnishing 650 to 950 feet of 15-inch tile, to be delivered on West Main street.

All bids to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Council on or before the 15th day of September, 1914.

By order of the Council,
C. H. DIA, E. J. DICKEY,
President. Secretary.

One full pound can Salmon for 10c at Bitner's Grocery. ad

TELLS OF PINCHOT'S FIGHT TO PREVENT TRUSTS FROM STEALING WATER POWER

George W. Woodruff, Four Years Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Says Pennsylvanian Saved Millions for People.

INTERESTS TRIED TO GET HIM

But Pinchot Fought Until Public Was Aroused and Laid Down Plan of Campaign Whereby Wealth of Streams and Rivers Could Not Be Stolen by Great Monopolies.

BY GEORGE W. WOODRUFF

Gifford Pinchot has been a fighter ever since he entered public life in 1895. His fight has been for conservation. His opponents have been the great special interests. His fight has been for his fellow citizens and posterity. This fight will be over only when our other great natural resources are safe from sordid attack by selfish men as he has made the National Forests.

But keen as has been the struggle to protect the National Forests from destruction and make them useful to the people, certain phases of Pinchot's successful campaign to protect the public interest in the public water powers has been still keener. Notable as was his victory for the people in national forestry, and powerful as were the interests he fought, he had at his back that strong sentiment for forest conservation which is inborn in every wholesome heart, for every true man and every true woman seem to have known and loved the forests since the world began; but Pinchot's fight to conserve the water powers had at first no such help from public understanding and enthusiasm behind it.

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