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S. C. HARTLEY RETURNS FROM FOREIGN TRIP.

Mr. S. C. Hartley, a highly esteemed citizen and prosperous merchant of this place arrived home on Tuesday from a three-months' tour of Europe, and notwithstanding anxieties, fears and annoyances incident to the war he expressed himself as highly delighted with the trip.

While Mr. Hartley was one of the party of thirty-six, he had as close associates, two of his brothers and a former pastor, Dr. Langdale of Cincinnati. The tourists were directed in their travels by Dr. Kelso of the Greek department of the University, Wooster, Ohio. The voyage outward bound was without incident as Neptune wanted to be easy with those taking their initial voyage, but his leniency was made up on the homeward crossing, as all temporarily thought life was hardly worth while, the old Atlantic playing some stunts to let them know that there were such things as mountain high waves the same as one at times reads in books.

Considerable time was spent in Germany before the Kaiser started towards Paris via Belgium. The visitors were impressed with the sturdy and fine appearance of the Germans as they saw them in the cities of that realm. "Unter Dan Linden" in Berlin, one of the famous thoroughfares in the world was visited, along which is the winter palace of the Emperor. So highly polished are the oak floors, and so much pride is taken in maintaining them in that fine condition, that the visitor is not asked to take off his shoes, but is given while making the rounds, a big pair of felt overshoes. Potsdam is where it is known as the New Palace of Wilhelm II, and also the Sans Souci without care, of Frederick the Great, was inspected with much interest. The headstones marking the resting

place of several favorite dogs of Frederick were observed and comments made on this of the freaks of character of this once mighty monarch.

Nuremberg, reputedly the quietest city of Europe was gone through with much smiling at its oddities. But each country visited would make up a book of highly interesting personal observations. None without appreciating faculties goes among the Alps but to be lifted up in thought to the God above the snow-capped peaks. Venice was a delight, no danger of being run over by autos, nor other vehicles. At Lucerne the party with about 5,000 other Americans, found themselves detained for two weeks because of the opening up of the war. Day after day meetings were held, protesting and pleading that they might be permitted to leave, but all the railroads were being used by the government for the transporting of soldiers. On their way to Paris, finally, they met trains of French soldiers departing for the war in the highest glee; farther on they were side tracked to leave pass by them another train of wounded soldiers. In their travels at this time they had to take with them their food and water to drink.

At Paris there was but little commotion at the time they visited there. Much formality was required before they were allowed to leave. At one station they had to change cars, and were forbidden to leave the station until after long hours of waiting.

Arriving in England they had two weeks to wait for their boat, and then touring London they went up to Carnegie's land, Edinburgh and Aberdeen being visited. They took boat for the best land on earth from Liverpool, proud as never before that they were Americans.

REVIEW OF REDEDICATORY SERVICES.

The rededicatory services following extensive repairing of the Amity Reformed church in this place were begun on last Thursday evening. The able and popular pastor, Dr. Truxal, delivered a sermon on joy and praise and recited some of his extensive connection with the repairing and the liquidating of church debts. The choir backed by the \$3,000 new pipe organ sang some inspiring selections.

Following the church services proper all repaired to the social room where many pertinent and congratulatory remarks were made. Owing to the fact that most liberal allowances of ice cream, cake and coffee were to be served, that proper utterance might be given to the expression of thought, the banquet part followed, rather than preceded the speaking. The evening was a most delightful one to all present. A men's choir was a feature of the latter part of the evening's program.

The services in connection with the dedication were continued Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday morning and evening. The preachers were Revs. D. W. Michael of our town, Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D. and Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Revs. D. S. Stephan and E. F. Hoffmiller addressed the Sunday school. Some idea of the subjects discussed by the preachers may be obtained from the texts of their discourses. They were: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it;" "Know ye not that your bodies are the Temple of the Holy Ghost;" "Even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it;" "The glory of the Lord filled the house." All of the sermons were of a high order, well delivered and well received. They were very suitable to the occasion. Dr. Schaeffer preached two forceful sermons on Sunday.

At the close of the sermon on Sunday morning the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Truxal, performed the act of dedication according to the formula of the church. This was a very impressive ceremony.

Dr. Truxal then made the following statement, namely, that the cost of the improvements that had been made including an old debt of \$1,400, the erection of the Sunday school and social building and the remodeling of the church amounted to \$20,064. Provision for the payment of the organ and carpet, costing \$3,664, had been made by the Young Peoples Guild and the Ladies Aid Society. The balance of the indebtedness had also been met with the exception of about \$4,000 and that sum was to be provided for at this meeting. Dr. Bowman called attention to the seriousness of making offerings to the church, stating that it ought to be regarded as an act of worship and therefore ought to be done prayerfully and he requested that the congregation engage a few moments in silent prayer. This was done. Dr. Truxal then called several men to the front to act as solicitors of pledges. He stated that fifteen persons ought to be secured to give \$100 each. When the men presented themselves he requested them to carry with them a list of pledges. They then in a comparatively short time secured the other eight to contribute a like sum. Lower amounts were then offered until the sum of \$2,640 had been secured. The congregation was then dismissed.

Some soliciting was done in the afternoon by personal call. Among others W. H. Stotler, W. H. Deeter, W. H. Kretzman and E. C. Kyle took a run into Brothersvalley township and secured \$25 each from the three brothers Hiram Hay, Sylvester Hay and Peter Hay, and their brother-in-law, Lewis Berler.

At the evening services, after the sermon Dr. Bowman made statement with reference to the liquidation of the remaining indebtedness and reminded the people that this was in reality a call of the Lord to them to meet the requirements of the occasion. The soliciting committee of the morning consisting of W. H. Holzshu, W. H. Deeter, W. H. Stotler, A. S. Glessner, W. W. Nicholson and W. H. Habel again took up their work and after a somewhat prolonged effort the entire amount asked for was covered by cash payments and pledges. The congregation then heartily sang "Praise God From all Blessings Flow."

Pastor and people are now happier than they had been at any time for some years past. They are experiencing the joy of victory after a severe conflict lasting for almost two years.

LOCAL BURGLAR DETECTED AT WORK.

As James, familiarly called "Jim" Hostetler arrived home from his place of business and the barber shop about 12:30 Saturday night, he was much surprised as he looked out from the darkened dining room to an outer room to see some one burning matches and spying about. The midnight visitor evidently was trying to find something to eat. Mr. Hostetler went up stairs for some fire arms, but the man had gone out of the room at least. With some others an inspection was made of the yard and coal house. A broom was used to investigate the dark corners of the latter place, and on its striking something the man jumped out and ran away, but not before some shots from a revolver were discharged at him.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

There will be a District Sunday School Convention held in the Lutheran church near Pochontas, Pa., Sunday September 26th, afternoon and evening.

The program for the afternoon will be organization and plans for future work. In the evening there will be an address interspersed with good music.

A. S. KRESGE, District Pres.

MOTIONS AND PETITIONS CONSIDERED.

On petition of citizens of Allegheny township, for a review of the proposed road to begin on the public highway landing from the Brush Creek road to the Miller road and the Somerset-Bedford pike, near the residence of Joseph Glessner, and to end about 3,400 feet from said intersection, the court has appointed the following viewers: Rufus E. Meyers, of Somerset; Peter Dumbauld, of Milford twp., and Peter Hoffman, of Paint township.

The court has appointed John A. Hartman of Windber, Capt. Wm. M. Schrock, of Somerset, and Virgil M. Black, of Confluence, viewers on a new bridge petitioned for by citizens of Black twp., over Laurel Run, of Bare Rock Run, where the public highway commonly known as the "Snake Patch", leading from Somerset to the "Mud Pike", near the Humbert schoolhouse, crosses the street.

On petition of citizens of Addison twp., for a new bridge over White's Creek, where the public highway leading from Listonburg to Salisbury crosses the stream, near the farm of Clarence Durst, the court has appointed the following viewers: Attorney Louis C. Colborn, of Somerset; Virgil M. Black, of Confluence, and Joseph B. Miller of Jefferson twp.

The court has appointed Attorney John A. Hartman, of Windber; Capt. Wm. M. Schrock, of Somerset and Virgil M. Black, of Confluence, viewers, on petition of citizens of Somerset twp., for a new road beginning within 15 rods of the "Dutch Road" and a road leading to Somerset near the residence of Samuel Kantner, and ending on the Edgewood Grove road, near the bridge crossing the B. & O. railroad yards.

On petition of citizens of Elk Lick twp., for a new road leading from Springs to Grantsville, Md., near the residence of David Maust, a distance of 64 rods from the intersection of said road with the public road leading from Compton's Mills to Grantsville, Md., a distance of 34.5 rods from the intersection of said road with the highway leading to Salisbury, near the residence of J. S. Yoder, the court has appointed viewers as follows: Attorney Lewis C. Colborn, of Somerset; Joseph B. Miller, of Jefferson twp., and Jeremiah J. Reiman, of Stonycreek twp.

The court has appointed Attorney Rufus E. Meyers of Somerset; Peter Hoffman of Paint twp., and Joseph B. Miller, of Jefferson twp., viewers, on a new bridge over Benscreek, in Conemans twp., where the public road leading from Thomas' Mills to the Boswell crosses the stream. The petitioners ask for an iron bridge or stone arch, 39-foot span and 12 feet in width.

Ministers taking part in these services in addition to Dr. Bowman of Lancaster and Dr. Schaeffer of Philadelphia were Revs. E. F. Hoffmiller of Somerset, D. S. Stephan of Berlin, and D. W. Michael, A. S. Kresge and G. A. Neeld of Meyersdale.

CLAIMS AWARDED BY COURT. CASES SETTED.

Attorney John A. Hartman, of Windber; Capt. Wm. Schrock, and Joseph B. Miller, of Jefferson twp., who had been appointed by the court to determine the amount of damages to be paid a number of property owners in southern Somerset county against whom the Conneville & State Line R. R. Co., a subsidiary of the Western Maryland, had instituted condemnation proceedings to secure a right-of-way, have reported to the court as follows: Elizabeth Hitchman and others, widow and heirs of W. J. Hitchman, Markleton, awarded \$350 damages. Heirs of Ernest O. Robinson and Daniel E. Wallace, Pinkerton, awarded \$650 damages.

Albert E. Franke, Confluence, awarded \$900 damages. A. J. Sembower, Markleton, awarded \$150 damages. Theodore J. Franke, Confluence, awarded \$400 damages.

In the condemnation proceedings of the Johnstown Water company against property owners in Conemaugh twp., to secure right-of-way for pipe lines to convey water from the North Fork of Benscreek to Johnstown, viewers appointed by the court have awarded damages as follows: Amanda O'Connor, Sarah O'Connor, and Laura O'Connor Keller, \$4,450. Elsie Croyle, \$3,000.

The viewers were Attorney Rufus E. Meyers, of Somerset; Joseph B. Miller of Jefferson twp., and Jeremiah J. Reiman, of Stonycreek twp. Attorney Louis C. Colborn, of Somerset; Virgil M. Black, of Confluence, and Jeremiah J. Reiman, of Stonycreek twp., viewers appointed by the court, have filed a report favoring the vacation of a public highway in Milford twp., leading from the Somerset-Barronvale road, near the residence of Parker L. Bruner to the Somerset & New Lexington pike.

BOY NEARLY LOST EYE PLAYING WAR.

Paul, the twelve year old son, of H. C. Krierem of Broadway, narrowly escaped losing the sight of one of his eyes on Saturday last. He in company with some other boys were having a day's outing near town, inspired with the universal war spirit, decided to have a little mimic war of their own. The munitions of war were their strong right hands and stones. But stones at times are hard to dodge, and young Krierem was hit in the region of the eye. At first it was thought that he would lose the sight of that organ, but on the doctor's examination, it was found that the lid had received the brunt of the blow. This ended the stone throwing, and carried with it a lesson that some of them ought not soon to forget.

In the same family on the Wednesday preceding the accident to Paul, his mother fell and broke a bone in the centre of her right hand. That affliction came not singly the Krierem family can testify.

DR. SMITH, OF WINDBER INJURED.

Dr. Bart J. Smith, of Windber, was badly injured in an auto wreck recently and is now in the hospital.

Dr. Smith and Richard Morgan, also of Windber, attended the big train-wrecking exhibition in Center county, recently and were on their way to Houtzdale to attend the funeral of Windber. While their automobile was passing a farmer's wagon, one of the vehicles swerved from its course and a rear wheel of the automobile interlocked with a front wheel of the wagon, the automobile being overturned. Dr. Smith was pinned under the machine and it was some time before he could be extricated. Mr. Morgan was thrown some distance away and escaped serious injury, although he was also a hospital patient.

Steven's Reunion.

The annual reunion of the members of the Stevens family will be held Saturday of next week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stevens at Houtzdale. A program of exercises for the day is being prepared, but it will not be of an extended nature, as the members of the family and their friends prefer to spend their time in becoming better acquainted. Cyrus C. Riffe, a half-brother of Mrs. Jacob Stevens, formerly of this section and now of Des Moines, Ia., arrived in the east a few days ago and will remain for the reunion, expecting to meet a large number of his old-time friends on that occasion.

Attorney Rufus E. Meyers, of Somerset; Peter Dumbauld, of Milford twp., and Virgil M. Black, of Confluence, viewers appointed by the court, have reported favorably on the petition of S. P. Engle for a private road in Elk Lick township.

Attorney John A. Hartman, of Windber; Capt. Wm. M. Schrock, of Somerset and Peter Hoffman of Paint twp., viewers appointed by the court, have reported against a new road in Conemaugh twp., to lead from the Somerset-Johnstown turnpike, near the farm of William McCulliff, to the farm of Jacob Heckman.

Catharine Watcher, Samuel E. Baylor, Robert S. Baylor and Fannie Leach have petitioned the court for the appointment of a guardian for Ida Florence Baylor, of Windber, who is alleged to be mentally incapacitated. The petition set forth that she is 46 years of age and has been an invalid since infancy. Judge Ruppel has fixed October 5th at 10 a. m., as the time for a hearing.

The court has fixed October 5th, at 10 a. m., as the time for hearing the petition of Ellen E. Lenhart, who asks Judge Ruppel to appoint a guardian for her son, Freeman William Lenhart of Jefferson twp., who is so weak in mind that he cannot take care of his property, it is averred.

JEWISH NEW YEAR OBSERVED THIS WEEK.

Sunday at sunset commenced the Jewish New Year. The New Year is called in Hebrew Rosh Hashanah. It is the first holy day of the solemn days (Yamim Naroim). The solemn days commence with the first and end with the 10th days of Tishri (name of Jewish month).

The first two days are called Rosh Hashanah (New Year). The tenth day is called "Yom Kipper" (day of atonement). All the 10 days are called the "Ten Penitential Days." During this season every Israelite is supposed to examine his moral and religious state, repent of past failings and pray to God for forgiveness.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

St. Philip and James Catholic church—Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor—Mass next Sunday at 8:30 and 10 a. m.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour pastor—There will be preaching services in Meyersdale church Sept. 27th both morning and evening. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are cordially invited.

SURPRISE PARTY UNDER APPLE TREES.

On Friday evening September 18th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, near Pleasant Hill school house, was a scene of pleasure and delight, when a crowd of young folks assembled there and gave a complete surprise to Miss Mamie Bittner, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

While she was busily engaged in a conversation, her friends rushed in upon her, thus causing one of the surprises of her life.

After a friendly greeting and a warm welcome they all went to the orchard, where lanterns were hung among the apple trees to be used as a substitute for the moon, which failed to shine. They all joined in playing games. Delicious refreshments were served.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE. ANCE DONGES THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Zartoon's Sycic Act which has been appearing at all the biggest theatres in the United States, will also be shown, to fill in some extra dates, at the Donges' Opera House. Mr. Zartoon is an able linguist being conversant with fifteen different languages. The performance which is being given the remainder of this week, is a decidedly unique one. Besides you will have an opportunity to see three reels each evening of fine moving pictures, all for the usual price of five and ten cents. You certainly will not want to miss this.

DEAD LETTER LIST.

G. Stanley Best, S. O. Glessner, Miss Bessie L. Himaller, Miss Louise Holt, George Kemp, Miss Sue Bowman.

INSTALLATION OF LUTHERAN PASTOR.

To comply with the regulations of the church, Rev. D. W. Michael, who had been chosen by the congregation of the Zion Ev. Lutheran church to be their minister, on Sunday evening will be formally installed as pastor. Rev. Carney of Garrett, and Rev. Young of Salisbury, will conduct the services.

On October 8th, in the evening, the Lutheran Brotherhood will hold its annual banquet in the basement of the church. This promises to be quite an event.

THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE UNWED.

The court at Somerset Monday appointed masters in divorce proceedings as follows:

J. F. Nidenheuser, v. Cora Divedley, Nidenheuser, Attorney John H. Uhl, Master.

Annie L. Fritz v. Wm. Harry Fritz, Attorney, V. Curtis Truxal, Master.

Margaret Catharine Dunkleberger, v. Alfred Henry Dunkleberger, Attorney Herman L. Baer, Master.

Dora Chesman Shute v. John Shute Attorney Charles H. Ealy, Master.

Bert N. Rosenberger, through his attorney, Curtis W. Truxal, Esq., filed a libel in divorce against his wife, Pearl Emeigh Rosenberger, alleging that she has deserted him. They were married at Cumberland, Md., on September 15th, 1911.

Judge Ruppel granted a divorce to Catharine M. Ling, of Mostollar, from her husband, Robert P. Ling, who lives at Stoyestown, on the ground of desertion. They were married in Cumberland on December 3, 1907. The divorce was recommended by Attorney Herman L. Baer, who had been appointed master in the matter.

LOCAL PHYSICIANS AT STATE MEETING.

Drs. C. P. Large, McKinley, Lichty and McMillan are in attendance at the State Medical Society being held this week in Pittsburg. Dr. Large was the representative to the House of Delegates of that body. As each physician has to meet his own expenses to attend these and similar meetings, they are all to be commended for trying to improve themselves in their noble calling.