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CUT DOWN BY THE SICKLE OF TIME.

FOREIGNERS FIND THIS COUNTRY THE BEST.

MRS. CHARLOTTE COCHRANE, Widow of James Cochran deceased for 24 years, died Tuesday morning from senile gangrene, at the advanced age of 80 years, 3 months and 5 days. Mrs. Cochran was born at Muir Kirk, Ayrshire, Scotland. In 1858 she emigrated to this country and the family located at Georges Creek. Later her husband became the pioneer coal operator in this section.

There survive her of the twelve children to whom she gave birth, the following:—Robert, Archibald, Wm. M., and Mrs. Agnes Alexander, all of Elk Lick; Mrs. Margaret Jeffrey of Brownsville; Mrs. John Cunningham of Bell Vernon, Pa., and Charles F., mine foreman, of Meyersdale.

Mrs. Cochran was a devoted member of the Reformed church and Rev. Dr. Truxal preached the funeral sermon on Thursday at 2 p.m., after which interment was made in the Union cemetery.

ALEXANDER F. LENHART,

An esteemed citizen of Glade City, died at his home about Sunday midnight from asthma. He had been in poor health since February. When last employed he was watchman for the W. M. R. R. The deceased who was aged about 63 years, is survived by the following children:—Mrs. John Engleman of Monongahela City; Mrs. Woodrow Lee of Smithton; Charles Lenhart of Coremaugh; Irene, Naomi and Sidney at home.

Mr. Lenhart was a consistent member of the Progressive Brethren church and services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Goughnour, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following the interment which was made in the Union cemetery.

MRS. ISABELLA GREIG,

Died at her home at Shaw Mines on Monday morning, aged 57 years, 6 months and 8 days, death being due to paralysis. The husband and the following children are living:—Mrs. Howard Pyle of Coal Run; Mrs. Jack Davis, Miss Anna, and Leonard of Shaw Mines; John of Wilmerding, and James of Jennings. Her mother, Mrs. John Robinson, and a sister, Mrs. M. F. Bittner also survive. The funeral occurred on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MRS. CALVIN SPRIGGS,

Whose maiden name was Annie Knapp, died at her home on Keystone street, on Saturday, aged 54 years from cancer. Besides the husband 10 children, 13 grandchildren and three sisters survive. Rev. Brown conducted the funeral services on Sunday with interment in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Louisa P. Miller died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. C. Miller, near Meyersdale, on September 10th, 1914, aged 60 years, 1 month and 8 days. The funeral was held Sunday, September 13th at Johnsburg, services conducted by Rev. Martin of the German Lutheran church with interment in the Johnsburg cemetery. Nine children survive; also thirty-nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Freeman Mason, a former farmer of Milford township, died at his home in Somerset, September 24th, aged 66 years. His wife and two children survive.

Daniel M. Shirer, passed away on Saturday at Somerset. He was 64 years old. The body was taken to Johnstown for burial.

Gertrude Smith, aged 14 years, died Wednesday at the home of her father, Henry Smith, at Berlin.

THOUSANDS BUYING MILEAGE BOOKS.

Thousands of mileage books have been purchased the last few weeks at B. & O. ticket offices before the increase in cost of the books, effective October 1st. The largest purchase in this section was made by Mr. Joseph Klawan, a jeweler at Cumberland, who Saturday invested \$10,000 in 500 mileage books.

Burgess Pimlott, and about a dozen leading residents of Boswell, last week went in a body to Johnstown to meet State Highway Commissioner Ed. M. Bigelow, and to confer with him in regard to road improvement. Mr. Bigelow agreed to inspect the road needing improvement, in the ear future.

CRAMER GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

His Victim, Henry Trimpey. Trouble was about a Fence.

On Tuesday morning the jury at Somerset in the case of Henry G. Cramer charged with the murder of William Trimpey, a young farmer of Upper Turkeyfoot township on June 10th, greatly to the surprise of all interested, returned a verdict of "guilty of voluntary manslaughter" with a recommendation for the mercy of the court. Numerous ballots were taken before a verdict was rendered. When brought in to receive the verdict, Cramer was the coolest person present, seemingly in the best of spirits. When the verdict was read he seemed to show little interest.

The trial at Somerset of Henry G. Cramer on a charge of having murdered William H. Trimpey, over a border line fence trouble, occupied the court all of last week and the first of this. The prosecutrix endeavored to establish that Cramer had made threats to kill Trimpey.

Charles Brongher and his wife testified that they had talked to Cramer only a short time before the murder and that Cramer said he would shoot Trimpey if he did not leave the fence alone. When the question of Trimpey breaking up the large stones forming the barricade was referred to Cramer laughed and said he would like to catch Trimpey at that fence.

J. C. McMillen testified to having written the will of Trimpey at the deathbed and William Gerhardt testified that he was in the room when Trimpey identified Cramer, who had been brought there by the sheriff and county detective, as the man who shot him.

One of the important witnesses was Dwight Shelley, a 15-year-old lad, who was employed by Cramer. He testified that the day before Cramer had told him he would not need to come to work before 10 o'clock, as Cramer had other business to transact up to that time. He said he heard the groans of Trimpey as he lay wounded and he ran down to his

side. He found there a number of clubs that appeared to have been cut recently, but for what purpose the lad declared he did not know. When he joined Cramer in the corn field where the latter was at work, Cramer asked him what had happened and on being told, Cramer is said to have remarked that some one must have shot Trimpey. A short time later the report of a gun was heard and Cramer pulled out his watch, showing it was 9:15 o'clock. Cramer then told the lad to remember the time, as he might have to go to court. When Trimpey was carried past the corn field on the way to his home, Cramer did not go out to see the man, but remained in the background, the lad testified.

County Detective Wagner, and Sheriff Hochard also testified to the identification by Trimpey of Cramer as the man who shot him, as did also John F. Trimpey, the aged father of the murdered man.

William Barkman testified that when Trimpey and Cramer settled an assault and battery case in court a year ago, Cramer had remarked that he would get the—and would put him out of the way.

The defense opened Saturday afternoon with Cramer as the first witness. He admitted shooting W. H. Trimpey, but stated he did it in self defense. He said that as he was rebuilding a rail fence across the road Trimpey came at him and that he fled up the hillside a short distance away. As Cramer was following him he got a shot gun and without taking any aim fired. He said Trimpey fell to the ground and fearing he was not seriously injured and that he would still follow him, he fled to the woods.

John Metzler, of near Kingwood, testified that he was working in a corn field with Cramer when Trimpey came to the field and swore in a very loud manner and threatened Cramer's life.

THE BEAUTIFUL ALLEGHENIES.

The delightful weather of these days afford an excellent opportunity for motorists to enjoy the good roads and beautiful scenery which Somerset county affords. Persons living along the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh pike declare that 1,000 automobiles passed over that pike Sunday. Grandview Point, from which a vast territory can be seen, was the objective point. And what a magnificent sight it is at this season. Crimson and gold, purple and brown, intermingled green, adorning the trees of the Alleghenies. The sight is a magnificent panorama of nature.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT ACOSTA

At the September meeting of the Presbytery of Blairsville, in response to a petition of about 100 residents of Acosta, permission was given to organize a Presbyterian church at Acosta.

A committee was appointed to effect the organization Monday evening, September 28th. The meeting was held in a tent used recently for Evangelistic services.

Elders were elected and fifty-three persons received as the first members.

TO CORRESPONDENTS OF THE COMMERCIAL.

We have on our list a number of persons all through the county who are marked as correspondents for The Commercial, but who, since the present editor has taken charge, have not sent in a single item from their locality. We intend to have Somerset county splendidly represented in our paper and if you are only nominally a correspondent we hope you will become one in fact or notify us that you do not wish to represent us longer as we positively must make better arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adamson were recent guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stein, North street.

MINER ELECTROCUTED IN BOSWELL MINE.

His neck coming in contact with an electrically charged wire, John Metcalf was electrocuted Sunday night in the mine of the United Coal Company at Boswell. The man, it is said was replacing a car on the tracks when the fatal accident occurred. He was about 25 years old and unmarried and had worked for the company for the past four years. So far as is known, he has no relatives in this country.

YOUTH AND OLD AGE DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON.

Between youth and old age there is a never ending conflict. Vitality is continually pitted against experience and sometimes victory falls to the one and again to the other. Among the greatest names in history we find side by side those of youth and old age. Men who have lived temperate lives and have escaped the aggravating infirmities of age are often more than a match for youth in mental endurance.

The health and energy of an elderly man depends largely upon his mental attitude. The man who begins to look over his shoulder at fifty will be stumbling through life at sixty, while the one who is continually looking ahead and seeking intellectual advancement will continue to increase in mental capacity. The brain's power grows long after the maximum of physical strength has been reached.

For the man of advanced years simple diet and regularity of habits are essential. The physiological processes are less active and many structures lack the elasticity of youth and should not be subjected to undue strain.

Tolerant age is more than a match for intolerant youth and the mental power which should come with advancing years has a decided bearing on the physical well-being and mental power.

The infirmities of age are often less of a handicap to the accomplishment of serious and effective work than the erratic vitality of youth.

DATE OF 22ND PA., CAV. REUNION CHANGED

On account of the date set for holding the annual reunion of the survivors of the 22nd Pa., Cavalry, falls on the big day of the Bedford county Fair, the reunion association has changed the date for holding the reunion on Thursday, October 15th, 1914, at Everett. The address of welcome will be delivered at 10 a.m., and will be responded to by a member of the regiment. A business meeting will be held at 2 p.m. and a campfire at night.

The officers of the association request that a notice of the reunion be published in newspapers of Fulton, Franklin, Somerset, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Centre, Cumberland, Clearfield and Adams counties.

MARRIAGE LICENSES IN THE COUNTY

Earl Miller, of Pittsburg, and Iva C. Bauermoster, of Brothersvalley township; Clarence Critchfield and Zephia Beck, both of Rockwood; Richard F. Facenbaker and Rose Stanton, both of Elk Lick township; Bruce Walker, of Berlin; Ralph Sufall of Somerset, and Mary Mankamyer, of Meyersdale; Clarence Saylor, of Boswell and Annie Murry, of Summit township; Howard Weller of Paint Borough, and Elda Weaver, of Windber; Dorsey Cramer and Maggie Peard, both of Jefferson township; John C. Hutchison and wifey Galbreath, both of McKeesport.

PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Collins, entertained twenty-four young people at their home 209 North street, Friday evening, September 25th, in honor of the birthday of their daughter Miss Lenore.

These girls were dressed to represent the titles of books, which afforded much amusement; games, singing and dancing were the enjoyments of the evening. Later in the evening a delicious lunch was served.

Those present were:—Misses Florence Just, Mary June Wiland, Hazel Miller, Edna Baker, Mary Conrad, Harriet Horning, Grace Weiler, Elizabeth Irwin, Stella McQuain, Nelle Hady, Irene and Lenore Collins, Messrs. George Griffith, Paul Hostetter, Samuel Greer, Frederick Collins, Lester Stotler, Jesse Matthias, Adrian Cahill, Frank Hocking, Duff Hoblitzell and John Hocking.

SUNDAY NEXT WILL BE PEACE DAY.

Many churches will observe Sunday, October 4th in accordance with the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson, calling on the citizens of the United States to offer prayer for peace all over the world. Catholics as well as Protestants will observe the day in the same way according to directions issued by the late Pope Pius X to all Catholics, a few days before his death.

WM. HERSH KILLED ON RAILROAD.

A very distressing, fatal accident occurred about 7 o'clock this Thursday morning when William Hersch was killed on the B. & O. tracks one mile east of the Meyersdale station. The unfortunate man had started out early in the morning to husk corn for Milton Baer and was walking on one of the two tracks. It is supposed in getting out of the way of a freight train, he stepped over on to the other track and was hit by an approaching helper engine. It was quite foggy and this, no doubt, rendered impossible his seeing any distance in front of him. He was brought to the Meyersdale station and the lifeless form was given into the hands of Undertaker Reich to prepare for burial. The body was much mutilated, the right leg being entirely severed, the head was badly mangled.

The deceased was a respected citizen being employed as a laborer. His home was on Salisbury street. Besides the wife four sons and three daughters survive:—Daniel, Harrison, Ezra, William, Mrs. Ulysses Miller, Mrs. James Ott, and Miss Sadie.

PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Following is a program for an institute to be held at the S. J. Miller school on Friday evening, October 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Song.

Address of Welcome—A. G. Mast.

Thoroughness—H. B. Salter.

Reading—Mary L. Gnagy.

Is Knowledge or Mental Development the end of Teaching—E. R. Hay.

The Child and its Nature—S. C. Witt.

Impromptu Class—Mae Moore.

Nature and Importance of School Organization—F. J. Fiske.

The Compulsory School Law—W. E. Walker.

Methods of Teaching—Lloyd Shumac.

Our Aim in Teaching—Nettie S. Maust.

Topical Talk—R. J. Engle.

Current Events—Ruth Commons.

Social Side of School Life—D. Q. Handwerk.

Essay—Velma Gnagy.

The American Common School—J. F. Schrock.

Nature of Training—Lillian Seibert.

Paper—Esther Shumaker and Sada Schrock.

All friends of education are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

FREE AT THE DONGES THEATRE.

Next Saturday night, October 3rd, the management of this theatre will give away free 20 best reserved seats for "Ita." As you enter you will be given a coupon ticket which will entitle each patron to a chance, one ticket to each person. Don't miss this big six reel program and at the same time win a good seat for "Ita." Tickets will be given away after first show. Prices 5 and 10 cents

AN AGED LADY DIED AT ROCKWOOD.

Mrs. Margaret Landis, widow of Joseph Landis, died Saturday, September 19th, at the home of her son, William Landis, at Rockwood, of heart dropsy, aged 74 years 1 month and 4 days.

Deceased was a daughter of William Fleagle, and was born at Lamberville on August 15th, 1840. Her husband died in July, 1909.

Mrs. Landis was the mother of seven children, two of whom have preceded her to the grave—one in infancy and Mrs. Lincoln Coleman. The surviving children are:—Mrs. Jacob Klingaman, Mrs. Isaac Neiman, of Berkley's Mill; Mrs. Cyrus Shultz, and William Landis, Rockwood and Miss Sue Landis, Meyersdale. She is also survived by one brother and one sister, Mrs. Mary Baer, of the State of Iowa, and Samuel Fleagle, of Shade township. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Lanah Walker, of Berlin.

After the funeral services at Rockwood, the remains were taken to Berlin for interment in Odd Fellows cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. W. A. McClellan, pastor of the New Centreville Reformed church.

On Monday next Clyde Rowe proposes moving into the Glessner property, on Meyers avenue.