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GERMAN MATERIALISTS FOSTER WAR Excellent Sermon Delivered on Sunday Evening, Peace Day, in the Brethren Church by Rev. Goughnour

The accompanying article is a brief resume of an excellent sermon delivered on Sunday evening in the Progressive church, by Rev. Goughnour, in connection with the "Prayer for Peace" proclamation of President Wilson.

In order to understand the present war it is necessary to go back into history at least to the year 1890. At this time Kaiser William II deposed the "iron chancellor", Bismarck, whose policy had been only the internal development of Germany. Instead William adopted a policy of imperialistic expansion. The significant phase of this action is that it was undertaken at a time when all the important territory of the earth had been annexed by other nations.

Whether it was devised unto this end or not, Germany then put into effect a military program that was calculated to render her capable of acquiring land by conquest. She began about the formation of the Triple Alliance in 1882. Without question she was inspired, in part by fear of Russia.

Germany's exceptional war preparations stung both France and Russia to renewed devotion to unitarianism. At this time Great Britain was more friendly to Germany than to either France or Russia.

In 1889, Germany defeated a proposal to limit the armaments of nations, by utterly refusing to agree to any such arrangement. Yet at this time she was without a rival on land, and growing toward supremacy on the sea.

Great Britain then became aroused and by brilliant diplomatic maneuvering beat about the formation of the Triple Entente in 1904.

CRAMER SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY.

Judge Ruppel at Somerset, Monday sentenced Henry C. Cramer, to spend not less than five nor more than eight years in the penitentiary for the murder of William H. Trimpf, at Kingwood last June.

Cramer's counsel urged that Cramer be given only a jail sentence on the ground that mercy was recommended by the jury.

The costs of the case which must be paid by Cramer, will amount to about \$1,000.

"Joshua Simpkins", a four act New England play, will be presented at Donges Theatre on Monday Oct 12th. The climax of stage realism, it is asserted, has been reached in the presentation of the stirring saw-mill scene in "Joshua Simpkins" and will be presented in this city by a peculiar mechanical device which has never been introduced here before. This new mill scene is claimed to be a vast improvement over any attempted in a similar line. The company also boasts of a splendid orchestra, which is carried complete by the organization, to aid in the proper presentation of the play, which is said to abound with musical and dancing specialties of a high order. To assist "Joshua Simpkins" in popularity, a band of music is also carried and a concert is given which is said to be far above anything usually heard with a traveling musical organization. The parade will leave the theatre at the usual time and take the usual route, making a burlesque parade.

BRETHREN CHURCH.

Evangelistic services are being held each evening this week in the Summit Mills church. Next Sunday there will be special Rally Day services in the Sunday School at Meyersdale, followed by the morning preaching service at Summit Mills, at which place the Communion service will be held in the evening. H. L. Goughnour, pastor.

Two pound Rio coffee 25c. at The Pfahler Co. ad.

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NEW PASTOR FOR LOCAL METHODISTS.

At the annual conference of the Methodist church at Rochester, Pa., and concluded on Monday, Rev. G. A. Need, the popular pastor of this place for the past three years, was transferred to the Oakland church in Pittsburgh. This is a big advancement to Mr. Need. The church in that place is said to have cost two hundred thousand dollars, and the appointment is a \$2,000 one.

His successor here is Rev. J. C. Matteson, of Mt. Lebanon church, near Pittsburgh. He is well regarded as a strong progressive minister, having had six years experience in the work. He is married and has two children. He will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

SEPTEMBER MORN

Rowland & Clifford's successful musical comedy riot direct from the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago, has just been contracted for by Manager Donges of our local play house and comes from city success to Meyersdale for one night Thursday Oct 22th. It is without question the greatest musical success of the century and includes a cast of musical comedy celebrities far above the average; a beauty chorus selected for looks and ability to sing. Among the many songs hits that have taken Chicago by storm are:

"Oh, You September Morn"; "I Lost My Girl On Broadway"; "In Berlin"; "When A Little Boy Loves A Little Girl"; "Everybody's Tango Crazy"; "Beautiful I'm Dreaming"; "A Spare-Rib From the Butcher Shop Of Life"; "The Sun Shade Girl"; "Where Is the Pleasure In Wine and Song If The Woman Is Not There?" It's a great big dance festival including Tango, Maxixe and Hesitation Waltzes. Summing it all up "September Morl" is "A Real Musical Jamboe."

FOR SALE—Pure bred O. I. C. pigs and pure bred S. C. White Leghorn rooster. Address F. J. MARSHALL, Scottdale, Pa.

Ten cakes Calumet soap for 25c. at Bittner's Grocery. ad.

Apple butter crocks also 10, 12 and 15 gallon sauer kraut jars at Haber & Phillips. ad.

Use Golden Loaf flour and you will always have good bread \$6.75 per barrel at Habel & Phillips. ad.

THE BLIGHT OF BIGELOWISM ON PENNA.

In 1911 a road law was passed that transferred 9,000 miles of roads from the various townships and municipalities of the state to a new department of the state Government called the highway department. Great things were expected of this department by the citizens of Pennsylvania. But after jockeying around for a long time Bigelow was appointed to Tener. This was a notorious appointment for the reason that Bigelow had served the Penrose machine in Allegheny county for many years. It had the Penrose stamp of approval as a matter, of course. No important appointments were made during Tener's administration without consulting Penrose. This highway department instead of being a service to the people and building serviceable roads turned out to be a carnival for the gang contractors and a huge pay-roll for followers of the gang in all the counties of the state. \$12,000,000 have been spent by this department, and very few miles of improved road to show for it. Besides spending the money, to pay for Penrose's heelers all over the state that do not pretend to work Bigelow has at Harrisburg hundreds of needless clerks that pretend to work a few hours a day. This department has become the dumping ground for the folks that lose their jobs in counties that vote out the Penrose ring, invariably sooner or later the faithful all over the state are giving soft snaps in the highway department. It would be cheaper for the state to pension these loafers and hire men that will work, and in this way get at least some value for the money spent.

All the superintendents and foremen are Bigelow Penrose men, and down to the water carriers none are hired unless they worship at the Bigelow Penrose shrine. In many places men are discharged after hired if they, in any way show any displeasure toward the existing gang, even so small a thing as refusing to wear a Penrose button has been used as a cause to discharge an honest faithful employee. This fact has been substantiated by affidavit, notable in Fulton county, where one of the laborers refused to place a Penrose button on the lapel of his coat. He was discharged the same day, and was told that the cause was his refusal to boost Penrose.

In Massachusetts improved roads are built for \$4,000 per mile; in Ohio for \$8,000.00 per mile; in New Jersey for \$7,000.00 per mile; in Pennsylvania improved roads cost from \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per mile. This conclusively proves that Bigelow and his gang control help, use judgment in placing contracts, usually letting contracts any old way, but always sure that a Penrose individual or corporation secures the contracts.

This department has on its pay-roll 22 high powered automobiles that are used to haul around employees of this department, but a great part of the time these machines are used to go from place to place in the interests of the political fortunes of Bigelow and Penrose. One-half dozen automobiles would be sufficient to transport employees, but 22 is the number brought by the extravagant Bigelow.

The Washington party, if successful, will place the highway department in the hands of competent officials that will serve the people and tax payers, and will cut loose from petty politics, in fact there will be a great army of jobless men, and instead of \$30 on every dollar going for salaries and incidentals the tables will be turned and 80c of every dollar will be spent on the roads, and 20c pay for office expenses. \$40.00 per mile is what Bigelow pays laying engineers to survey the roads of Pennsylvania. Competent judges say that \$15.00 per mile is the conservative price to survey roads. Give good honest roads a boost by voting for the Washington Party candidate.

More poultry is owned around Meyersdale than ever before and yet prices for one-day-old eggs keep gratifyingly high from the poultryman's viewpoint. Some local poultrymen report their hens laying as well now as in spring and acknowledge that Pratts Poultry Regulator in the mash is what makes them lay. It can be bought at Habel & Phillips.

Use Golden Loaf flour and you will always have good bread \$6.75 per barrel at Habel & Phillips. ad.

Try a package of Drumm's Famous Pretzels at Bittner's Grocery. ad.

Council Doings

Regular Session Held on Tuesday Evening. Sundry Affairs Etc.

The members of council met on Tuesday evening in regular monthly session with the following members present:—Mr. Dia in the chair, Messrs. Darley, Saylor, Emeigh, Bauman and Bolden.

Mr. Fiske representing the local electric Co. was present in reference to the pole tax matter. No action was taken by council. W. H. Klingaman, health officer reported several unsanitary places on the street. This is to be considered later. The burgess reported fines and licenses to the amount of \$82 had been collected, the same was ordered paid to the treasurer. Street improvement lately consisted in ballasting some of the roadway on Shannon hill. The Western Maryland was directed to lay sidewalk from 8th to Broadway. Certain persons directed to lay sidewalk within five days. Bear & Co., plumbers were given contract for the laying of 650 to 900 feet of tile.

The following bills were read:—J. J. Hammers, labor, \$20.35; Conrad Saylor, \$19.80; John Austin, \$18.15; P. H. Weimer, \$19.80; C. M. Klingaman, \$19.70; Carl Daugherty, \$3.00; Geo. Ickes, \$19.44; Fred Fisher, \$1.63; Chas. Weimer, \$4.00; J. W. Peck, 75 cents; Fred Hare, \$32.50; U. Fuller, \$27.50; John Robertson, \$9.00; Peter H. Shultz, \$8; W. J. Rowe, \$8.00; J. O. Weller, \$24.67; J. H. Lindaman, \$17.50; J. J. Hammers, \$23.65; C. M. Klingaman, \$20.95; John Austin, \$21.45; P. H. Weimer, \$21.45; Fred Fisher, \$21.45; Conrad Saylor, \$21.55; Carl Daugherty, \$1.75; J. O. Weller, \$29.32; Geo. Ickes, 20.69; Val Gross, \$31.75; Ben Sperry, 92 cents; Cyrus Forgings, \$13.20; E. E. Klingaman, \$24.48; Chas. Weimer, \$4.13; Fred Hare, \$32.50; U. Fuller, \$27.50; John Lindaman, \$17.50; B. O. & O. for ballast, \$81.03; B. J. Lynch, surveying, 11.25; Clarence Moore, B. & O. H., 30.60; Shipley Hardware Co., \$20.54; W. H. Klingaman, B. of H., \$4.25; Henry Kuhns, smithing, \$21.08; E. J. Dickey, salary, \$4.65; C. W. Truxal, brick, \$18.30; P. J. Cover & Son, sundries, \$4.30; Fred Hare, \$2.04; Lime and ballast, \$105.33; H. E. Bauman, \$5.00; No street sweeper after Oct. 15th. C. W. Baldwin, member of Board of Health, tendered his resignation, and M. F. Baer's term expired. The successors are Hilton Thorne, 2 years, Wm. Hady, 5 years. Mr. Bauman gave a report of the Municipal Home Rule League meeting at Somerset. Notices are to be sent to all boroughs and a meeting will be held later.

I am earnestly in favor of a protective tariff which will adequately protect both capital and labor and that it shall be justly and equitably applied. The tariff should be eliminated as a political issue and placed in the hands of a non-partisan, scientific commission with power to enforce its findings. It could then be accurate if determined the exact amount of protection necessary to every industry in the country.—Not what it wants but what it needs, for there is a vast difference as I propose later to show. Such a body could adjust the tariff on schedule at a time or one item if desirable, and thus avoid the pernicious disturbance to industry with consequent depression, distress and loss to both capital and labor.

It is a business proposition and should be placed on a strictly business basis.

It can never be done under present conditions, I believe that this country is much bigger than any political party and that there has never been a time in its history when independent thought and action were more necessary and desirable. It is true that under ordinary circumstances, partisan adherence to the principles of the great political parties is to be commended and no fault should be found with any man for difference of opinion for these principles are honestly expressed with sincere regard for the welfare of the Nation, but when the political leaders of these great parties ask the people to confer power on them for the purpose of using it to their disadvantage and for their own benefit, it is time to take the government into their own hands. In several subsequent articles it is my intention to endeavor to show in just what manner the confidence of the people is abused, basing my argument on facts and figures which can be readily certified by any man who cares to take the trouble. I shall indulge in no personalities whatever, confining myself to the truth as I understand it, and welcoming any argument to the contrary that may be offered in a spirit of sincerity.

Very respectfully,

FOR CONGRESS.

CHARLES F. HOOD.

As a candidate for the office of Representative in Congress on the Washington party ticket, it is my desire before asking the support of the voters of this district, to make my position clear to all.

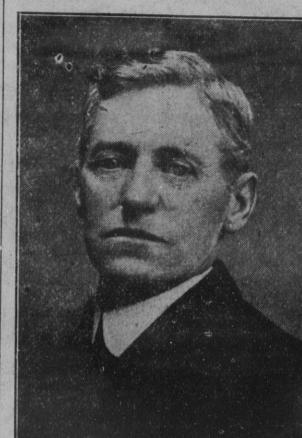
I am a member of the Washington party because I believe in its principles and because I regard it as the party of protest against the prostitution by the political leaders of the Republican party of the principles of once great party, who talk of reform within its lines and at the same time seek the power to still further the causes which led to its undoing.

I am altogether reasonable that the rough edges will get smoothed out a little and each one will be in a position to see the truth more clearly. This will produce a more homogeneous condition, which is bound to make a more intelligent and prosperous community.

As the people realize this fact, the attendance will continue to increase in number. The next subject "Whom Should our Immigration Law Exclude" will be discussed by Dr. Bruce Lichy on October 29th.

Discuss Drama

Rev. Brady Handles Topic in Masterful Manner at the Lyceum.



The Lyceum held a very interesting meeting last Thursday evening in the Forum on North street. The subject, "The Drama" was discussed in a masterly manner by Rev. Father Brady, which clearly showed much thought had been given to the subject. His hearers were delighted with his treatment of the subject. After his discussion, a number of others made short, forceful addresses. While no definite conclusion was reached the general opinion seemed to be that the drama has done a great deal of good, especially in the more remote past years, but that the influence of the drama on the stage at the present time is very demoralizing. And since the ladies form such a large part of the patrons of the play, they with their powerful influence men could bring about a better class of plays. Surely the meeting was a great success. It is a credit as well as beneficial to Meyersdale to have a meeting once a month, when people can come together and discuss subjects of general interest and be entertained as well as edify at the same time.

People as a rule belong to different political parties, churches, etc., and have different surroundings, and of course each one has his own pet theories. There certainly could be nothing better than to meet occasionally on common ground to discuss important subjects.

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ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

LUTHERANS SHOW GOOD YEARLY REPORT

The annual meeting of the Allegheny synod of the Lutheran church, in session at Clearfield, came to a close Monday with the election of officers and delegates to the general synod, together with the reports of committees. It was one of the best meetings in the history of synod.

The morning sermon Thursday was preached by the Rev. Robert D. Clark of Johnstown and at the afternoon services addresses were made by the Rev. W. H. B. Carney of Garrett and the Rev. D. S. Kurtz of Rockwood. One of the reports was that of the Rev. Hess Wagner of Somerset on pastors' salaries. Among other things, his report showed that the average salary in the Allegheny Synod is \$1,030 a year. The highest paid in the conference are to be of \$2,400 and parsonage, and the lowest is \$275 and no parsonage. The Rev. Mr. Wagner reported that there are too many charges in the synod paying less than the minimum suggested by the general and the Allegheny synods \$1,000 a year and parsonage. The laymen were urged to see that condition is remedied.

The pastor who comprises Trinity church at Somerset and Christ, or Cascooech church, was divided and each church will hereafter comprise a separate pastorate. The Rev. Mr. Wagner will continue as pastor of the Somerset charge while another minister will take charge of Christ church.

The report of W. B. Miller, the synod treasurer, was submitted. The total benevolences for the year were \$34,000, an increase of \$4,100, or 15 1/2 per cent. The synod treasurer made two recommendations: That treasurers of congregations should carry bank accounts in the name of their congregation and not in their own names, and that they write their amounts to the synod quarterly.

Huntingdon extended an invitation to the synod to meet there next October. The invitation was accepted.

WILL BUILD MORE HOUSES.

The Atlantic Coal Company will let contracts for twenty additional new houses at the Black mine, near Rockwood, within the next week or two. The population of this place has grown to 500 within several months.