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WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH

Mrs. John Burley of Confluence Burned.

As the result of pouring kerosene on her kitchen fire at her home in Confluence early Tuesday morning, Mrs. John Burley was burned to death, passing away about noon of the same day.

Frantic with fright, Mrs. Burley tried to beat out the flames, but as they enveloped her she plunged through a window. Unable to extricate herself she hung suspended head downward, until neighbors arrived. In addition to her burns she was frightfully cut by the glass. Suffering greatly, the woman was carried inside. Then her four little children gathered about her in their night clothes. Realizing that she had no chance of recovery, the mother bade them a tearful farewell, while the little ones looked on wide-eyed, unable to comprehend just what had happened. A few months ago a baby in the same family pulled a kettle of boiling water over on him and was fatally burned. Four other small children survive. Mr. Burley was absent on a hunting trip.

Mrs. Burley was a daughter of the late John Leslie of Fort Hill and in addition to her husband and children she leaves several brothers and sisters. She was about 40 years of age. Funeral Thursday with interment in Ursula cemetery.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF W. P. DIVELEY DIES.

With an illness of but one week, Josephine, the little two and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Diveley of Lincoln avenue, died on Tuesday about midnight from pneumonia.

Besides the parents a little brother, Paul, aged 6 years survive. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Friday, services to be conducted by Rev. D. W. Michael of the Lutheran church.

MRS. MILLER'S CASE TO BE CONSIDERED.

Attorney P. G. Cober, of Somerset, who represents the County Board and is also retained by the relatives of Mrs. W. S. Miller, in regard to placing of Mrs. Miller in that institution last week, was a caller at this office a few days ago. He gave it as his unbiased opinion that financially considered and rationally gone over, that Mrs. Miller was having the very best treatment for her case. There is nothing clandestine or irregular being done. The matter will be heard before Judge Ruppel at Somerset on next Tuesday, and her best friends may be assured of a fair and impartial hearing.

DON'T BE MISLED.

The Entertainment Trio of The Ithaca conservatory of music will give an entertainment consisting of songs, violin and piano solos, sketches and scenes from modern and classic plays (In costume)

If you want to spend a very pleasant and enjoyable evening don't miss this entertainment, brimming with wit and humor. Remember the time and place, Reformed Sunday School school building, Friday evening Nov. 27, 1914. Admission only 25 cents.

M'HUGH-HALEY WEDDING, SUNDAY.

John McHugh and Miss Margaret Pearl Haley were united in marriage last Sunday in St. Philip and James Catholic church by Rev. J. J. Brady immediately following the evening services. The bride was attired in a dark blue traveling suit, with hat to match. The bride's sister, Miss Grace Haley, and Charles Fallon were the attendants. The couple have gone on a honeymoon trip to eastern cities. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Haley of the Union hotel. The bridegroom is a fireman on the B. & O. railroad, with headquarters at Meyersdale, where the couple will reside.

Boiled Cider, New Raisins, Currants, Cherries, etc., for Mince Meat, at Habel & Phillips.

Throughout the County.

The new M. E. McNeal coal operations in Shade township, known as the Eglolf mines, will be shipping coal in the next few days in large quantities. Mr. McNeal has been fortunate in securing a good market for his product. Mangas and Seese are the operators and they have a quantity of coal mined and waiting the completion of the spur to ship, and as that has been completed Eglolf mines expect a boom.

It is necessary to haul water in tank cars from Garrett to McDonaldtown in order to keep the mines of the Brothersvalley Coal Co. running. There is a water famine in that section of the county and if the drought continues the mines will have to close down.

While Benjamin Sheeler was hunting in Milford township recently, he was shot by another hunter who had fired at a pheasant. Three shot lodged in Mr. Sheeler's right hip and one struck the case of his watch and glanced off. Mr. Sheeler removed two of the shot himself and the third was taken out by Dr. Speicher of Rockwood.

Having been thrown from a seat and severely injured while she was a passenger in a car of the Johnstown Traction Company between Johnstown and Windber, Mary E. Irwin has instituted a suit against the company for \$10,000 damages.

The home of Rev. T. K. Fornear, a Methodist minister formerly stationed in Windber, was burned in Pittsburg recently during the family's absence. The valuable library and his complete file of sermons with those of his father were consumed with most of the contents of the parsonage.

Scalp Level Borough Council has presented Windber Fire company with \$25 as an expression of their appreciation of the valuable service rendered in the past. The gift was accepted with thanks. In the past few weeks Windber firemen have rendered signal service to the sister village.

THE COMMERCIAL \$1.25 PER YEAR

The subscription price of The Commercial has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per year. This is the price of most of the papers of like kind in this part of the state, yet with the installation of our fine new linotype we promise to give a highly newsy paper and one that will be fully worth its price. Watch The Commercial improve and grow in circulation.

THE GIRL WHO RAN AWAY.

Bruce Chesterman who presented "Golden Guich" here last season will next Tuesday produce at the Dongs Theatre his latest success, "The Girl Who Ran Away." The play has received splendid press notices wherever it has been presented, the Cumberland News declaring it a tremendous success in the Maryland towns in which it has been presented. The production is under the auspices and for the benefit of the Epworth League of the Methodist church.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Paul Martin—The doctor—Park Weimer.
Miss Mary—The doctors elder sister—Mrs. Frank A. Bittner.
Jessie Gray—Who lives across the way—
Larry—The little lame lad—Miss Sadie Landis.
Tillie—Miss Mary's hired help—Miss Emma Gress.
August—The doctor's stable man—Earl Kilroy.
Hiram Higgins—The village postmaster—Edgel Smith.
Sue—The postmaster's daughter—Miss Irene Collins.
Cy Butts—The town constable—Conrad Glessner.
Jed Sweezy—Op'ry house manager—Frank A. Bittner.
Dave—Born to his calling—Paul McMillan.
Tony—One of the worlds jesters—Bill—With the great white tents—Florence—Queen of the saw dust ring—Miss Collins.
Jean—The Girl Who Ran Away—Miss Gertrude Landis.

Mince Meat, also the goods required to make the best Mince Meat and Fruit Cake for the Holidays, at ad Holzshu & Weimer.

CO. MEDICAL SOCIETY MET HERE

Local Physicians Hosts to their Conferees.

The Somerset County Medical Society met in the Council chamber of Meyersdale on Tuesday, November 17th, with a good turnout of the members. The session opened at 11 a. m. and an effort was made to get through with all business, including correspondence and the annual reports of all officers and committees for the year, at the morning session but this was not possible and at 12:45 a recess was taken for dinner.

The Society was the guest of the local fraternity on this occasion and all went to the Colonial Hotel where a sumptuous dinner was served and to which ample justice was done.

At the afternoon session the following officers were elected for the year 1915:—President, Dr. G. A. Noon, of Listie, VicePresident, Dr. R. T. Pollard of Garrett, Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Mountain of Confluence, Secretary and Reporter, Dr. H. C. McKinley of Meyersdale. The two last named officers have held their respective offices since the organization of the Society in October 1889, 25 years ago. The new and the re-elected officers will be inaugurated at the meeting in January next.

Dr. Berkheimer read a very interesting paper on appendicitis, a subject that has had much consideration in the past and is likely to have much consideration in the future on account of the frequency of cases. The subject was thoroughly discussed and it was evident that the members have had their share of such cases. Dr. Berkheimer then thanked the society in a very fine address for the courtesies extended and assistance rendered him during his term of office, congratulated the members on the ability shown in the papers read but asked that they be more punctual in attendance, for the more interest taken by each one will greatly increase the interest of all. While this is no secret society there are features of membership beneficial to any member, which cannot be explained in a public manner and no physician can afford to be outside of his county society.

The next meeting will be held at Rockwood.

MONDAY MORNING CHURCH WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Philip and James Catholic church on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock, when high nuptial mass was said by the bride's pastor, Rev. Father Brady. The contracting parties were Miss Catherine Mitchell of Garrett, and John Hogan of Spangler. They were attended by Miss Nell Mitchell, sister of the bride, and Edward Hogan, brother of the groom. The bride's gown was of white satin trimmed in shadow lace; she wore the bride's veil, and carried a white prayer book. The bridesmaid wore pink messeline and she also carried a white prayer book.

Miss Josephine Damico presided at the organ.
The bridal party were driven to the home of the bride in Garrett, where a wedding breakfast was served, after which the happy couple left on a trip to the eastern cities.

THE HUPMOBILE IS UP.

That is this auto is in the ascendant as a favorite with buyers, as is evidenced from the sales that Messrs. Flock and Gurley of the Meyersdale Auto Co., have made week by week for the past month.

The last week in October they sold five machines of this make; the first week in November they sold two more; the second week of the present month they sold four and this week they have about closed deals for several more.

WATER COMPANY TESTING FOR GAS.

The Hooversville Water company, of which Squire I. M. Hoover is a prominent official, expects to bore for gas before long as the workmen while drilling for water struck a strong flow. It is thought that enough gas may be found to supply the town.

UNION THANKS-GIVING SERVICE.

On Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 o'clock, a union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Reformed church.

All the congregations which usually unite in such services, except the Lutheran, will participate in this service. The Lutheran congregation had decided upon a special service of its own for this day before the arrangements for the union service were completed. Because of this it will not take part in the union meeting this year.

Rev. J. C. Matteson, of the Methodist church, will be the preacher at the union service. There will be special music and the usual offering will be received. All are cordially invited.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

TRAINMAN KILLED NEAR FAIR HOPE.

William Gummer, aged 39 years, a trackwalker in the employe of the B. & O., was instantly killed while on duty Sunday near Fair Hope. He was struck by a locomotive running east on the west bound track. Gummer was walking on the eastbound track, causing Gummer to step to the other track. The approach of trains going in opposite direction confused him and he was unable to step out of the way of the engine that struck him. He leaves a wife and five children. His parents reside in Boswell.

BIG BUSINESS EXPECTED

Anticipating one of the biggest parcel post business on record during the Christmas season, the postmaster general has sent directions to all postmasters to handle the Santa Claus trade. He urged them to post big placards requesting the public to get parcel-post shipping tags and insurance forms early—to avoid the rush. Special collection windows will be installed in big postoffices. Forces of clerks will be augmented.

\$2,200 IN PRIZES BY THE HARTLEY-CLUTTON FIRM.

One of the most unique methods of arousing interest in the community and particularly in their store, has just been inaugurated by the Hartley Clutton Dry Goods Company. Familiar and blase as we all are when the question of advertising is involved, still it is very refreshing to see anything original and interesting being done right in our midst.

In an interview with a reporter from the Commercial Mr. Clutton said, "We are doing this in appreciation of past good will and patronage of the people of the community and also to offer a substantial token of our desire for their continued support. We have the utmost confidence that this country and especially this community is just entering a period of great prosperity and we are anticipating it by putting our shoulder to the wheel and starting something that will draw more trade to our town and make Meyersdale a better place to live in."

The plan is very simple. With each purchase at the Hartley Clutton Store, votes will be issued at the rate of one vote with each cent of purchase and the person having the largest number of votes on May 29, will be given the \$200 Player Piano free of cost. It is a splendid instrument and a beautiful piece of furniture that any home might well be proud of. Already quite a number of people have entered up as contestants and more are enrolling every day. No names will be published and therefore there will be no objectionable publicity. Color of votes will be changed monthly, thereby preventing anyone from holding votes and assuring fair play to all.

If you have not already enrolled your name as a winner do so at once while opportunity is young. Or better still enter the name of some favorite friend and help them to win. There is no lottery plan about this and in the event of a tie a Player Piano identical to the one on display at the store will be given to each of the tying contestants.

Wednesdays will be the voting day and whether you believe in votes for women or not, just drop around and see them vote for the first time in Meyersdale.

The Commercial wishes to congratulate these wide-awake merchants on their broad minded methods which will encourage people to trade in Meyersdale and put the spot light of publicity on their store. This is certainly good for what ails us.

MEETS DEATH ON RAILROAD.

William H Naughton, aged 63 years one of the oldest service conductors in the employ of the Western Maryland Railway, was instantly killed at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning in the yards at Ridegley. W. Va. Mr. Naughton had been "cutting" cars while they were on the move, and in some manner caught his foot in a frog and was thrown beneath the train. The cars passed over his body, killing him instantly.

For nearly 25 years Mr. Naughton had been in the service. Four children survive.

The next time you need Flour, try our Golden Loaf. More of it sold than any other brand in Meyersdale, at Habel & Phillips.

HOOVERVILLE HAS A \$6,000 FIRE.

Fire which threatened to destroy the entire town of Hooversville broke out in that borough about 7:30 Monday morning and only after the progress of the flames had been stayed with dynamite and the bucket brigade had done heroic work was the danger averted. The fire started in the tenement house owned by P. J. Blough, which was occupied by the Biro, Frakas and Hice families and it was in the quarters of the former that the fire was first discovered. These tenants lost the major portions of their effects. The flames spread to the building occupied by the family of Josiah Johnson and owned by P. S. Blough and then across the street to the H. C. Hamer residence and a building as a stable and garage, also the Blough property. A lone line of hose was used to save the big Blough residence and store.

The loss was about \$6,000 mostly covered by insurance. The town will now probably organize a fire company or provide some chemical apparatus that in such an emergency they may not be at the mercy of the flames.

WAR TAX STAMPS ARE COMING.

The department at Washington has informed Joshua W. Miles, Collector of United States Internal Revenue that the new license stamps to be issued on account of the war tax and which are effective now will be received shortly. As soon as they are received those affected will be expected to call and pay the tax promptly. The classes affected by the tax are: Bankers, brokers, pawnbrokers, Customhouse brokers, commission merchants, teaters, museums, concert halls, tobacco dealers, tobacco manufacturers, cigar manufacturers and cigarette manufacturers. The general stamp tax, which will affect the public the most, does not go into effect until December 1, and it is expected that by that time the new stamps will be ready.

COMMERCIAL TO HAVE LINOTYPE

One of the Latest Model Composing Machines.

This week an order was sent into the factory of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company of Brooklyn for a Model K, double magazine linotype for this office, which is to be installed in the next two or three weeks. This machine is one of the latest that is being placed upon the market and for facility of operation and variety and comprehensive work that can be performed with it, is perhaps unequalled anywhere.

This purchase means the outlay of a considerable sum of money, and it spells a better Commercial, a more up-to-date newspaper, getting the news up when it is news. It will mean more for the development of this section of the county and of the state as the live newspapers keep the people informed upon what is happening, and some things that ought to happen.

The public in general ought to take satisfaction in having the latest in any department of business, in the community in which they live and especially with their newspapers which have such a vital and close relation to the interest of all. Every added improvement in any town means an additional asset to that town. Be loyal to Meyersdale and this part of the county especially. A fuller description of the machine will be given a little later.

GOUPLE DIE NINETEEN HOURS APART.

Conrad Bittner, an aged Civil War veteran of Glencoe, who for years has been an invalid from dropsy, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Raupach, in Cumberland, on Sunday at noon. His wife, who was recently taken to the asylum at the county home, as her mind had become unbalanced, passed away Monday morning, about 7 a. m. Mr. Bittner's funeral took place Tuesday, with burial at Hyndman and the wife was buried Thursday.

SOMERSET CLASSIS HELD HERE

Somerset Classis of the Reformed church met in special session in the Amity church, of Meyersdale on Monday evening. The object of the meeting was to consider the general and missionary work of the church and to dissolve the pastoral relation of Rev. J. A. Miller of Jenners, who has accepted a call to the church at Mann's Choice, which is in the Juniata Classis.

The meeting on Monday evening was in charge of Rev. D. S. Stephan. The speakers for the evening were Dr. E. S. Bromer of Greensburg and Dr. Louis Robb of Wilkingsburg. Their themes were in the interests of missions and each emphasized the personal responsibility of each of the members of the church relative to missionary work.

The presiding officer of the Classis was Rev. I. S. Monn of Elk Lick. There are twenty ministers embodied in Somerset Classis, ten of whom were present. Besides those whose names have been mentioned already, the following were in attendance:—H. H. Wiant of Berlin; Geo. E. Metzger, Frostburg; A. S. Glessner, Meyersdale; Frank Wetzel, Stoyestown; A. S. Kresge, of Meyersdale, and the latter's son, S. R. Kresge, Hyndman; J. W. Albertson, Jennerstown; W. A. McClellan, Rockwood.

The elders present were, Prof. W. H. Kretzman, Meyersdale; A. A. Comp, Cumberland; Jacob Hafer, Frostburg; C. J. Otto, New Germany, Md.; Edward Smith, Stoyestown; N. D. Hay, Wilhelm; Dennis Hay, Berlin, and Bruce Poorbaugh, Mt. Lebanon.

On Tuesday at both the forenoon and the afternoon session the latter meeting ending at about 3:30, the interests of the Classis were dealt with. A committee of five was appointed to endeavor to secure a minister for the people of the Reformed mission church at Jenners.

Just unloaded a car of Golden Link Flour, a coupon in each sack for Silverware, at Holzshu & Weimer,