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SOMERSET LADY REFUTES ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS

The following excellent article was written by Mrs. Alice F. Kiernan of Somerset, in reply to an anti-suffrage lecture given at the recent county institute. The first installment will appear in this issue and will be concluded in next week's paper:

EDITOR, DEAR SIR:

As Chairman of the Somerset County Committee of the Woman Suffrage Party of Pennsylvania, I regret that I was unable to hear the suffrage debate at the teachers' institute last week. I was at the State Suffrage Convention at Scranton at the time and missed the debate. As far as I can find out from those who heard it, the debaters were unequally matched as to natural gifts, but to fair minded people these personal considerations should not add to or detract from the force of a debaters arguments. It is about some of the arguments of the anti-suffrage debator that I wish to say a word in your columns. I understand that she made a great point of women's losing the influence which they now possess as non-partisans, should they obtain the vote. Anti-Suffragists never attack the fundamental principles that underlie the suffrage question because they know that they are impregnable; so they confine themselves to imaginings of what would happen if women should get the vote, or to the gathering together of proofs that women have not brought the millennium in the few years in which they have possessed it in foreign countries and in some of our Western States. They seem to forget that manhood suffrage is open to the same or ever greater criticism if the same strict standards are applied to it, for we have had manhood suffrage for over a century, and the millennium is not here.

The truth of the matter is that the ballot in itself is not a cure-all in the hands of either men or women. It is simply an instrument that can be used for good or evil, according to the intelligence and character of the user. Both men and women learn by their mistakes in every department of life, and the growing tendency among men and women voters to scratch tickets in favor of good candidates, shows that people are finally learning better uses of the ballot than blind party loyalty. So that even if it were true that the laws in suffrage states are as yet no better than in non-suffrage states, that is really beside the question. The whole point is that the ballot in anybody's hands, as well as an inalienable right, is a great educator. Men and women both take greater interest in public affairs if the responsibility of voting is put upon them, and in the case of women its influence tends to free them by degrees from the petty personal considerations that so often rule their lives. But it is not true that the laws in Suffrage States are inferior to those in non-suffrage states and countries. A commission of jurists sent out by England several years ago to investigate and report on progressive legislation in other countries, declared in its report that Colorado had saner, more advanced and better enforced laws than any other body of people on the globe. The suffrage states, almost without exception, have equal guardianship of children, equal pay for equal work, and a minimum wage-law.

ITHACA A SUCCESS.

The Ithaca Conservatory Players gave a fine entertainment last Friday evening in the Reformed Sunday school building to a very appreciative audience. Every number was encored and their rendition of Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew" proved them artists of unusual talent.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday, December eighth, at eight o'clock, in the High School Building.

PROGRAM.

Selection Male Quartette—Messrs. Clutton, Cook, Clark and Baldwin.
Address—"The Pupil after School Hours"—W. L. Reitz, Principal of High School.

Angel's Serenade—Miss Rose Damico.

Address—The Resources and Expenditures of Meyersdale School District—F. A. Bittner.

PROMOTERS AGAIN INSPECTING COAL FIELD.

The coal tract northeast of Rockwood in Milford township is again being investigated by promoters, whose names however are withheld for various reasons. Several expert geologists have been over the field and their findings are said to be favorable. Farms under consideration are those of George J. Hay, John M. Critchfield, A. G. Newman, E. J. Welmer, and Geo. Holtzner, with a combined area of seven or eight hundred acres. The mineral of this acreage is accessible from a shipping-standpoint. It is proposed to build a standard gauge branch to connect the mines with the Somerset & Cambria line, whose grade will permit of transporting loaded cars by gravity to the railroad. Electrified equipment is included in the plans for the construction of a modern mining plant. Small mines have been worked on all of the farms for a number of years, the coal is of good quality and it would command the highest market prices at all times. Specimens were collected by the geologists, which will be inspected by state assayers. Upon this analysis, it is stated will depend the acceptance or rejection of the field. If this should be the case, it is almost certain that the deal will be closed and the property developed. It is easily the most promising available coal land in this section and everything points toward its promotion at an early date. Mining is rapidly expanding to important proportions in the townships surrounding Rockwood, since no less than 500 men are now employed in the workings of Will concrete, Blackfield and South Rockwood. All that is still needed apparently to make Rockwood a regulation mining town is the development of the tract that is now being tested in Milford township. Northwest of town is another big plot of mineral land, and this too is under the eyes of prospectors. Unless all signs fail we will witness surprising development of mineral resources all around us within the next several years.—Somerset County Leader.

RECENTLY MARRIED IN THE COUNTY.

George Edward Wilt, of Garrett county, Md., and Miss Jennie I. Thomas, of Elk Lick township, were married at Salisbury by Rev. Ira S. Munn, pastor of the Salisbury United Evangelical church.

Charles W. Fisher, of Garrett, and Mrs. Grace E. Weyand, of Blackfield, Pa., were married at Stoyestown, by the Rev. John K. Huey, pastor of the Hoopersville United Brethren church.

Adam L. Shaulis, of Allentown, and Miss Minerva Waynesburg, of Somerset township, were married at the court house by Marriage License clerk Bert F. Landis.

Cyrus Vance Shaw, and Miss Alice Matilda Tressler both of Goodtown, were married at Berlin by Justice of the Peace Allen C. Miller.

Mrs. John Clark Wallace, of Pittsburgh, announced the marriage of her daughter Miss Lillian Wallace, to Stanford L. Lambert of Somerset, which was quietly solemnized last Thursday evening at the home of the bride, by Rev. W. L. McEwan, of the Third Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. The bridegroom is a son of Postmaster John A. Lambert, of Somerset.

Miss Myrtle S. Roberts, and Russel B. Zimmerman, both of Acosta, were married at Somerset, by Rev. S. G. Buckner, pastor of the Somerset Christian church.

Miss Viola L. Workman, and Russel W. Menser, both of Somerset, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset Lutheran church by Rev. I. Hess Wagner.

Miss Mabel A. Imhoff, of Berlin, and Clyde E. Kepple, of Newell, Pa., were married at Berlin, by Rev. D. S. Stephan.

Oliye E. Gray, of Wells Creek, and Percy W. Wissingner, of Pitcairn, Pa., were married at Somerset, by Rev. S. G. Buckner, pastor of the Somerset Christian church.

Miss Rose A. Engbert, and Mark H. Werner, both of New Baltimore, were married at St. John's Catholic church at New Baltimore, by Rev. A. M. Murphy.

Start "November Joe" today.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS CONSIDERED

The members of council met in regular session for the month of November on Tuesday evening with the following responding to the roll call:—Messrs. Dia, Bauman, Emeigh, Staub, Saylor, Bolden and Darnley.

Edward C. Plitt made a request for the opening of the ditch on Second avenue in front of his son's property. No action taken.

D. J. Fike, of the Light Co., desired to have contract amended relative to the 50 and 60 power lights being installed. No action taken.

The report of the finance committee showed the active account overdrawn by \$1,000. It was decided to borrow \$1,500 from the sinking fund. Clarence Moore, of the school board made request to have tile placed in front of school building. No action taken.

Bills amounting to \$2,577.52 were received for consideration, the principal ones being for water amounting to over \$1,100, electric light \$557, Baer & Co., \$330, and for ballast \$160.

A motion was passed that all bills but the following be paid: Light Co., Water Co., and that \$200 of the Baer & Co., bill be paid.

There were \$8 in fines collected which were paid to the treasurer.

Harvey Stahl was granted a license to conduct a shooting gallery at the corner of Centre and North streets, Rate \$5 per month.

The B. & O. railroad company was notified to fix fence at foot of Olinger street, as they would be held liable for damages in case of accident.

The Light Co., was notified to fix street in front of Miller & Collins store. Messrs. Bauman and Darnley were appointed a committee to ask the court to grant a permanent injunction restraining the Atlantic Refining Co., from using gasolene tank within the borough limits.

CLAIM THEY SAW

H. M. BERKLEY.

Attorney Charles F. Uhl, Superintendent F. F. Lyon of the Consolidation Coal company's mining operations in the Jenner field, and Dewees Browning, formerly of the Consolidation Coal company's engineering department, were called to New York last week on business in the United States court. While Messrs. Lyon and Browning were walking from their hotel to the Federal building they suddenly came face to face with Attorney Harvey M. Berkley, the fugitive ex-secretary of the Somerset Telephone company. Berkley turned quickly on his heels and soon disappeared in the crowd. The Somerset county men say they could not possibly have been mistaken and believe that Berkley recognized them at the same moment they spied him. Berkley is described as wearing a closely cropped beard, streaked with gray.

CUTS OFF FINGER IN SAUSAGE GRINDER.

H. L. Miller, son of Jos. S. Miller, on Tuesday while assisting in butchering at the home of Cyrus Hostetler in operating the sausage grinder had about a half inch of the second finger on his right hand cut off. Mr. Miller is suffering considerably from the accident.

COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS ORGANIZE

The School Directors of Somerset County held their annual meeting at Somerset last week in connection with the institute and elected the following officers: President, C. L. Shaulis of Somerset; vice president, A. L. Miltenberger of Onemough Township, and Dr. W. H. H. Schrock of Stoyestown; secretary, F. A. Bittner of Meyersdale; treasurer, Josiah Swank of Somerset; auditor, A. L. G. Hay of Somerset. R. W. Lohr presided at the meeting, which was attended by about 100 directors from all over the county.

TURKEY SUPPER.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a turkey supper in the social room of the church December 10th, from 5 o'clock.

Try Carmello brand Tomatoes and Corn at Bittner's Grocery. ad

UNWITTINGLY HELPED STEAL HIS OWN COAT

Here is one on the editor—on this editor. A few days ago while the editor of this paper was absent from his office but for a minute an intoxicated man entered his sanctum, proceeded to the second room, and quickly took possession of a new raincoat. Not having time to get out of the office without detection, the culprit placed the coat up in a bundle and placing it on a chair sat down upon it very nonchalantly and awaited consequences.

On entering the office, the editor found a drunken man sitting on a chair, the latter asked for work, and put up a request to go up stairs to see the other printers; this request was denied him, and then the inebriate agreed "that a drunken man ought not to want to go up stairs."

A little later the visitor, interrupting the editor at his work asked that he buy the coat; not running a pawn shop, this plea for coin was turned down. Then the man wanted a newspaper to wrap up the coat, which being furnished him, he attempted to wrap it up, but succeeding so poorly, the editor's patience nearing the point of exhaustion, the latter grabbed the coat, shook it out, wrapped it up, put a string around the bundle and then handed it over to the consummate actor in the little drama, who quickly passed out, but nevertheless he was drunk.

The owner of the coat did not know of his loss until the next morning, and then the miscreant had fled the town, bound for Altoona. He was without the coat, however, probably pawning it for a drink. A reward is offered for either the man or the coat, preferably the latter.

It is best now and then to lose a raincoat rather than to be always looking askance with suspicion towards everybody. There are too many good people in this world, too many of nobility of character in Meyersdale to be all the time fearful that one will have the advantage taken of him.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE INTO CREEK.

Four young men from Cumberland narrowly escaped death in an automobile wreck on Friday morning at nine o'clock one mile south of Meyersdale on the new state road at the Simon Werner bridge which spans Flaugherty creek, the machine going down over an embankment of twelve feet, turning turtle, with two of the occupants under the car, in the creek, and all of them more or less badly injured, two with fractured bones.

The party consisted of Ralph G. Smeltz, Jas. W. Bucy, Wm. Coughnour, and Michael Button. They left Cumberland in the early morning on a pleasure bout, stopping at Frostburg for a time and then they set out to come to this place. When they reached Glade City the highway being fine, they were covering distances pretty fast, and not being familiar with the devious turnings of the road, they came to suddenly upon an abrupt bend, where the road crosses the creek. The chauffeur could only swerve the car out of the way running one wheel up on one of the abutments which caused the machine to overturn, all going down into the creek. Two of the men jumped out of the car before it overturned and the other two were caught under it. They were removed to the Werner home nearby, and Dr. Large from Meyersdale was summoned who gave the necessary surgical attention. Smeltz had his left arm broken in three places. Button's nose was crushed to a pulp and the other two men sustained some bad bruises. They were sent to Cumberland on train No. 6.

Mr. W. H. Habel, on Thanksgiving was out in his auto over the same bridge, and he remarked to Mrs. Habel, who was with him, as they approached the bridge that some one would soon have an accident at that point. He realized that it is a dangerous and treacherous piece of highway. Now, it is time to put up a danger sign.

FOR RENT—Farm, One-fourth mile east end of the W. M. R. R., tunnel, Possession at once.

J. H. LEPLEY, ad 310 Broadway, Meyersdale, Pa.

Start "November Joe" today.

PASTOR AND WIFE ENTERTAIN MEMBERS.

It is an ordinary occurrence in church circles for a congregation to give a reception to its pastor and wife but quite an extraordinary occasion when a pastor and his wife are host and hostess to the members of their church in a body.

On Friday evening, in response to the hearty invitation, of Rev. D. W. Michael and his good wife, about 250 members of the Lutheran church, of this place, enjoyed several hours most pleasantly and getting better acquainted with their minister who has been here only a few months. Short talks were given by a number of the men and good music was furnished by the Harp Orchestra. Delicious refreshments were served and each one, in passing out, was presented with a beautiful carnation. Altogether it was a very delightful affair.

THE SOUTH SIDE INDEPENDENTS WIN.

The South Side Independents, one of the local basket ball teams, journeyed to Somerset last Wednesday and defeated the Somerset Juniors by the score of 14 to 3, before a very large audience. The line-up was as follows:

Meyersdale	R. F. Stouffer	Somerset	Garnon
	L. F. Hoblitzell		Vannear
	C. Opel		Wilson
	L. G. Stotler		Barron
	R. G. Siehl		Picking

Field goals—Stouffer 2, Hoblitzell 2, Opel and Siehl.

Foul goals—Stouffer 2 out of 6; Stotler 0 out of 2; Picking 3 out of 9. Referee—Leslie Stotler.

The Somerset team will play class No. 6 of the Reformed Sunday school in this place on Friday evening in Reich's auditorium.

GREAT DANCER COMING SOON.

With the Billy Watson's, "Beef Trust Beauties," the attraction to be presented at the Donges Theatre on Monday Night only Dec. 7 is El-Korah a sensational danseuse, in her terpsichorean divertissement entitled, "The Arab's Dream." El-Korah, is a distinctive brunette of the Eastern type, who dances not alone with her feet but with her eyes, arms, etc. Her costumes have all been made abroad. El-Korah is a novelty that must be seen to be appreciated. Others in the show that made burlesque famous are Mul Clark, a Teutonic comedian, George P. McFarland, an eccentric Celt, Fred Reese, Yvonne Bergere, Jennie Gladstone and Evelyn Ferris. The burlesque presented is in two acts, the situations are excruciatingly funny and divulge many complicated situations of the two comedians in their efforts to win the love of the pretty widow. The chorus is composed of pretty girls with excellent singing voices who will be seen and heard in all the latest popular songs and dances. Of costumes there are many changes always giving a more brilliant color effect.

MUST PAY BOUNTIES.

According to a letter from Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the state game commission, to all county commissioners, claims for bounties must be paid by the various counties before claim can be made to the state for reimbursement. "Unless the claims presented for bounty have been first paid by you, there will be no way through which you can by appropriation secure the money," the letter declares.

The First National Bank of Everett will pay out nearly \$15,000 from their Christmas savings accounts about two weeks before Christmas, thus assuring a big holiday business for this place. The amount will be divided among about 600 persons.

Divorced one week and married the next is the record of one Chas. Singer, a young miner, of Six Mile Run, Bedford county. At the session of court held earlier in the month young Singer was granted a divorce from his wife, Elizabeth Hunter Singer, of Phillipsburg, to whom he was married in June, 1912, and the decree was confirmed absolutely by Judge J. M. Woods on November 14, being recorded a few days later. Monday, at Six Mile Run, he was united in marriage with Miss May Hummel, of Bigler, Clearfield county, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace S. W. Salkeid.

NEARLY 200 CONTESTANTS RECORD VOTES

Below we publish the standing of the contestants in The Hartley, Clifton Co. Playing Piano Contest at the end of the second week. Nearly two hundred persons are enrolled in this contest, and the interest that is created is certainly amazing, as the vast majority of the contestants are determined that she will be the one to earn the grand prize. A few have enrolled, and have made no further effort to secure votes, and of course as a result are gradually falling behind. One of the rules of the contest is that contestants not bringing in personal votes will be dropped, however there will be no names dropped until the beginning of the second month, so that those persons who have been notified of their election and have made no start as yet still have two weeks in which to keep their enrollment active.

A great many of the contestants are surprised at the way their friends are supporting them. One contestant had not been active herself before the first count and had not turned in any votes at the first voting, but imagine her surprise to find several thousand additional votes to her credit when the first list was posted; unknown to her, her friends had been voting for her.

There are still a few silver spoons to be given away, the next few enrollments will take the spoons and 5000 votes to start with. No contestant has such a large score that it could not be easily overcome by a week or so of work; every day that you put off enrolling makes the lead just a little harder to overcome. Hadn't you better drop in sometime in the next few days and enter up for your share of the prizes.

Absolutely no schools, churches, lodges, Sunday schools, or organizations allowed to compete. If any contestant directly or indirectly polls votes for any organization her number will be dropped and no votes credited.

Only contestants having a vote above 4,000 are listed in the following report:

No.	Votes.	No.	Votes.
1	28,475	4	25,875
10	35,570	15	23,245
20	28,385	21	23,000
22	26,125	26	23,000
27	23,000	28	23,215
33	24,680	38	25,250
40	24,740	47	25,225
53	27,825	59	25,000
62	30,295	64	25,090
67	26,350	72	23,050
73	33,190	93	24,805
112	23,000	145	22,850
151	23,000	152	25,000
153	26,045	154	26,000
155	23,000	156	23,000
157	34,990	158	25,590
159	30,545	160	23,000
161	35,762	162	27,735
163	25,000	164	25,000
165	24,295	166	23,540
167	23,000	168	24,385
169	23,000	170	22,000
171	23,000	172	18,000
173	21,140	174	18,000
175	22,000	176	5,410

SOMERSET COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Excellent programs and fine speakers will be the rule at the Farmers' Institute to be held at Salisbury, Dec. 2-3; Somerset, Dec. 4-5, and Stoyestown, Dec. 7-8.

Four pounds good Rice for 25 cents at Bittner's Grocery. ad

CHANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

Mrs. H. M. Cook has offered a ticket to the Denton C. Crowl lecture to the boy and girl in the High School who will write the best essay on "Benefits derived from hearing lectures." The judges will be Mrs. Ralph Pfahler, Mrs. W. S. Livengood and Mr. P. D. Clutton. The essay not to be less than two hundred or more than five hundred words.

Twenty ounce jar of Cane and Maple Syrup for 20 cents at ad Bittner's Grocery.

FOR SALE—Scotch Collie Pups, full blooded. Apply to N. J. KINSINGER, ad3-3t R. D. No. 2, Meyersdale, Pa.