

# Meyersdale Commercial.

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## GOVERNOR TAKES NOTICE OF HAUSFRAUEN'S WORK

Substantial Check Sent Them From Philadelphia to be Used as Prizes in Pig Raising Contest.

Die Hausfrauen are giving a location to Somerset county in general and to Meyersdale and vicinity in particular in that the governor of the state is taking notice of their plans and aspirations. As stated in the account of the last proceedings of this ladies' unique organization, Die Hausfrauen are now giving some attention to the pork industry. To be more explicit, each member has adopted a pig and this much accomplished the race has begun, to see who can cause her pig to take on the greatest number of pound of flesh by a certain time next fall or winter.

The doings of Die Hausfrauen, some of whom are personal friends of Governor Brumbaugh, came to the latter's ears and he being interested in the thrift characteristic of the Pennsylvania Dutch, and as some of

the same blood is in his own veins, he is anxious to show his appreciation of the work of Die Hausfrauen.

Not wishing openly to be too prominent in the movement, he conferred with one of his distinguished friends, the Honorable John Gribbel, now president of the Union League, of Philadelphia, a man of intellectual attainments, wealth and influence and as a result a substantial check came from the latter gentlemen a few days ago, sent to Mrs. Frank Black, one of the most active spirits of the order, bearing with it the request that the same be applied to prizes in the pig raising contest, to be known as The Governor Brumbaugh prizes.

This interest on the part of the chief executive of the state and that of one Philadelphia's most prominent citizen ought to give added zest to this contest.

## IN THE COUNTY

The Pennsylvania Suffragists have cornered the seed market so far as it applies to yellow flowers. The state president says the association has enough seed to supply 10,000 gardens.

Hon. S. A. Kendall has gone to San Francisco, Cal., to attend the annual convention of the Navy League of the United States, as the personal representative of Gov. Brumbaugh.

Somerset County sportsmen are keeping in close touch with the legislative program at Harrisburg, and are backing the bills endorsed by conferences of organized sportsmen representing a number of organizations.

Conrad M. Gnasey has sold his farm in West Summit township to his two sons, Norman and Alva, the latter taking 100 acres, and the former the remainder of the 234 1/2, except a few acres reserved by the father for a home in his declining years.

Roy Foster was badly cut at an Easter Monday celebration, near Hooversville, at the Stonycreek mine settlement. A number of stitches were used by Dr. Gilder to close an ugly wound above the stomach. His assailant has disappeared.

The sawmill of Winfield S. Walker, located on the D. W. Seibert farm about three miles from Somerset, was destroyed by fire Monday evening, causing a loss of about \$2,000. A large quantity of sawed lumber was saved by the hard work of the firemen.

Arthur Lorentz, the former proprietor of the Central hotel, with his sister and niece have moved to their home at the upper part of North street. P. J. McGrath, the new landlord, who has leased the hotel for five years, will renovate the entire building and in the near future make a number of improvements. He has been for years an experienced hotel man in Cambria and Somerset counties.

The following is the program for a farmers' institute to be held at the Breastwork schoolhouse, Shade township, Saturday evening, April 10, at 8 o'clock: "Does it pay to Use Fertilizer?" D. W. Berkebile; "What Breed of Cattle is the Most Profitable for the Farm?" W. L. Powell and R. M. Slick; "Dairying" Russell Wagner; "Profitable Hog Raising," James Buchanan and C. D. Berkebile; "Raising Colts," John Croyle. All are invited.

The United States District Court has transferred the bankrupt estate of Oswald C. Gates from Altoona to Somerset, of which Attorney H. E. Yost is referee, where his estate will be settled by J. H. Moore, the trustee. When Mr. Gates became a bankrupt, he gave his address as Altoona, when in fact nearly all of his debts were contracted in this county, where he had been engaged in the lumber business. This decision transferring the matter to this county will be welcomed by the large number of creditors.

Golden Loaf or Gold Medal Flour at \$2.00 per large bag is cheap on today's market at Habel & Phillips.

Mr. W. H. Habel was one of the 5,000 to swell the local option ranks at Harrisburg on Tuesday, in response to a call from the governor.

## COUNCIL LEVIES 10 MILL TAX

The regular monthly meeting of Town Council was held on Tuesday evening with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Dia, Saylor, Staub, Bauman, and Emeigh; absent Darnley.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved. Mr. Younklin appeared before council in reference to an open ditch which causes the water to dam over their land. The matter was referred to the street committee.

W. H. Klingaman, Health Officer, brought in a complaint about the sewer on Olinger street. No action was taken as it is the property of the Meyersdale Planing Mill Co.

The Burgess Report for March—Fines and license for the month, \$9; the same being paid to the treasurer. The report was accepted.

Wire and poles reported in good condition, with the exception of one pole near the brewery which had been replaced on the 5th of March. One water plug corner Centre and Clay streets in defective condition but water was used on March 18th at the Donges Fire from 5 to 10 o'clock. One plug on Main street near school building out of order, would not work.

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## A STATEMENT AND

## A CHALLENGE.

Recently the Meyersdale Ministerial Association published a resolution to the effect that the members of the association, including all the Protestant ministers of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, prefer to have no official association in the ritual of burial services with a lodge that maintains a liquor sideboard.

Some agent, probably of the Associated Press, while discharging his noble task of disseminating truth to a benighted public, seized upon the resolution, garbled it so that it read that we have declared ourselves unwilling to give Christian burial to any member of a lodge that maintains a liquor sideboard, sending it through out the length and breadth of the land. Some papers even sagely declared that we have forbidden the members of such organizations the privilege of dying!

Ever since this report of our resolution—so changed as to give it the proper sensational tinge—has gone forth high browed editorial writers have been agitating their gray matter, or its substitute, to prove our supposed action wrong. Really, we did not think we could come in for so much attention from these New York, Chicago and San Francisco writers. We imagine they did not have time to ascertain that Meyersdale has but 4,000 inhabitants, or surely they would have passed us up.

But, we want to be honest enough to admit that the newspapers are great little moulders of public opinion. We will admit that we ought to bury anyone we are asked to bury. And, we are quite willing to bury every member that needs it, of every liquor dispensing lodge in the U. S. A. To these we would be delighted to add a limited number of editors and reporters.

If, however, these sagacious critics want a real hard problem, let them point the inconsistency of our resolution as it was really stated. And, by the way, any intelligent person should have been able to see from the composition of the report as it appeared everywhere but in our local papers that it had been mutilated.

We are willing to give all the comfort we can to any bereaved family, and we are willing to officiate at the burial of the most humble or the most wicked individual in our community; but we are not willing without protest to be officially associated with any liquor-dispensing lodge in its ritualistic burial service.

One New York paper (the name awes us), says we sit in judgment. We do not. For that reason we do like to give our fervent amen when some Right Royal Supreme Mogul says: "This lofty soul has turned a flip-flop into the happy hunting grounds," when some poor fellow whom the very lodge he represents has made a rummy, is laid away.

Now, you Associated Press intellectuals et al, come across and show the inconsistency in that action. Both our willingness to administer to all individuals and families and our unwillingness to officiate with liquor-

## PROHIBITION-LIQUOR MEETING

What might properly be denominated a Prohibition-Liquor meeting was held in the lecture room adjoining the Reformed Church on Tuesday evening and the occasion has provoked considerable discussion and acrid comment. Quite a good-sized audience turned out.

The circulars announcing this and other similar meetings in the county stated that the Prohibition speaker was being supported by The National Prohibition League, the inference being that his opponent was being abetted by the liquor interests. Many people because of the oddity of the idea that two antagonistic forces should be traveling the country over together, regarded the affair as being a farce, or that the whole affair was under the control of the liquor men. But, if we are allowed to speak in a sort of an editorial way, right here, are not of that opinion.

The speakers were Mr. W. M. Likens, of Uniontown, long connected with the Prohibition movement, and Mr. J. C. Young, a lecturer, both some years back of Kentucky, being native to that state. The question discussed was stated negatively—Resolved, That Prohibition is impracticable, un-American and un-Christian. Mr. Young who was the first speaker is a man of fine physique and strong voice, while his opponent, is a man of slight frame, with no bearing of the orator; besides his voice was lacking in resonance, being weak and discordant. The contrast of the two speakers from a physical viewpoint was most unfavorable for Mr. Likens.

Mr. Young essayed to prove that there is a wide difference between Prohibition and temperance claiming that the latter is synonymous with moderation in the use of liquor, that Prohibition takes away our liberty and is therefore un-American, that it is un-Christian in that it shows no tolerance for the views of others and that Prohibition does not prohibit. Mr. Likens, though not a speaker that would entertain an audience with his delivery, he was a fair logician. His arguments on cold paper would have passed careful analysis. He contended in reply to the arguments of his opponent that one cannot be temperate in that which is wrong, that Prohibition does not prohibit and that more liquor is drunk under Prohibition laws, why does not the liquor interest want it so that they could do more business. The speaker said that he would not use the Bible to establish his argument for Holy Writ has been used to defend all manner of evil. Ninety per cent of the crime of the country is traceable directly or indirectly to liquor and costs a half billion dollars against a third of a billion in licenses.

## CAPTURED AT GARRETT.

Dallas Murray, aged 21 years a former resident of Meyersdale, accused as the layer of his brother-in-law, Wm. Swarner, as told in the last issue, was captured at Garrett on last Thursday and taken to Cumberland by Chief of Police Eisenhauer. He admitted the killing. It was thought that Murray would go to Garrett where a married sister resides and they apprehended him there. Murray waived a hearing and was remanded to jail.

The body of William Swarner was taken to Garrett where his parents reside for burial, the funeral being held on Saturday.

## THIRD IN FAMILY TO DIE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS

Typhoid fever proved fatal to the third member of the family of Mrs. Ida Coughenour in the past few months when Miss Estella Coughenour, aged 20 years, died at the family home in Connelville, March 27. On December 18, the father, E. G. Coughenour, a B. & O. freight conductor, died of the fever. On January 17, Miss Edna Pearl Coughenour, a daughter aged 21 years, died of the same disease. Of the family which came from Gladdens, Somerset county, there remain only themother, one son and one daughter.

dispensing lodges as such, were clearly set forth in our resolution. But, since the demands of the resolution emphasize the rights of the church instead of the rights of the boozier, we fear that most of them will consider neither sufficiently sensational nor congenial for publicity.

Secretary of Meyersdale Ministerial Association

## NEW INDUSTRY FOR MEYERSDALE IS STARTED

Handle Factory to be Launched Next Week in the C. E. Deal Mill. Messrs. Deal and Snider Back of the Enterprise.

Happy is the town that has many small industries instead of only a large one. Meyersdale, next week, is to launch what promises to be another substantial enterprise.

For some time Messrs. Wm. Deal and Harry Snider, of this place, have been planning the establishing of a handle factory. To start with they had a large 100 foot room in length and of ample width in the C E Deal mill, just above the B & O railroad. The present week has witnessed the unloading of about twelve machines with a half dozen electric motors.

Already considerable hickory lumber, brought here from North Carolina, is in stock. The firm purposes

using what lumber from this locality that will be suited to their needs. Every scrap of wood, even the shavings, will be turned into money. There will be little or no waste. In the by-products are much of the profits. All kinds of handles from the greatest down to the least, are to be manufactured. The business will be under the management of Mr. Deal. Mr. Snider has had years of experience in the work, in some of the large factories of the country.

It is purposed to start up in a small way at first and gradually to increase the output. It will employ later about twenty men. Success to the new enterprise! May we soon have more of them!

## WERE MARRIED RECENTLY

### Moser-Davis.

On Easter Sunday, at noon, Miss Anna C. Davis, eldest daughter of James L. Davis, of Summit Mills, and Mr. Scott Earl Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Moser, of near Elk Lick, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father. Both are highly estimable young people with a wide circle of friends. There were about twenty persons present at the ceremony, most of them being close relatives of the contracting parties. The groom, who has been one of Summit Township's successful teachers, will take his bride to the C. B. Dickey farm, recently purchased by his father, where they will reside. Rev. H. L. Goughenour performed the ceremony.

### Horne-Shaffer.

Levi Horner, of near Hooversville, and Miss Lottie Shaffer, of near Stoyestown, were married Saturday evening at the parsonage of the Lutheran church, Stoyestown, by the Rev. J. S. English and a reception was tendered there later in the evening at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaffer. On Easter the newly-weds were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Miller and Miss Pearl Horner.

### Keim-Thomas.

Clayton G. Keim and Miss Rebecca Thomas, both of Holsopple, were married Monday afternoon by the Rev. Albert Berkley, of the Brethren church, Johnstown. They will reside at Jerome, where the groom is employed.

## B. & O. WILL STOP EXCESS FARE REFUND.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad officers announced on Friday that after May 1, no refund will be made on excess fares collected on the trains.

Announcement was also made that after May 1st, the two-cent fare law in West Virginia, will no longer be effective and two and one-half cents a mile will be charged.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### ADDS 46 MEMBERS

Under the able pastorate of Rev. D. W. Michael, 46 new members were added to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church in this place, recently. On Palm Sunday there were baptized 18 persons. In the ten months Mr. Michael has been here there have been added to the Church.

Rev. Michael spent Tuesday in Pittsburgh on business.

## TO CLEAN UP FOR SURE.

Every property owner or tenant is earnestly requested to clean up his premises, to remove all ashes, limbs, rubbish of all kinds by May 1st; otherwise this work will be done by the street commissioner by May 10 at the expense of the delinquent.

By Order of Council.

J. O. Weller St. Commissioner.

The Big Candlewill start to burn at 6 p. m., Saturday, April 10th. Have you registered?—The Pfahler Co.

Early Rose Seed Potatoes—At Habel & Phillips.

## DEATH'S HARVEST.

### FREDERICK SWEARMAN.

Frederick Swearman, one of the oldest residents of Keystone Junction and one much esteemed in that vicinity, died at 5 a. m., Thursday, after having been ill only five days with grip. Deceased was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1830 and at the time of his death was aged 84 years, 6 mos. and 1 day. He came to this country when only eight years of age his parents remaining in the old country. He settled in Somerset county, living here ever since. Mr. Swearman was a blacksmith by trade. Hwas a civil war veteran and a member of the Lutheran church of Meyersdale. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Domer, died about twenty years ago leaving eleven children, all of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood. They are as follows: Francis, of Glade City; John, Meyersdale; George, Mechanicsburg; Joe, at home; Henry, near Glade City, who is critically ill; William, Berlin; Emanuel, Meyersdale; Susan, at home; Mrs. Minnie Geiger, Connelville; Mrs. Charles Hook, Shaw Mines and Clara, at home. There are 58 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. The funeral was held at Keystone Junction church, Saturday, at 2 p. m., his pastor, Rev. Michael, officiating. Interment in Union cemetery.

### MRS. MARY BRANT.

Widow of Josiah Brant, a former widely known hotel man of Somerset, died at that place, aged 86 years. The funeral took place Monday at nine a. m. Mrs. Brant was the widow of Josiah Brant, for many years proprietor of the Glade house, one of the oldest hotels in the county, which stood on the present site of the Hotel Vannear and which was destroyed by fire a number of years ago. Mr. Brant died four years ago at the age of 85. Mrs. Brant was born at Friedens, a daughter of the late John and Catherine (Wendell) Woy. She is survived by two brothers—Josiah and Andrew Woy of Somerset—and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Umberger of Somerset. She is also survived by an adopted daughter, Mayme, wife of Robert Fritz of North Dakota.

### MRS. GEORGE BITTNER.

A highly esteemed resident of Northampton Township, died at her home on Saturday and was buried on Tuesday. She was aged 70 years. Four children survive—John Bittner, Mrs. Joseph Bayer, Mrs. Milton Snyder and Mrs. Henry Snyder. Interment in Mt. Lebanon cemetery. Mrs. Bittner was a devoted member of the Lutheran church.

### Mrs. L. M. Schultz.

Wife of the proprietor of the Central Hotel, Boswell, died Sunday of dropsy, aged 44 years. Surviving are her husband and four children—Karl, Elizabeth, Louis and Frank, all at home. Mrs. Schultz was a sister of Mrs. William Swindeman and Miss Elizabeth Houston, both of Buffalo, N. Y. and of Frank Houston, of Boswell. The remains were taken to Latrobe for interment.

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We will redeem any coupon from any paper for Puffed Rice, Wheat or Corn Puffs. The Pfahler Co.