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VARIOUS APPEALS MADE BEFORE COUNCIL THIS WEEK

Attorney Frank Kooser Appears Before that Body to Attempt to Effect a Settlement on Mooted Water Rate He Advises Compromise Rather than Litigation. Mr. Bolden Resigns.

S. W. BITTNER THE NEW COUNCILMAN. BILLS READ.

Council of the Borough of Meyersdale met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Messrs. Dia, Saylor, Emeigh, Darnley, Staub, Bauman and Bolden.

Frank Boose appeared before council relative to the matter that the creek is undermining the alley in the rear of his lot. The street committee are to report on this at the next meeting.

Peter Weimer wanted to know about a sewer connection on Broadway it is about four feet from the curb. He thought that borough ought to pay for that part from curb to sewer. Motion carried that council would not grant the request of Mr. Weimer.

John Matthews was present and requested that the Western Maryland be requested to place a boardwalk on the property on Broadway street. Ward Dull made complaint about a ditch corner 4th and Sherman street which is very unsanitary. Referred to the street committee.

Attorney Francis Kooser was present in reference to the rate of the Sand Spring Water Co. Mr. Kooser suggested that council agree and fix a reasonable rate for the water used by the borough. He also stated that it would be more satisfactory for all parties concerned to agree on a rate than to go into litigation.

In the report of the wire and pole inspection, wires were found to be all right, but one pole at the corner of Large and Centre streets was found to be in a bad condition.

Mr. Turner appeared before council in reference to suspending the night watchman at the Western Maryland railway crossing. He thought for the amount of traffic by the community and the railroad this watchman could be dispensed with at least for a short time. He also stated that at any time when the public safety demanded a watchman the company would have him replaced. Mr. Turner was instructed to submit a proposition to the railroad Co.

The report of the burgess showed \$13 had been collected in fines for the month of April and that the same had been paid to the treasurer.

Mr. Hare reported that quite a number of lights were out at different times.

The report of the Finance Com. Active Account ———— \$ 414.12 Sinking Fund ———— 2123.18 Balance to Collect M. F. Baer 1213.78

The following were notified to lay sidewalks from B. & O. R. R. to 7th street: Mrs. Poorbaugh, Mrs. Holzshu and Mr. Geo. Waganan. Mr. Pratt was to be notified about side walk on Broadway street.

PIANO RECITAL.

The piano recital given in the Lyceum hall of Amity Reformed church last Thursday evening by Miss Rena Brant of Garrett, assisted by Miss Evelyn Truxal of this place proved to be quite a success. Miss Brant is a pupil of Mrs. Della B. Livengood, of Salisbury; her efficiency at the piano with selections from the master composers was an agreeable surprise to the large audience in attendance. She rendered seven pieces during the evening, and received repeated applause. Miss Truxal is one of our home girls and her singing is very much appreciated. She has a sweet, well trained voice and always pleases her hearers. Mrs. Livengood accompanied her on the piano. These two young ladies gave as fine an entertainment as any given here for a long time. The vocal and instrumental music was of a high order. Let us have some more of such entertainments.

THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

JOSEPH J. CUSTER,
Aged 85 years, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, John Horner, of Salix. Death was due to general debility. Mr. Custer served with distinction in the Civil war. He was a member of Co. I, Fifty-fourth His widow resides in Scalp Level and two sons are Daniel J., of Windber, and Cemlah, of Richland township. Four daughters—Mrs. Elias Shaffer, of Hooversville, Mrs. J. B. Horner, of Salix, and the Mesdames Peter Hoffmann and Jerome Fyock, of Paint borough are living. John Custer, of Roxbury is a surviving brother and Mrs. Hannah Seese, of Hooversville is a surviving sister. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at the Scalp Level Dunkard Church. Interment in Berkley cemetery.

JOSIAH MCKENZIE

Passed away at his home in Custer, Mich., recently, death being due to a complication of diseases. He was born in Somerset county in 1846. In 1871 he was united in marriage to Mary Uphouse. In 1881 the family moved west. Mr. McKenzie was a good husband, father and neighbor and respected by a large concourse of friends. Three years ago he had a stroke of paralysis and later a second and since was unable to speak. His wife and four children survive.

Several good Bicycles this week. Second Hand Very Cheap. See them at Once. T. W. GURLEY, Sporting Goods Dept.

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COUNTY CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist Party organization held a very interesting County Conference at Rockwood, Sunday, May 2. Candidates for county offices were endorsed and the party decided to enter the Fall Primary with a full ticket in the field. The party membership will decide by a referendum vote if the business transacted in the convention shall be approved and if the candidates endorsed shall enter the campaign as suggested.

Several resolutions were adopted. One expresses the sympathy of the Somerset County Socialists for their comrades in Europe who have been and are being persecuted by organized governments because of their opposition to the present war on principle. Another protest against the efforts of the railroads to repeal the Full Crew Law and a third pledges the individual members of the organization to employ every effort possible in support of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania granting the right of suffrage to the women of the state.

A committee was elected to arrange for the second annual county picnic of the party, which will be held Labor Day, Monday, Sep. 6th, possibly at Edgewood Grove, near Somerset. Other committees were elected to assist the County Chairman in various phases of the organization work and an effort will be made to revive The Somerset Forward, a weekly publication of which suspended in the spring of 1913.

There were numerous responses to the call for remarks for the good of the organization, which was made a special order of business and the session extended late into the afternoon some delegates having to leave before the conference closed in order to catch a train home.

COAL TRADE IMPROVING

The Coal business throughout Somerset county is starting to boom. Elsewhere is an account of the prosperity of the Consolidated Coal Co. which has largely increased its South American sales as well as those in Europe.

Another sign of the activity in the coal market is the electrification of the Quemahoning Creek Coal Company mines at Harrison.

MARRIED WEINSTEIN-ZISER.

Our popular clothier, Mr. Isaac Weinstein, gave his many friends in this place quite a surprise on Wednesday when he returned from his wedding trip, of course, bringing with him the bride, a comely and affable lady. Mr. Weinstein, with his characteristic modesty did not want anybody to know it, but he is now being pestered with a superfluity of glad hands and a volubility of tongues.

The bride before she adopted her present name was Mrs. Sadie Ziser and lived near Dubois, Pa. The nuptial knot was tied at that place on Sunday, the officiating clergyman being the pastor of the Reformed Jewish temple. Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein in the interim of their arrival here, visited at points in Ohio and at Pittsburgh. They are taking up their residence on North street near the Reformed church. With all the others the editor of the Commercial puts it: "Congratulations, indeed, Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein."

SCHRAMM—BOWMAN.

Miss Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bowman, of Boynton and Mr. Victor Schramm, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schramm, of this place, were married at the parsonage of the Church of the Brethren at Meyersdale, Friday evening, Apr. 23 by Eldr. Howe.

GRADE SCHOOLS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

The public schools below the high school in Meyersdale are to close to-morrow, there being eighteen of them. Prof. Kretschman reports that the work of the year was well done and that there will be the usual number of promotions.

The high school is to continue for month longer in order that the \$800 special appropriation from the state may be obtained. Commencement will be held on June 4th.

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PLANNING FOR GOOD ROADS

Various Boards of Trade of Somerset County to Co-operate in Movement for Better Highways.

SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY

Somerset County will observe May 26th as Good Roads Day in response to the proclamation issued last week by the governor.

In response to the public demand for better roads at its last meeting the Somerset board of trade authorized the Executive Committee to take steps to secure the co-operation of the various Boards of Trade, the Township Supervisors, the business men, the physicians and farmers in this county to create public sentiment and interest in the making of better roads.

The movement has the approval of Judge Ruppel and the County Commissioners, Jacob Koontz, Millard Walker and C. C. Heckle, and it has been decided to hold a mass meeting on May 7th at one o'clock p. m. at the Court House to prepare the plans to make the movement a success. Supervisors in various townships have learned of the movement in other counties and have promised to assist in making all arrangements needed to make the day a success. Similar organizations to the board of trade in Somerset, the Meyersdale Commercial Club, the Boswell Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury Civic Club and the Windber Board of Trade will assist in the movement.

Rural mailcarriers have signified their intention to be present at the organization of them ovement on Friday, May 7th. The State Highway Department will co-operate with the local committees at that time, so that nothing may be left undone to secure the best results for the day. Each township will be organized and all details be left to be worked out by the local committees. The busiest men we have are going to give the entire day to support this movement on May 26th.

At a meeting of this nature last year almost every township in the county was represented by supervisors, doctors, farmers, business men and others, showing the Good Roads spirit in Somerset county is not lacking.

On next Friday, May 7th, committees will be appointed and definite instructions as to the observance of the day given.

This county is more fortunate than some other counties in having State roads and it is to be congratulated on the public spirited supervisors that many of the townships have recently elected. A few years ago it was with difficulty that an officer would attend a public meeting or take any interest whatever in good roads, but that day is past.

Of course it must be said that Somerset County has a township or two that has never sent a representative to a public meeting of this kind, but this is the exception and not the rule.

WILL BE MARRIED.

On June 10, The marriage of Miss Frances Greene, daughter of Mr. and Benjamin Greene, of Johnstown, to Harry G. Follet, of Pittsburg, will take place at the Oakland M. E. Church, East End, Pittsburg, Rev. G. A. Neel to be the officiating clergyman. Miss Greene is a graduate nurse of the O. V. G. H., of Pittsburg, and is well known here.

THIRD DEATH WITHIN TWO MONTHS

George Dom, aged 21 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dom, of Roxbury, Cambria county, died Thursday. He was a grandson of Mrs. Dom of Meyersdale, who died recently and a nephew of Miss Nelle Dom, the two last named passing away in this town a couple of months ago. Besides the parents, nine children remain in the family, eight still at home.

NEW LUMBER COMPANY TO BE FORMED HERE.

Mr. W. C. Holley, of Muncy, Pa. has been in this vicinity this week making arrangements for the formation of a company and the beginning of operations to remove the timber from what is known as the Dull tract. Mr. Holley stated that they purpose erecting a large band mill and may employ 100 men.

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DISCUSSED THE BEAUTIFUL AT THE LYCEUM.

The monthly meeting of the Meyersdale lyceum was held on Friday evening, the subject being "The Value of Aesthetics," and an excellent paper was read by Rev. D. W. Mical, of the Lutheran church. The paper dealt more particularly with the theoretical side of the topic, which dealt with the true, the beautiful and the good in the abstract. He adduced some pertinent concrete suggestions how the observance of regularity, and neatness and artistic arrangements of business meant success for those business houses.

Mr. A. S. Glessner dealt briefly though very effectively upon one phase of the topic, that of architecture, claiming that it marked the line between barbarism and civilization. Rev. H. L. Goughnour took blunt exception to the remarks of the preceding speaker more for the sake of creating a ripple than from the supposed fact that he was so directly opposed to the preceding remarks. He claimed that knowledge was what separated the savagery and civilization. Others to speak were Dr. A. E. Truxal, C. W. Truxal, Prof. Kretschman, Prof. Reist, and K. Cleaver. Collectively these speakers urged a symmetrical development; that aesthetics has a great value, differentiating man from the mere animal. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Weaver. Excellent orchestral music, was rendered by Miss Evelyn Truxal, Messrs. Clutton, Dahl, and Crone.

GRADUATES AS NURSE.

Relatives and friends of Miss Alice Jane Elcher, formerly of Rockwood but during recent years of this place, have received neatly engraved invitations to the commencement incident to her graduation as a professional nurse of the Ohio Valley General Hospital at McKees Rocks, Pa. on Wednesday evening April 28. Miss Elcher is a daughter of Civil War Veteran Isaac Elcher, of Florida and a sister of G. O. Elcher, of Rockwood.

There are four graduates, there being one other member a resident of Meyersdale, Miss Nora Katherine Cox. Miss Elcher will establish herself in this place.

S. D. Cramer, the drayman, has gone to Akron, Ohio to enter the employ of a rubber works company. His father will continue the draying business.

RAILROAD TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Mothers' Day will be fittingly observed next Sunday by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and its employees, in accordance with the annual custom of this company of urging this prettified of all tributes from the men in its service as well as encouraging it on the part of the traveling public.

In an official communication bringing the matter to the attention of the employees, the men in official positions, those who operate trains, toll in the shops, guard the tracks at night and work in other grades of employment have been reminded of the beauty of the sentiment and it is urged that each of the 60,000 men on the pay roll of the company pay this

WILL EMPLOY 1000 MORE

Consolidation Company Has Big Orders. Will Operate Present Mines to Full Capacity.

PROSPERITY ON THE WAY

New orders for several hundred thousand tons of coal to be delivered by the Consolidation Coal Company to the lakes as soon as possible mean that the big company will not only work the mines in the Fairmont, W. Va.; region already in operation, but will put other plants into commission giving employment to many hundreds additional men and steady work to those already employed.

This is the information forthcoming from the office of Harry H. Watson, manager of the West Virginia division of the company. Mr. Watson stated that the new orders mean that activities in the mining industry in the Fairmont region will be greater this summer than for many years past.

As the coal business is a criterion of general conditions in the region, the outlook, as forecasted by the news from the Consolidation official is very bright.

At present every mine kept in commission by the company is in full operation six days in the week, giving employment to as many men and producing an output equal to if not larger than that of the company a year ago in that region.

To meet the demands for additional coal, created by the orders received, Mr. Watson has given orders that four new mines in the region be put in commission and manned to their capacity and that the maximum number of miners be employed at all of the mines now operated by the company. Conservatively estimated they will give employment to 1,000 additional men by the middle of next week, if the laborers can be secured.

One of the mines to be put into commission in the Fairmont region is that at Murray. The other has not been definitely decided upon. In the Clarksburg district the mines to be put back into commission will be Meadow Brook and Two Lick. The latter has been in operation but just enough to supply the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with coal for its engines in that vicinity.

tribute to his Mother or to her memory by wearing a carnation, the emblematic flower of the day.

Passengers on trains of the Baltimore and Ohio next Sunday will be afforded an opportunity to participate in the plan of honoring Mothers instructions having been issued that a supply of carnations be carried on all dining cars operated over the 5,000 miles of line. A boutonniere will be given to each patron of the cars with the compliments of the road. White carnations will be given to those whose Mothers have passed away, while those who have not experienced that sorrow will be given a red flower.

COMMUNITY SALE HELD OVER UNTIL MAY 29.

Owing to our not having had time to advertise the sale we proposed having last Saturday, May 1, we called it off until Saturday May 29, at which time we expect to have a much larger stock of goods to offer and will have the SALE ADVERTISED in time for all to arrange to be here to take advantage of the bargains offered and expect a large crowd at that time. We ask all parties having anything to sell to bring it here in time to have it listed in the sale bills which should not be later than May 20th.

Let us hear from you with anything you may have you wish to dispose of and we will do the best we can with it for you.

Don't forget to attend this sale as we may have just what you have been looking for.

J. M. Cook & Son Co.

MILLING HEREDITARY IN THE FAMILY.

On May 1st, the firm of Becker & Streng, millers in this place, dissolved partnership, Mr. George Becker retiring. The latter feels that he is entitled to a diversion of labor as the fact that for three generations this trade has been followed by the Becker's. His grandfather in Germany pursued the business all of his life and likewise his father, and now Mr. Becker himself, so that he feels that he is entitled to a change of menu in the work line. He and his father consecutively run the Hay mill which they owned for over sixty years.

GOOD LOOSE COFFEE 15 c. PER LB. AT HABEL AND PHILLIPS.

6 Cakes Fancy Toilet Soap for 25 cts. at Bittner's Grocery.

3 CANS EARLY JUNE PEAS FOR 25c. AT HABEL & PHILLIPS.

1 doz. Cans good Corn for 85cts. at Bittner's grocery.

COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION

The Court at Somerset Thursday day morning granted an injunction restraining the Ursina & North Fork Railroad Company from charging more than \$5 a car in hauling lumber for the United Lumber Company. The lumber is hauled from Humbert to Ursina.

The plaintiffs in the bill filed with the injunction are W. E. Crow, Senator from Fayette County, and T. B. Palmer, of Uniontown, who were recently appointed Receivers for the United Lumber Company. The lumber company owns a railroad north of Humbert to the Ursina & North Fork Railroad Company. In 1910, the company made a contract with the railroad at \$5 per car for ten years. The contract contained a renewal clause giving the option of continuing the contract for ten years longer. On March 15, 1915, the railroad company posted a new tariff which was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, making material advances in rates. The railroad company then refused to haul the cars for \$5 per car.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 76 L. O. O. M.

Whereas, what men call death, having invaded our ranks, releasing a very well beloved member, Michael Ludlow, of the defending circle into the holy keeping of the Divine Creator. Therefore be it Resolved: That this tribute to him and expression of sympathy for the bereaved family be spread upon the minutes of this lodge and a copy be furnished to the Meyersdale papers for publication.

S. M. HOOVER
J. S. SAYLOR
J. D. Michaels, Com.

Brethren Church—Special services are being held each evening this week in the Salisbury Church. Next Sunday the Men's Federation will meet at 9:30 and there will be the usual preaching services at 10:30 in the Meyersdale Church. On Sunday evening the Communion service will be held in Salisbury, and a special Mother's Day Service will be conducted by the ladies of the S. S. C. E. in the Meyersdale Church. All are cordially invited.

H. L. Goughnour, Pastor.

BALED HAY WANTED BY CARLOAD AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

See the Exploits of Elaine at the Summer Garden.