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EIGHTH DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION

Sunday School Workers Hold Annual Session at Garrett Profitable Results

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Sunday Schools of the Eighth District, Somerset County, Inter-denominational Sunday School Association, met in convention in the Reformed church at Garrett, on Friday last. The morning session began at 10 o'clock, with about thirty delegates present. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Kresge, who gave a short address emphasizing the need of a more devotional spirit in the Sunday School. Vice president Henry Naylor gave the address of welcome and brought out the main object of the Sunday School is to bring the boys and girls to Christ.

The roll call of the district schools showed that only ten of the thirty-three schools of the district were represented by delegates. The report of the largest Sunday School made in the morning was that by Supt. Ralph D. Pfahler, of the Meyersdale Lutheran Sunday School. There are 505 scholars; average attendance 390; Bible Roll, 40; Home Department, 75. This school has increased 35 per cent during the past year. A change in officers often helps the Sunday School. St. Paul Reformed has 330 enrolled; Centre Lutheran 151. Several other delegates were present in the afternoon. W. W. Nicholson, of the Reformed Sunday School of Meyersdale Reformed School reported an enrollment of 600. There are 18 cradle rolls, 15 Home Departments and 18 Organized Adult Bible classes.

At the afternoon service in the Church of the Brethren an excellent talk was given by Elder W. M. Howe of the Church of the Brethren of Meyersdale. The Sunday School is not a picnic each week but a means to meet on the Lord's Day in the name of the Lord. How foolish to meet to gossip and to consider other than God's Word! We must aim high to bring down game for God. Teachers should study the lesson like the farmer's wife did her milking—do it twice and then skim the cream. One of the lamentable features, often even in the Christian home, is that the only Christian training is in the Sunday School—ten half days for secular training and one-half hour for religious training. How common it is in so-called Christian homes that there is no family altar, no Bible and the children never heard papa or mamma utter a prayer! The usual excuse is—"Don't have time; but we have time for everything nowadays but to serve God in the beauty of holiness. The great aim of the Sunday School is to reach the children—especially the neglected ones—and make Christians of them. Treasurer M. S. Maust reported an expenditure of \$23 and a balance of \$4.96 in the treasury.

Rev. I. S. Monn, supt. of the Organized Adult Bible Class department, deplored the fact that the statistics were quite incomplete because of failure of secretaries to fill out and return blanks sent them. We ought to see that the Bible is used more in our Sunday Schools. He emphasized the social side of the Sunday School. Anything we cannot take into the house of God has no place in the Christian man or woman's life. The teachings of God's word should result in action. One may pray for the poor widow all day and all night but until we do our part that prayer will not be answered as far as we are concerned. Going about doing good is the real meaning of the social side.

The evening session was held in the Lutheran church. Vice president Henry Naylor led in the devotional exercises. Prof. H. B. Spelcher, supt. of Teacher Training, reported ten classes in the district. An address on "The Ideal Graded Sunday School," was given by Rev. J. C. Matteson, of Meyersdale. The graded plan is not entirely ideal but wiser in conception than the old plan. Parents take no interest in their children's preparation of the Sunday School lesson. The teacher can't compel the pupil to learn the lesson hence co-operation with parents is necessary. How can I keep my boy in Sunday School? By being there myself. How can I get him to study the lesson? By studying it with him.

The vice president stated the need of contributions from each school in the district, to meet the financial needs of the organization. This should

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

Last Friday evening, C. W. Truxal, teacher of the men's class in Amity Reformed Sunday School entertained the members of the class at his residence on the corner of Broadway and Grant streets. About 60 members were present. After prayer by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Truxal, the evening was spent in hearing reports from committees, discussing various topics relating to the condition and work of the class, and several class songs were sung. Prof. Weaver, of the high school addressed the class after which refreshments were served. Before adjourning, the class by vote returned thanks to the host and hostess for the evening's entertainment and members expressed their pleasure in being present, to which Mr. Truxal replied that none enjoyed the evening better than he did himself.

CHIROPRACTIC CASE IN COURT

Much interest, especially among medical men, was shown in the case of Dr. R. L. Byrd, a colored chiropractic, of Meyersdale, which was tried in criminal court of Somerset, the past week. Dr. Byrd was charged with practicing without a license. By agreement of counsel on both sides, a jury rendered a verdict of guilty subject to review by the court to determine whether the Act of 1911 applies to the defendant. The office and home of Dr. Byrd are on Main street and he has many friends here.

DEATHS.

JACOB BITTNER.

Jacob Bittner, one of Meyersdale's highly respected citizens, died at his home on Main street, on last Friday morning. Mr. Bittner had not been in good health for about two yrs. past three weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Deceased was 56 years, 5 months and 14 days old. He is survived by his wife and one son, Harvey, in whose home he and his wife have been living. Six brothers and four sisters survive: Madison and Harrison, of Rockwood; Nelson, of Kingwood, W. Va.; Harvey, of Confluence; Edward, of Rockwood; Mrs. E. C. Plitt, Meyersdale; Mrs. Annie, Flanning, Mrs. Mary Spangler and Mrs. Susan Enos, all of Rockwood. Mr. Bittner was a member of the Lutheran church and his funeral was conducted there Sunday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael. Interment in Union cemetery.

APPLETON WILT.

Appleton Wilt, aged 80 years, died Monday afternoon at his home in Millford township. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having been a member of the 1st Reg. Pa. Vol. His wife died about two years ago. He is survived by six sons: Russel and John, of Rockwood; Isaiah and Enoch, of Millford township; George, of Youngstown O.; Ephraim, of Beatrice, Neb and Ambrose, of Sullivan, Ind. The funeral took place, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in St. John's cemetery.

SIMON P. FLICK.

A native of Somerset county died at his home in Coleridge, Neb. on May 12. He was a splendid Christian man. His wife who was Miss Elizabeth Friedline, of Berlin, survives with one daughter, Mrs. Clinton Boucher, living in Nebraska. Isaiah Flick, of this county is a brother.

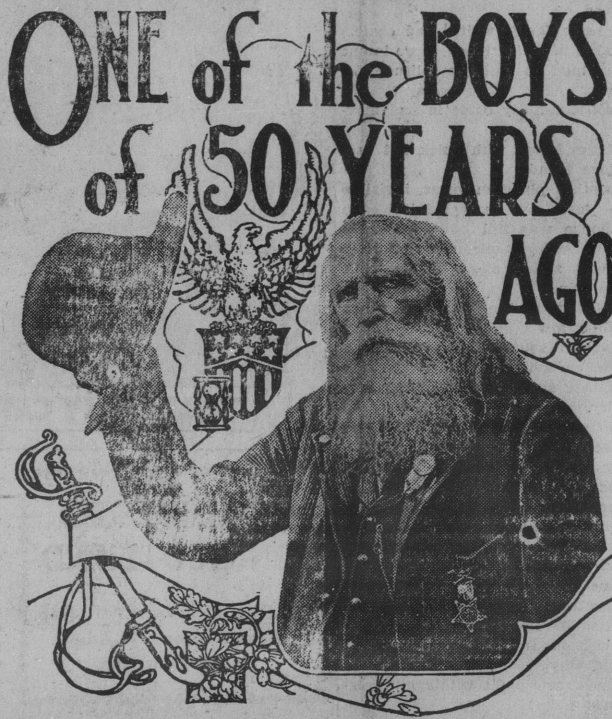
ONE THOUSAND VOTES FOR EACH CENT PAID

From now until the close of the Hartley-Clutton Piano Contest, May 29th this office will give 1,000 votes for every cent paid here for either subscriptions or on job work on the contest. One subscription paid now will entitle to 150,000 votes. Get busy.

average a cent for each scholar. The officers for the coming year were elected and are as follows: Pres., I. S. Monn; Vice Pres., Henry Naylor; Sec. Miss Daisy Ebbecka; Treas., M. S. Maust; Elementary Supt., Miss Eva Mae Moore; Home Dept. Supt., Mrs. K. Cleaver; Teachers' Training Supt., H. B. Spelcher; Supt. O. A. B. C., J. E. McCartney; Missionary Supt., Elder W. M. Howe; Temperance Supt., Miss Mary Hay; Secondary Division Supt., R. D. Pfahler.

The county convention will be held at Windber, June 9-11.

4 lbs. of Evaporated peaches for 25 cts. at Habel & Phillips.



Goods Roads Day A Great Success

All Classes of the Community Roadmakers for One Day, A Large Turn out. Over 200 Respond to the Governor's Call in Meyersdale. Results.

WOMEN LEND HELPING HAND. THE BIG PIE TRAIN.

If the remainder of Pennsylvania was as loyal to Governor Brumbaugh's Good Roads Day proclamation for May 26th as was Meyersdale and vicinity there is a wonderful improvement in the highways of the state to-day over yesterday morning.

Fortunate was it that the weather man had decreed a cloudy, rainless day for those unused to the scorching rays of the sun in their outing of yesterday, while they have the blisters of honor and the invisible tired, stiff and sore muscles, they have not the burned faces and the red necks from sun exposure.

All classes and professions were represented—one clergyman, Rev. A. S. Glessner, several physicians, one of whom at least deserves honorable mention, Dr. Bruce Lichty, who started out in the morning with a big 16lb sledge on his shoulder which he swung to even and the last stroke was no less potent than the first, bankers, clerks, merchants—Habel & Phillips had a team and seven men on the job, undertakers who were learning the digging act as this stunt in some emergency in their calling may be required of them, all classes of artisans and laborers etc. The stores were all closed for the day and a peep up the streets showed a deserted town, giving a fair picture of what real hard times would mean.

It is estimated that about 200 men went out from town in the morning

and these were divided up into five gangs. Ammon Poorbaugh had a set of men at work on the road leading out from Main street. He graded the hill down considerably and made other improvements. John Welmer with quite a number of men, was at work on the Garrett road. Lee Collins got out in the country a little distance towards Mechanicsburg. Supt. A. G. Smith, of the Consolidation Co., Store Manager Mason and Mayor Gress had men at work on the road leading from Vim to Shaw Mines, and several hundred loads of material were hauled and filled into the road. On Keystone street, E. C. Kyle and Mr. Buhl made big improvements, several hundred loads of material being put in.

The stretch of road between town and Glade City, was under the direction of Simon Bittner. The ladies must not be forgotten in their part of the work. Mrs. C. E. Crowe and other ladies served those working with Mr. Bittner with a substantial lunch. Die Hausfrauen with four automobiles laden with delicious pies, sufficient in number to give to each workman one pie, were welcome visitors about the noon hour.

Mr. Deeter and Mr. Black expressed themselves as highly pleased with the results of yesterday's work.

At Salisbury and at Glencoe enthusiasm ran so high that even the boys and women lent a helping hand.

THE HARTLEY-CLUTTON PIANO-PLAYER CONTEST.

Saturday will wind up the six months of the Piano Player contest conducted by Hartley-Clutton Co. It is becoming markedly interesting. Everybody is interested now. The result for yesterday showed the following:

4	1,615,420	10	3,210,700
22	3,162,615	28	525,370
33	189,495	38	9,476,110
40	1,846,775	62	18,993,964
73	1,905,275	151	314,355
153	149,155	157	4,333,855
159	283,150	161	19,601,533
163	323,430	165	682,810

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in Amity Reformed church Sunday evening, May 30 at 7:30, by the Rev. A. E. Truxal.

The commencement exercises will be held in Amity Hall on Friday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock. Reserved seat tickets may be secured at Thomas, Drug store after 1 o'clock, Tuesday, June 2. Admission, reserved seat 25 cents.

NEW COAL CO. FOR SHADE TWP.

An application will be made to Gov. Brumbaugh on June 7 for a charter for the Reitz Coal company, and as soon as the charter is granted Shade township will have another big coal plant in full operation. The Reitz Coal company's incorporators are: John Lochrie, Nelson E. Long and C. T. Wolf. A modern coal mining plant is to be put in operation and a large force of miners employed. The mine has been running on a light scale for some time and all is in readiness for the shipping of coal. A big force of men is now engaged in building a railroad siding from the main branch into the mines of the new company.

See our 3-Speed POPE BICYCLES, just came. Climbs any hill with ease. out. Very latest models.

FLOUR IS GOING HIGHER—Buy Golden Loaf, or Gold Medal before we have to raise. Habel & Phillips.

ITALIANS GUILTY OF ROBBERY

Garrett Men Sentenced. Policeman Exonerated. Convicted of Forgery.

SMITH MURDER CASE ON

That they feigned sleep, although their shoes were covered with fresh snow, was the interesting testimony brought out Friday morning during the trial of several men in connection with the robbery of the Enterprise Company's store at Garrett last winter. Officers told how they trailed the men to their boarding house but found them all in bed. Although the police reached the house a short time after the alleged burglars, the latter were "sleeping" so soundly that they could not be awakened for several minutes. The soles of their shoes, however, were caked with snow. The defendants were foreigners. The prosecutors are L. R. DeVore and Harry Phillips.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case of Abe Ober, charged with selling liquor without license. Max Bolen, of Philadelphia, in business at Garrett, was found not guilty of fraudulently removing and concealing partnership property. He was directed to pay, however, two-thirds of the costs while the prosecutor, Isaac Tullman, was directed to pay one-third.

Peter Peterson was convicted of larceny as charged by Chas. C. Shaffer. When Peterson moved his movie show from the Shafer building in Somerset to the Bijou theatre, he took with him apparatus belonging to Shaffer but later moved them back. He has moved for a new trial.

Lester DeVore was found not guilty of larceny and the costs were placed on the prosecutor, Mike Krusnydo. Lester DeVore was found not guilty of assault and battery and pointing firearms, but was directed to pay the costs. He is a policeman at Garrett and it was alleged he used a search warrant illegally.

True bills were returned in the following cases: R. L. Byrd, practicing medicine and surgery without a license; Joe Phillips, assault and battery and J. H. Lose, larceny.

The fact that the store, which prior to February last, was robbed on an average of once a month, has not been burglarized since the roundup of the Italians there last February, was accepted as conclusive that the jury made no mistake Friday when a verdict of guilty was returned against Cornelio Merico, Alfred Jenetti, James Vetroma and Angelo Onesetti. Joe Sparado escaped conviction on one count and Onesetti had only one count against him, but all the others were convicted on two counts, while Frank Eldorado, on one count, escaped conviction by proving that he was in Philadelphia at the time the store was last robbed.

The charge of murder brought against Policeman Matthias Alexander, of Boswell, for shooting an Italian during a riot some weeks ago, was ignored by the grand jury. The foreigner inflicted a wound in Alexander's hand before the fatal shot was fired, it is claimed, and the grand jury, from the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses, found that the shooting was justified. Two witnesses, Samuel Armond and Tony Morley are in jail because of their inability to pay a fine of \$20 imposed for contempt of court. They fled the county and were located at Unlontown by Sheriff Hochard.

The suit brought by Emanuel Glosser against the Quemahoning branch railroad for obstructing a crossing was not pressed at the cost of the county.

The grand jury ignored the bill charging George W. Hutzell with larceny by bailee, William Crissey, prosecutor. The indictment charging John Muha with false pretense met a similar fate.

A jury was selected Tuesday morning to try Harry Smith, charged with murdering David Dempsey. The defendant and the murdered man quarreled over the distribution of cars it is said at the bottom of the Jenners-Quemahoning shaft, 200 feet under ground, at Jerome and it is alleged that Smith struck Dempsey on the head with an instrument of some kind which caused his death a few hours afterwards. The cause of the quarrel is not definitely known, but it will likely be drawn from the witnesses when they are called upon to testify. Dempsey was 20 years old

HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Son in Boynton Baker family Narrowly Escapes Death From Lightning Stroke

CAP TORN TO TATTERS

On Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock during a heavy thunder storm at Boynton, lightning struck the house of Albert Baker and while but little damage was done to the dwelling, the close call to his little son and his wife, was such that only an intervening Providence saved them from serious injury or death.

The lightning struck the chimney above the roof and the electric current ran down the chimney into the stove making a big hole in the bottom of it. Clarence, the little four year old son was sitting in a small rocking chair in the same room with the stove and current passed over his face, burning off one of his eyebrows and scorching a cheek. On the back of the chair in which he was sitting hung a cap; this the current tore to shreds. The lad's head was not more than ten inches from it. Mrs. Baker was also seated in the same room, and though she received no injury other than awful shock, some parts of her clothing was badly torn. The little boy was dazed but soon rallied from the shock and the imminent nearness to death. But small damage was done to the house.

NEW YORKER BUYS COAL LAND

A deal for a large tract of coal land will probably be closed in a few days. Raymond Havemeyer, of the American Sugar Co., of New York, was in Johnstown, last week, and will be the purchaser, through M. L. Reimer and Luther T. Gardner, of Johnstown.

The tract extends from the Quemahoning Dam site to Stoyestown and Hooversville and adjoins the property owned by the Federal Coal Company, the Quemahoning Coal Company and the Randolph Coal Company. It is said that the New York millionaire has an option on over 500 acres of coal located near the Quemahoning Dam that adjoins the property in the present purchase, which comprises 3,000 acres.

HARDTIME SOCIAL.

The members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church of this place will hold a Hard Time Social in the social rooms of the church on Friday evening, May 25th., which is to-morrow night.

An interesting program has been prepared as follows: Baritone Solo, Bunn Deeter. Reading, Paul McMillan. Duet, Misses Carrie and Alma Donneckner.

Solo, Miss Irene Collins. Reading, Miss Alma Donneckner. Solo Bunn Deeter. Reading, Little Miss McCullough. Everybody is cordially invited. Anyone not wearing suitable clothes for a Hard Time party will be fined accordingly.

SLIGHT FIRE AT ROBERT MILLER'S

Painters in burning old paint from the house of Robert Miller, of Meyers avenue about 11 a. m. this Thursday set fire to the house, so it is supposed. The alarm was sent out and the fire boys responded, and by the careful use of water, the flames were put out with little damage done.

Smith is 24. Smith is married.

J. H. Murphy, a young B. & O. brakeman, was convicted of a charge of forgery brought against him by Harvey Shaffer, of near Hooversville. Murphy sold a horse to Shaffer last August and was given a check for \$90 on the First National Bank, of Hooversville. A week or two afterwards he presented a check alleged to have been signed by Shaffer at the same institution for \$75 and had it cashed. A month or so later Shaffer had his bank book balanced and learned of the forgery and promptly had a warrant issued for Murphy's arrest. A fourteen year-old girl living at Blough Station, three miles from Hooversville, testified that Murphy had secured two blank checks of the bank from her at her father's store. Murphy is wanted by the authorities of Blair county on the charge of horse stealing.