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## W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Will be Held at Windber With Notable Speaker Present There.

**REGARDING DELEGATES**  
Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard, of Utah, has been secured as speaker of the coming Somerset County W. C. T. U. convention, which will convene at the Evangelical Church, Windber, August 26th and 27th. Mrs. Shepard comes very highly recommended as having unusual oratorical ability; her personality is charming and her eloquence has won her the title of "Silver-tongued orator" of the Rocky mountains. Mrs. Shepard will give her lecture, Thursday at 8 p. m. on "The New Revolution."

The regular session of the convention will open at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, and close on Friday in time to meet the 4:10 p. m. train at Paint Creek on the S. & C. branch of the B. & O. railroad.  
Local presidents are requested to send early the names of delegates and visitors to Mrs. Elta Sell, Graham avenue, Windber. Mrs. Sell is chairman of the committee.  
Quite an interesting program has been prepared and the best-ever entertainment is anticipated.

## ANOTHER SIGN OF PROSPERITY

Among the miscellaneous notices in this issue of the Commercial, appears an advertisement for fifty to one hundred miners. Steady work is promised them by the Latrobe-Conellsville Coal and Coke Co. at Latrobe, Pa.  
This is another evidence that prosperity is not only on the way but has just about reached here.

## SAND PATCH POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED.

The postoffice at Sand Patch was entered last Thursday night, the safe blown open and stolen. The noise of passing trains, to a certain extent, covered the sound of the explosion and the robbery was not discovered until Friday morning by Mrs. Annie Kelley, the postmistress.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beagle, who conduct a general store a short distance from the postoffice, heard a noise like an explosion during the night. They were alarmed and arising went through their store and residence, but found that nothing had been disturbed. The safe, however was blown open and damaged beyond repair.

## WELLERSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyers and family and Misses Elizabeth and Leone Meyers of Wilson Creek toured to town on Sunday and spent the day with relatives.  
Mrs. Levi Witt and family of Ronoke, Va., are spending a few weeks with relatives in town.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Suder and Miss Leone Tressler of Meyersdale spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives here.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reddig and family, Mrs. B. C. Weller and Miss Edna Witt were Mt. Savage visitors on Saturday evening.  
Miss Ruth Pfeiffer of Meyersdale is visiting her cousin Miss Dora Baker.  
Misses Florence and Bessie Law Florence Sturtz and Earl Witt, Homer and Ellsworth Beal, Cecil Long DeSales Shaffer and Misses Elthea and Lillian Wilhelm and Gladys Chiscolm spent Saturday evening in Cumberland.  
Earl Sturtz, David Close, Cecil Long and Earl Witt who had been working near Salisbury for the past week returned home on Saturday.  
Austin Kennel traveling salesman, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennel.

## RE-OPENING OF BLACKSMITH SHOP.

I desire to inform the public that I have re-opened my blacksmith shop on Large street near the new cement bridge and am prepared to do general blacksmithing and horseshoeing. A share of the public patronage is solicited. My customers whom I served a few months ago are my best advertisers. H. J. BOLES.

## THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN COUNTY.

**SAMUEL HOUGH.**  
Samuel Hough, aged 74 years, died Thursday at the home of his daughter, in Pittsburg. He was a veteran of the Civil War and took part in many battles, receiving two severe wounds in the last two battles. He enlisted in the Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteers, and was a member of Post 128 G. A. R. and was recently elected commander. His wife, and one daughter, Mrs. L. R. Collins, of Meyersdale, survive beside five grandchildren. Druggist and Mrs. Collins arrived there shortly before Mr. Hough's death.

**HARVEY KEIDEL.**  
Harvey Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Keidel, of Northampton township, died July 30, at the home of his parents, aged 21 years, 5 months and 29 days. He had been a great sufferer for months from cancer, sarcoma in the right knee. The disease was the youngest of the family and is survived by his parents, three sisters and five brothers. He was a member of Mt. Lebanon Reformed church and was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge, the services were conducted by the Rev. H. H. Wiant, pastor of the Zion Reformed church.

**MISS ELEANOR KECK.**  
Miss Eleanor Keck, aged 66 yrs. died at her home in Somerset, Saturday. The funeral services were held Sunday evening. On Monday morning the remains were taken to Pittsburg for cremation. Miss Keck was a native of Germany and it was her request that ashes be sent to Germany after the war.

**MRS. JOSIAH TRENT.**  
Mrs. Minnie Trent, wife of Josiah Trent, of Friedens, died Saturday morning at the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, following an operation. Mrs. Trent is survived by her father, Samuel Shaffer; her husband and the following children: Vera Pearl, Orange Homer, Alma Grace and Lemon Orville. Funeral services were held in the Friedens Lutheran church Monday at 10 a. m., Rev. J. C. McCarty officiating.

## THROUGHOUT COUNTY

The White Oak Lutheran Sunday School Picnic will be held on August 21st. Come everybody.  
The annual reunion of the Weaver family will take place Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Recreation park, Windber.  
The annual picnic of the Wills Lutheran church will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, in the Winters' grove, near the church.  
The Wilhelm Bible Class of St. Paul will hold a lawn fete and bazaar on the Reformed church lawn on the evening of August 14.  
W. P. Anderson, the general livestock agent of the Santa Fe railroad who recently has been in this county has expressed the opinion that it would be profitable for Somerset farmers to raise cattle for market. He was pleased with the appearance of Somerset's nice farms.  
Norman Christner, of Elk Lick Township has purchased from the Reichard Estate of Pittsburg the Herman Berkey farm, located on the Lincoln highway, one mile west of Stoyestown for \$13,000. Mr. Christner will improve the place, already one of the best in that section of the county and will take possession in the fall.

## MR. AND MRS. EDISON HAY IN R. R. WRECK.

A postal from Mr. and Mrs. Edison Hay, enroute to the Panama expedition, mailed from Salt Lake City, a few days ago, states that they had been in a wreck but fortunately escaped injury.

The train was carrying thirteen coaches and six of them were derailed by the rails spreading. No one was seriously hurt.

**PUBLIC SALE**—In the dwelling house of the Commercial Building, Meyersdale, on Thursday August 26 at 2 P. M. Beds, springs, mattresses, two rooms of wool carpet, dining room chairs, tables, sewing machine, rugs, sink, valuable steel range, double heating stove washing machine, coal box, blacksmith tools and other articles. Terms—Cash. MRS. ROY BILLS

## OUR TOWN MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE RUBBER PLANT HERE

Our Business Men Should Get After This Industry Which is Proving a Great Thing For Many Smaller Places Than Here.

Harry M. Cook accompanied by his wife, returned a few days ago from a trip as far west as Iowa. Mr. Cook stated that there were evidences along the way of great prosperity and that the crops being garnered were most prolific, and that the towns in general were booming with business. At Akron where he stopped for a few days, one of the important industries is the rubber factories. From these owing to the great demand for rubber, factories are being established in other towns and Mr. Cook had opportunity to talk

## WIFE DEAD HUSBAND HURT

Mrs. Leroy Benford After Great Suffering Passes Away. Her Husband on Same Day Breaks Hip.

On the same day, Tuesday of the present week, in which his wife died Leroy Benford, of Main street near Center street fell, having previously suffered a paralytic stroke, and fractured one of his hips. He was taken by Dr. Lichty and his grandson, Geo. Benford to the Allegheny hospital in Cumberland where owing to his advanced years and present condition of body and mind he is doing as well as could be expected.

His wife, Minnie Boyd Benford died at her home at 3 a. m. on Tuesday from cancer, aged 72 years, 11 months and 7 days. Mrs. Benford had been in poor health for the past fifteen years and quite an invalid for over three years preceding her death.  
The deceased was born at Steubenville, O. and from that place moved to Somerset where she was married, later coming to Meyersdale to live. Mrs. Benford was a devoted member of the Lutheran church and was most active in its interests when her health permitted. The only known close living survivor besides her husband is that of a grandson, George Benford. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the home following which interment was made in Union cemetery.

## GREATEST CROPS EVER KNOWN

Three billion bushels of corn, one and a half billion bushels of oats and a billion bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest. Record crops of rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay are also predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted 310,546,000 acres or 10,000,000 acres more than last year to their principal products.  
The wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country will be worth more than one billion dollars, while the corn crop's value may reach two and one-half times that amount.  
Estimates on the principal crops show that there has been an increase on all of them. Here in Somerset county the corn crop is likely to be below the average. Upon the whole this is a record breaking crop year.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

**BRETHREN CHURCH**—Rev. H. L. Goughnour, Pastor. Preaching services next Sunday, August 14, both in the morning and in the evening in the Meyersdale church, by the pastor. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are cordially invited.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**—Rev. W. M. Howe, Pastor. Next Sunday, morning subject—The More Excellent Way. Evening subject, The Overcometh of Revelation. Song service at 6:30 p. m. Teachers' Meeting Friday eve, 7:30. Meeting of Organized classes Friday eve 8 p. m.

## HURT IN RUNAWAY.

In a runaway accident Saturday evening near Hooversville two Johnstown residents, belonging to a camping party, Hiram Swank and daughter Mrs. F. B. Harmony were injured but not so seriously. Mr. Swank is past 81 years. Both were thrown out of the carriage and Mrs. Harmony alighting on her head and shoulder was unconscious for three hours.

## IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL PIKE.

Fully 1200 persons were present with automobiles from Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Illinois, New York and Indiana on the ground, the meeting at the Summit Hotel, in the mountains above Uniontown, last Thursday, in regard to the improvement of the National pike and the making it a part of a great system of national highways. Nearly all present signed a petition to Congress asking that appropriations be made for the improvement of it from Washington, D. C. to Los Angeles, California.

Resolutions were presented by ex-Congressman W. N. Carr, of Uniontown, Attorney J. M. Core, also of Uniontown, and Judge R. W. Irwin, of Washington, Pa. The first of these resolutions was in commendation of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia for their enterprise in improving and maintaining the national pike and authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee, with at least one representative in each town of Pennsylvania along the pike, whose duty it shall be to see that the Pennsylvania legislature keeps pace with the legislature of our neighboring states in making appropriations for the old national road. The second resolution was an endorsement of the bill of the National Highways Association before Congress. The third resolution pertained to the planting of trees and bushes after a uniform plan along the pike. All three of these resolutions were adopted.

## AMONG OUR CANDIDATES.

Ed. Smith, of Stoyestown, has entered the race for the third time for the treasurership of the county and his friends think it is time that they settle the matter by putting him where he well deserves to be and that is as custodian of the county's funds. Mr. Smith has merit—unusual merit—in that he realizes that there are other men in the race as good as he, and as good men not running for office as those now in the contest. It rather refreshes one to meet such men.

Mr. Aaron Heiple, the present prothonotary was in Meyersdale last week, and he aspires to succeed himself on the ground that his experience ought to count for something in the interests of the people of Somerset county. He has surely made good and no doubt could even do better in a second. He has the right kind of qualifications.

James D. Specht, of Quemahoning township, announces his candidacy for sheriff in this issue. Mr. Specht was in town this week and impresses those whom he meets as one of those substantial men who do more than they promise and live up to promises, meeting expectations about them. Mr. Specht has served as school director in his home town, in Stoyestown, and a few years ago when a township officer defaulted had to make good the shortage. Mr. Specht is a man who faces squarely all his obligations.

## UNION VALLEY.

The severe rain and hail storms which have passed through this section of the county are doing considerable damage to crops.

C. M. Christner, our mail carrier says that if the roads of Larimer continue long as they are at the present he will have to get an air ship.

One of twin calves died for P. W. White a few days ago.

Quite a number of our people attended the Owls picnic; all report a good time.

The Lutheran Sunday school will hold their picnic on Aug. 21. Don't forget the date. Join in and make it a great success.

John Brown has just completed the new spring which he located some time ago. Everybody says it is almost equal to a public fountain.

Henry Keefe was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Olive Hersh, who sold her farm some time ago, has bought the old Lyons place on which Benjy expects to erect some kind of a factory.

H. B. Beals died on Saturday morning after an illness of about a year, aged 75 years. He was a prominent resident of this vicinity for many years and was held in great esteem. The funeral took place on Monday, the sermon being preached by Rev. Michael, of Meyersdale.

## Mt. Lebanon S. S. Picnic.

The Mt. Lebanon Sunday School will hold their annual basket picnic on Saturday August 21 in the grove surrounding the church. There will be two bands; refreshments for all. There will be various amusements including a ball game and auto race. No pains are being spared to make this a notable picnic. Come.



Some Good Bargains in MOTOR CYCLES this week at Gurley's Sporting Goods Store.

Rev. W. M. Howe officiated a few days ago at the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Burgett Harden of Hyndman.

## ASSISTANT SUPTS. CHOSEN

County School Directors Decide To Aid Supt. Seibert in Work of Schools.

**SALARY \$1200 PER YEAR**  
Co. Supt. Seibert for Monday, August 9 at 1:30 p. m. of which all the officers had due and timely notice. The following are the officers:—C. L. Shaver, president; A. L. Miltenberger, Vice Pres.; F. A. Bittner, Sec. and Josiah Swank, Treas.

A special meeting of the officers of the School Directors Association of Somerset County was called by the purpose of the meeting was to nominate two assistant county superintendents of schools which was done as indicated in the following paragraphs.  
Joseph M. Custer, a teacher with 16 years experience, the last three as Supervising Principal of the schools Jenners township, and Merl R. Schrock, who has had 22 years experience the last two as supervising principal of the schools of Stonycreek township.  
Following the filling out of the commissions the oath of office was administered to the new assistant superintendents by Judge W. H. Ruppel who warmly congratulated them upon their promotion.  
The salary of the Assistant County Superintendents \$1200 per annum will be paid by the state. The amount of salary is fixed by the officers of the Directors' Association and in this instance they were kept at the minimum. Any amount over \$1200 per annum would have been taken from the state appropriation. The bill authorizing stenographers for county superintendents has also become a law.

## MARRIED.

## GRAVES—BOWMAN.

On last Sunday evening at the home of the bride's mother on Front street, in the presence of the families of the contracting pair, Dr. A. E. Truxal, united in marriage Mr. William Lyman Graves and Miss Ethel Elizabeth Bowman. The bride has been one of the efficient telephone exchange girls and is an amiable and attractively young woman. The groom is a clerk in the store of Holzshu & Welmer and is one of their trusted employees.

## RODGERS—SHERBINE.

Prof. John P. Rodgers, the popular principal of the Hooversville High School, and Miss Catheran Sherbine, daughter of Isaiah Sherbine, of Williamsport, were married Saturday afternoon at Johnstown in the Second Christian Church by the Rev. William McCallum. They will reside in Hooversville.

## GARRETT MAN IS NEARLY DROWNED.

On Sunday afternoon while bathing the river near Grantsville, John Wilson, of Garrett had a narrow escape from drowning. Mr. Wilson and family to Grantsville and while giving John Black a lesson in swimming, he was suddenly overcome by a chill and though an expert swimmer could only with great difficulty be rescued by other persons who were bathing at the same time. He was carried to a nearby cottage and was revived only after an hour's hard work.

## CITY BAND TO HAVE FESTIVAL

Music and refreshments, both par excellence may be had on Saturday evening at the grand stand, Meyers avenue and Centre street. The host of the occasion will be the city band, that is they will see to it that you will get some fine music whether you pay for it or not, but the refreshments, why, of course, you will pay for them; yes, you ought to pay for them even though you got none of them at all because of the fine musical treat you are getting at frequent intervals. Turn out with your best girl, your wife and your family and help a worthy cause in our town.

## W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Dr. McKinley on Tuesday August 17 at 2:30 p. m. The meeting is called early to transact important business.

## STEVENS' REUNION.

The second annual reunion of the Stevens family will be held on the old Stevens' homestead, two miles west of Holsopple, Sep. 4. Nearly 200 members of the family are expected to attend. Cyrus Riffle, of Des Moines, Ia., will be a guest.

Read "THE BLACK TORTOISE."

## RAILROAD MOTOR CAR HERE

The people along the Western Maryland railroad were surprised to behold to all appearances an automobile running along the tracks.

It was the motor car of Superintendent Steiner, of this division and he with other officials of the road were on a tour of inspection.

The wheels of this vehicle are made of iron. A speed of 60 miles an hour can be attained and they won't be fined for exceeding the speed limit, either.

## INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Miss Ida Himmelsbaugh, of Altoona, missionary to India, home on a furlough, gave a most interesting address on Thursday at the Church of the Brethren and greatly pleased her large audience as she spoke of much of her own work as a medical missionary but more of the work of Miss Ida Shumaker of our own town to whose home coming in 1917 her many friends in this community look forward most eagerly.  
All will be pleased to know that Miss Himmelsbaugh will visit our town again to see Miss Shumaker's friends before she sails when she will be better prepared with a message from India not having anticipated anything else on this occasion than a quiet and restful visit.

## HOME FOR AGED PEOPLE.

Ministers of the Church of the Brethren will meet in Johnstown in about two months to consider the proposition to erect a home for aged people of the Church of the Brethren, Western Pennsylvania District.  
The committee in charge of selecting a site has had a number of places offered free of cost.

## MARRIED AT CUMBERLAND.

Among the marriage licenses issued at Cumberland, on Saturday, was one to Miss Edna Clara Shoemaker, of Somerset, and Ira Thomas Mock, of Cumberland.