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TO EMPLOY ABOUT 60 MEN

Wilmoth Brothers to Operate Big Timber Tract Near Glencoe. Pony Band Mill Now Being Built.

Messrs. F. L. and Alfred Wilmoth of this place, have effected a negotiation whereby they have taken over the Mrs. Jennie Wilmoth timber tract near Glencoe in this county, along the B. & O. railroad. Wilmoth Bros. for this is the firm name under which the business will be conducted, are already erecting a pony band mill which will have a capacity of 25,000 feet of lumber daily. They hope to be ready for operating in about six weeks and will employ from 50 to 60 hands.

The tract consists of 2300 acres of fine hardwood, mostly of white oak for which at all times there is a ready market. There will be but little waste in the converting of the timber into lumber as a saw mill is to be built also with a capacity per day of 8,000 staves. A 36 inch gauge railroad is to be built from the mill out into the woods for conveying the logs to the mill. This being so extensive a tract it will require about three years to exhaust the timber.

While wishing all other sections of the county the best industrial success, it is to be hoped that something will come by this burg some of these days in the present generation which will mean its betterment. The office of the Wilmoth Bros. will be located here in Meyersdale.

BIG EXPLOSION AT BOSWELL

By the explosion of a gas tank in the cellar of the A. E. Bittner restaurant and residence Friday evening at Boswell the entire structure, two stories high and of frame construction was blown almost to atoms, windows were broken in neighboring buildings and three persons were burned, one of them seriously. The injured are: Robert A. Bittner; burned about the face, head and arms.

Mrs. A. E. Bittner; burned about the face.

Miss Melda Bittner, burned about hands.

All of the victims are expected to recover.

The light system in the building is furnished by a carbide and water process and young Bittner was engaged in replenishing the tank when the explosion occurred, cause of which is not known. The legto was a terrific one and completely demolished the structure, tearing off the roof and blowing off the sidewalks as well as breaking every piece of furniture in the establishment.

The building caught fire and the flames were subdued after a battle of half hour. The three victims were rescued by members of the crowd that gathered before the flames could gain headway, the lad being found in the cellar, the mother in the kitchen and the daughter in the restaurant.

The force of the explosion was felt for blocks, the windows being blown from the hardware store and real estate office of C. C. Schmucker, the Baer shoe store and the Boswell pharmacy.

CIVIC LEAGUE

ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Civic League held last Thursday the following officers were elected:— President, Miss Clara Wilmoth; V. P., Mrs. Paul D. Clutton; Sec., Miss Jessie McKinley; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Clarence Rowe; Treas., Mrs. W. S. Livengood.

The league is negotiating with Col. George Shields, a naturalist of note to give an illustrated lecture in Meyersdale upon the birds that destroy insects which are injurious to the farmer's crops.

The league has made arrangements with nursery to replace free of charge those plants which in the spring were furnished by league at a nominal price and which failed to grow. Those interested write the secretary.

MARRIED.

LOVE—SNYDER

Miss Mabel Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, of Glencoe, was married Tuesday afternoon at Cumberland to Charles Love, of Pittsburgh, formerly of near Glencoe. The ceremony was performed at the Reformed parsonage by Rev. Dr. Skyles.

LABORATORY DESTROYED

On the evening of the 12th., a building in Garrett devoted to the manufacture of proprietary goods by the Pollard Laboratory was totally destroyed by fire with all the contents. In this building were made Household remedies, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Extracts and Soap numbering in all about 35 different kinds of articles.

How the fire started is a mystery, the floor of the building being solid concrete and special attention was given during the erection to safeguard against fires.

Miss Helen Brant and Miss Clara Bittner, employees of the Laboratory had been working on a rush order until about 8:30 P.M. Shortly after the building was locked for the night, dense clouds of smoke were seen issuing therefrom.

A hose was attached to a plug located nearby but it was not long enough to reach much of the building. There being no local organized fire department some of the Meyersdale force rushed to the scene in autos.

The closeness of a number of other buildings caused the fire to be regarded with anxiety for a time by nearby residents.

The building and contents were owned by Dr. T. and Lee W. Pollard and represent a very great loss, for besides the material contents, there were stored there many papers and files of much value which can hardly be replaced at all. There was no insurance.

The firm immediately sent in rush orders for all supplies necessary to again resume the manufacture of all goods and will be able to resume shipments within a few days.

EXPENSES FILED BY CANDIDATES

The following figures show the candidates who have filled expense accounts in Somerset county and the amount each spent in the race before the primaries:

Prothonotary—A. F. Heiple, \$502; Jonas Cook, \$606.25.

Recorder of Deeds—Ed Keefer, \$164.20; Dan Keller, \$89.50; J. E. Custer, \$1,106.06.

Sheriff—A. J. Coleman, \$207.50; Benson, \$148.81; L. G. Wagner, \$568.89; J. P. Berkley, \$350.69; J. W. Griffith, \$742.88; Wilson Christner, \$324; Amos Bowman, \$146.45.

Register of Wills—C. I. Shaver, \$229.90.

County Commissioners—J. R. Boose, \$174.75; James Scurfield, \$177; N. E. Berkley, \$147.50; W. J. Glessner, \$79.25; C. H. Shockey, \$573.54; S. H. Marteeny, \$148.83; James McKelvey, \$161.50; J. B. Miller, \$75; J. W. Brougher, \$117.50; Joseph M. Miller, \$157.20; Daniel Compton, \$49.45.

County Treasurer—A. J. Weimer, \$600.15; Lewis Lambert, \$122; A. E. Cassler, \$376.99; J. W. Rephorn, \$148.48; Ed Hoover, \$550; W. W. Landis, \$1,001.38.

District Attorney—V. R. Saylor, \$230.18; J. B. Landis, \$130.15.

Poor Directors—J. C. Deitz, \$85.17; John C. Miller, less than \$50; Rudolph Kuffer, less than \$50.

Clerk of Courts—W. H. Clements, \$91.60; A. T. Armstrong, \$107.06; Daniel Waller, \$71.67; W. P. Fritz, \$176.08; Russell O. Moore, \$96.18.

EAGLE DRIED DISTILLER'S GRAIN for Sale at \$1.80 per Hundred Wt. at C. E. DEAL.

75TH ANNUAL SYNOD HELD

The 75th annual meeting of the Allegheny synod of the Lutheran church opened Thursday evening in St. James Church, Huntingdon, Pa. and was attended by 150 ministers and lay delegates. This attendance is believed to be the largest in the history of synod and the interest manifested was on a higher plane than ever before. The opening devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Clare, president; the Rev. H. S. Rhoads, vice president and Rev. R. S. Bergstesser, corresponding secretary.

In his sermon to the synod, President Clare, chose "Christian Unity" as his theme. Unity of spirit rather than the unity of congregations and of nations, was advocated in a powerful discourse. Unity of spirit he said would end all strife such as now involves Europe. Unity of spirit would remove all causes of dissension among churches of conflicting doctrine. The communion service followed the sermon.

The delegates were welcomed to Huntingdon by Thomas B. Patton, superintendent of the Huntingdon reformatory, who said that this was the third synod session to be held in that town within his recollection. He spoke of the remarkable growth of the local congregation both in membership and influence, as well as the progress of the entire synod.

The report of the Rev. W. H. Bender, statistical secretary, shows that the synod is composed of 69 pastorates and of 154 congregations. The communicant membership is 21,614, a gain of 898 over the last report, and the confirmed membership is 26,816, which is a gain of 1,974 over last year. Accessions in the year totaled 3,833. The amount contributed for benevolences in the same period was \$243,233 an increase of \$41,459 over the preceding year.

At the closing session on Monday the Rev. Robert D. Clare, of Johnstown, was re-elected president; the Rev. H. S. Rhoads, Johnstown, vice president; the Rev. Ralph H. Bergstesser, recording secretary; Walter R. Miller, treasurer; the Rev. H. W. Bender, statistical secretary and the Rev. L. P. Young, treasurer. The Laymen's association elected the following officers: President, Albert Davis; vice president, John P. Laferty; secretary, Walter R. Miller.

BOY ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING MAN IN THE HEEL.

Valentine Lepley, aged about 17, son of Walter Lepley of Plum Bottom located outside the north end of town was arrested on Thursday last by Officer H. E. Bittner on the charge that he shot Irvin Snyder in the heel while riding in a buggy with Chas. Murphy on the state road beyond the fair grounds. The boy at once acknowledged that he was the boy who did the deed. A hearing was given before Squire Hay on the same evening. Young Lepley says that it was an accident the gun going off as he held it under his arm. The prosecutor has a different story to tell and that while he does not think that the boy intended to unload the shot at him, he pointed it at a large pumpkin which was in the rear of the buggy not considering anything further than hitting his target. The case was continued to this Friday evening in the hopes that a settlement might be effected and that by that date Snyder might be able to attend the hearing.

ITINERARY OF RESCUE CAR.

Miners, mine operators, State inspectors and all others interested will have an opportunity very soon to see demonstrated rescue car No. 6 of the bureau of mines. The itinerary of the car has just been announced and according to schedule it will be at Jenners, October 25 to November 20; Jerome, November 22, December 4; Hooversville, December 6-18. The car will exhibit various modern appliances and equipment used in mine rescue and first-aid work under direction of C. O. Roberts, who will be in charge of the car.

All kinds of Guns and Repairs at—GURLEY'S SPORTING GOODS STORE.

Just received a lot of Tuna fish in 10, 15 and 25c sizes at—BITTNER'S GROCERY.

WAS KILLED BY BEING STRUCK BY STREET CAR

William Ankley, of Meyersdale Meets Tragic Death at Fairmont. Jumped from One Car to Save Hat Blown Off and Struck by Another Car Going in the Opposite Direction.

William Ankley, a resident of Key-stone street, this place, met with a street car accident at Fairmont, W. Va., on Saturday night at about 10:15 o'clock, which resulted in his instant death. Mr. Ankley was on his way to his boarding place going on a street car and when only a short distance from his destination, his hat blew off and had recovered the hat from an adjoining track just at a sharp bend on which a car was approaching in an opposite direction but was not perceived by the unfortunate man. He was knocked down by the car and rolled on the track, death being instantaneous. His skull was badly fractured and he received many other cuts and bruises.

Being well acquainted with only Mr. Hale, who formerly lived here, it was sometime on Sunday morning before his family was located and then word was sent to Officer Fuller of the accident. Mr. Fuller telephoned the sad news to the family who live at the extreme east end of Keystone street. The wife is almost prostrated by the news.

The remains arrived here on Monday on No. 6 and were taken in charge by Undertaker Price. There survive besides the wife five small children, the eldest being but 11 years old, 4 daughters and one little son, the latter saying "Papa is asleep." Three sisters of the deceased are living in Pittsburg.

LYCEUM COURSE AT SALISBURY

The Lyceum course for Salisbury, consisting of six fine entertainments will give the opening number next Tuesday evening, October 19 in the Hay Opera House, being a lecture by William Rainey Bennett, who lectured last summer before the Chautauqua Association and so strong was his address then that he was asked to lecture again on a different subject. A little sketch follows concerning him. Tickets will be offered for sale at the drug store on Friday evening.

Wm Rainey Bennett who is to lecture here, is known in the Lyceum world as "The Man Who Can." He has a lecture on this subject, the theme of which is that "he can who thinks he can;" that in every brain there is a sleeping genius and that it can be awakened. The lecture which he gives helps young men and women to find themselves. It gives them health, poise and power. It is absolutely different from the ordinary lecture of this type. Every laugh comes in naturally. Nothing is forced. Other lectures which he gives are entitled "The Master Thought" and "Machines and Millions."

Mr. Bennett precedes his lecture when it is so desired with a musical



WILLIAM RAINEY BENNETT.

prelude, for he has a splendid tenor voice.

William Rainey Bennett was raised on a farm and like so many successful men of the present day, has many a time warmed his bare feet on frosty mornings where the cows have lain. He worked his way through college. Starting in with \$10, he graduated with money in his pocket, having paid his way by singing. Since then he has done postgraduate work in two universities. His sermon lectures have been published in full as features of some of the metropolitan newspapers.

LOVING CUP FOR SCHOOL

The annual fall Athletic Meet of the Meyersdale High School will be held Friday afternoon, October 15 at 3:30 o'clock. The contests are to be among the four classes.

To increase the class spirit a \$15 loving cup will be given to the class making the most points, the donors being Messrs. Hartley & Baldwin and Hartley & Clutton.

The events scheduled are: 100 yard dash; 220 yard dash; 440 yard dash; running high jump; one-half mile run; running broad jump; shot put; hop-step jump; relay race.

The boys are practicing daily for the various entries and the meet promises to be very interesting.

CHARGED WITH AS-SAULTING BOY AGED 11.

Nick N. Tronoski, an employee at the Keystone mines, was arrested a few days ago by Officer H. E. Bittner and a hearing was held by Squire Cook at the office of Squire Hay, the latter being too ill to conduct the case last Thursday evening on the charge of assault and battery on Stanley Crosby, aged 11 years.

The lad with several companions was throwing stones or cinder at Tronoski while at his work. The boys would not desist and he finally went at the boys and did violence to the one, bruising him up badly and knocking out one of his teeth. The Squire dismissed the case, having the prosecutor, the boy's father and the defendant each to pay half of the costs.

JUMPED BEFORE A MOVING TRAIN.

Jim Kammish, a Polish resident of Hooversville, ended his life in a tragical and most horrible manner at Johnstown on Tuesday by runnings in front of a moving train, being decapitated. Engineer Blake Bothel, of Somerset, in charge of extra engine No. 2855, suffered a nervous shock when a man wildly waving his hat and yelling dashed towards the train and disappeared under the wheels of the engine. A moment later a headless form was lying along the outer edge of the track and the head inside the rails. Engineer Bothel could not make out what the man said but two boys standing near say the foreigner yelled "Goodbye; here I go."

His identity was discovered by means of a pay envelope in one of his pockets bearing the name of the Knickerbocker Coal Co., Hooversville.

10ct Rolls Fancy Toilet paper for 25 cts. at Bittner's Grocery.