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CHARGED WITH LIBEL

Prosecuted by Candidate for Poor Director for Sending Out Sensational Circular.

A circular sent out the past week, alleged to have been issued by Dr. Henry Wilson, superintendent of the Somerset county home, making a number of sensational charges against John C. Miller, candidate for poor director and a former superintendent of the county home, has resulted in Dr. Wilson being charged with libel and having to furnish bond at Somerset.

John C. Miller is a Republican nominee for director of the poor. He was superintendent of the county home from March 1, 1913 to March 1, 1914 when he quit. He was steward of the county home for six years in the nineties. At the primaries in September he received 2250 votes for nomination as director of the poor, Dietz having 2500 and Suter, the unsuccessful candidate 1780. Miller has served also as county auditor.

Dr. Henry Wilson now superintendent of the Somerset county home, was physician at the home in 1907, when he caused the arrest of the board of poor directors on charges that they were not taking proper care of the patients, but the court said that no conviction could be had; the county paid the costs of prosecution. Dr. Wilson is well known throughout the county and favorably so.

The charges concerning the conduct of the Somerset county home and hospital for the insane, are of interest in other counties because since the erection of the asylum Somerset county has been taking care of many patients from Cambria, Fayette and Westmoreland counties, and some others where institutions are lacking, the state institutions being overcrowded.

The libel is based on the charge that circulars were sent out by Dr. Wilson that alleges a considerable sum of money "gone" at the poor house in one year. These documents would have been gotten out before the September primaries but the majority of the Republicans of the county thought that Wilson would stand no chance of making the nomination.

Dr. Wilson, it is said, admits that when he went to the county home in 1913 as superintendent, he and Mr. Miller were friendly and that Mr. Miller probably was instrumental in getting him there, but the doctor says he refused to allow this to interfere with the performance of his duties. He says that with 62 more patients in 1914 than in 1913 while Miller was superintendent and steward, the expenses were \$10,000 less and he claims that the sworn report will prove this. It is said Dr. Wilson alleges the requisition system was not used by Mr. Miller except against the hospital. Dr. Wilson answers an alleged statement by Mr. Miller that outsiders are given positions at the home and hospital in preference to Somerset countians by offering \$100 to be paid to the Children's Aid Society, for every such case proven. Dr. Wilson claims that the inmates were better fed, better clothed and better cared for in 1914 than in 1913 and that state charity officers have commented on the improvements made under Dr. Wilson.

It is said that Dr. Wilson challenges Mr. Miller to test all of the facts connected with the county home management through a committee of three of whom Judge Wm. H. Ruppel and former Judge Kooser shall be two with power to select a third, this committee to choose a capable individual to live at the home a year as auditor. Mr. Miller to pay \$1,000 to the auditor if the auditor reports that inmates are well cared for at figures approximating those of 1914, and Dr. Wilson to pay the auditor \$1,000 if the latter reports to the contrary.

VOTERS, ATTENTION!

The Republican voters of Somerset County have placed in nomination a county ticket to be voted for at the election next Tuesday, Nov. 2. Every candidate on the ticket was nominated in a free and open primary and collectively they stand as the party's representatives. It is the duty of Republicans to give the whole ticket, from top to bottom, loyal support, and thus prepare to present a united front in the great battle of 1916. REPUBLICANS, DO YOUR DUTY.

V. R. Saylor, Co. Chairman

COURT NEWS.

A verdict for \$1860.51 was given S. B. Philson, the president of the Citizens Bank, of this place, in a suit against John Willis, a Philadelphia coal merchant and mine operator. The plaintiff alleged that Willis, who operates a mine in Brothersvalley township got across the line and took a lot of coal from underneath his farm. Willis undertook to shift responsibility and claimed that the coal was taken without his knowledge or consent. The case was heard by Judge Johnson, consuming three days. The verdict was given Friday morning.

Joseph Wadsworth was given a verdict for \$6,547 against the Manufacturing Water Co. of Johnstown. The defendant company appropriated a portion of the Wadsworth farm at the time the Quemahoning dam was being constructed. About six acres have since then been submerged.

A settlement was effected Monday in the suit of Mrs. Mary M. Irwin against the Johnstown Traction Company for damages resulting from injuries she received in the wreck about three years ago at Krings station. Mrs. Irwin was given \$1,000. Attorney Percy Allen Rose, representing the traction company came to Somerset Monday morning and effected the settlement. Mrs. Irwin is a resident of Philadelphia and was one of the most seriously injured in the accident on the Windber line.

Holland Oleomargarine Butterine Sold at The Leading Meat Market, POORBAUGH & BOWSER

POTATOES WANTED AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR POOR DIRECTOR.



ALBERT YOUNG OF BLACK TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Young is a farmer having spent his entire life on a farm with the exception of three years which he passed at the Northern University of Ohio where he graduated with honor. He is thoroughly equipped for this office and if elected he will be an economical and efficient director looking after the interests of the taxpayers of Somerset county. At the same time keeping up the high standard required by the county home and insane hospital.

He respectfully solicits the support of the voters of this county regardless of party.

BRYAN AT SOMERSET.

The campaign for woman suffrage in Somerset county will end at Somerset on Monday night. Former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and United States Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska will be there before election day and each will make an address in support of the movement.

United States Senator Norris will speak at Somerset on Friday evening in the assembly room of the court house and Sec. of State Bryan will be at the opera house on Monday at 11:30 a. m. his address at that place preceding one scheduled for Johnstown.

METHODIST HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will hold its annual Halloween celebration on Friday evening, Oct. 29. Some interesting games have been prepared, a few of which are mentioned below: Trick writing on Slate; Imp Bottle; The Fiery Fountain; Miniature Volcano in Action; Mysterious Lighting of Candles; The Parade of Famous Ghosts and other like stunts which are appropriate to the occasion.

We have secured the services of Madame Kaziene who will tell you of your past, present and future. All are cordially invited.

PLAYERS EXPOSED AND FINED

For some time it was rumored that there was poker playing being carried on in Meyersdale and some persons even were of the opinion that the officers ought to put a stop to it; that is really getting in earnest. One of such places was exposed in a sensational way by Officer Hare on Sunday night shortly after midnight. The place was on the second floor of the Eugene Hostetter pool room. The latter was absent from town and had simply rented the room to some young men for social purposes. He knew nothing of the periodic proceedings.

To gain admission to the second floor without giving warning to the card players, he mounted the roof of a one-story structure next to the building where the men were and with but a step through the window he called for the six men to remain seated and presented his muniton of war. The surprise was surely a genuine one to them all and without a murmur they surrender. The evidence of their guilt was there on the table in the way of money and cards.

They were given a hearing before Burgess Gress on Monday evening and were each fined \$15 or \$90 in all which has been turned into the borough treasury.

Walter Scott, T. Shepard, Jno. Bangard, Frank Brogan, George Cochran and Chas. Freeze, are the names of the violators of the law, and their arrest and exposure may serve to cause others to look a little out, or to heed the Biblical quotations "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Officer Hare is to be roundly commended for the manner in which he gained admission to these private quarters.

MANY DEATHS IN COUNTY

Those Whom You Know Who Have Passed Away in This Vicinity.

MRS. MARY REBECCA YEAGER.

One of Meyersdale's most highly esteemed citizens and whose ancestry dates back several centuries, died at her home on Broadway on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from cancer of the face. Mrs. Yeager, while for the past three years was afflicted with this malady, was much distressed during only the past year.

The maiden name of Mrs. Yeager was Slick, she being a daughter of Jesse Slick, deceased, who was quite prominent in Somerset county politics. While some ladies are highly elated that they can merit membership in the Daughters of the Revolution, Mrs. Yeager had the signal honor of having as grandparents, William Slick and Thos. Vickroy, who fought in the Revolutionary war. The deceased was a direct descendant of the Atlees of Pennsylvania and closely related to the famous surgeons and judges of that name of Philadelphia and Lancaster.

Mrs. Yeager was twice married, her first husband being Jacob J. Dunlap one son and a daughter surviving Edwin J. Dunlap and Annie A., living at home. The family moved to St. Louis during the lifetime of Mr. Dunlap and from there to Rock Island, Ill., where Mr. Dunlap died. Later in life Mrs. Dunlap married David Yeager who died some years ago.

Marie Louise Yeager at home survives from this union. Mrs. Yeager was a faithful member of the Methodist church and in active life the distressed and poor received her loving ministrations. In the last few months of her life she bore her peculiar affliction with unusual fortitude. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. Clarke Matteson, following which interment was made in Union cemetery.

STEWART WILLIAM MERVINE.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mervine of 114 Centre street, Meyersdale died on Wednesday morning about nine o'clock from tubercular trouble from which he had been an invalid for the past three years. He had in that time been at the sanitarium at Mont Alto and also at Cresson having returned from the latter place last April; as he grew worse and as he knew his days would not be so many on earth, he wanted to be with mother. On awakening on Wednesday morning he remarked to his mother that he had such a good night's rest. A little later when his mother took up his breakfast to him she perceived that he was nearing the end of his course as he could not talk. The family doctor was summoned but to no avail.

By occupation he was a cigar maker having worked at Washington, D. C. Uniontown and Wheeling.

He was born at Berlin, this county 27 years ago, and besides his parents there arrive four sister and one brother, namely—Mrs. Marion Chambers, Mrs. Fred Maidens, both of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Joseph Quinn and Miss Elizabeth at home; Bert Mervine of Wheeling, W. Va.; a wife and little son are living at Uniontown.

The deceased was a member of the Lutheran church of this place and was well esteemed. His pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael will conduct the funeral services on Friday at one o'clock, interment to be made at Berlin.

G. L. HAY.

Attorney Albert G. L. Hay, son of Squire John Hay, of Meyersdale, died October 20th at his home in Somerset, after a lingering illness. Last year he spent six months in North Carolina for his health but without avail.

Deceased was born in Meyersdale, August 8, 1866. He was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and was admitted to the bar in 1892. In 1898 he married Emma Baer, daughter of the late Ex-Judge William Baer. Mr. Hay is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth.

The deceased served as a member of the Somerset School board for a number of years, and was Vice President of the Farmers' Bank since its organization in 1900. Mr. Hay was a member of Johnstown Lodge No. 358.

TRACK WALKER INSTANTLY KILLED

Louis Kirchensteiner of Meyersdale Hurlled Thirty Feet by Engine While Performing His Duties at Sand Patch. Was an Excellent Citizen, Husband and Father.

Louis Kirchensteiner, a track-walker on the B. & O. railroad and whose home is at the farther end of Keystone street, this place was killed on Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Sand Patch by being struck by a light engine. He was hurled perhaps thirty feet of the engine and then run over. He was brought to Meyersdale but he died about twenty minutes after the accident occurred. The remains were given in charge of Undertaker Reich.

The unfortunate man just preceding the coming of the engine was tightening bolts beneath the bridge that crosses the several tracks at Sand Patch and had stepped out of the way of one train and over on to the track upon which the empty engine was coming, it being run backwards. While his face and head were not badly mangled, his limbs were fractured in several places and his body was badly bruised.

Mr. Kirchensteiner was born in Germany and when a young man came to this country. He has been living in this section for about 15 years. He was aged about 35 years. Those who knew him appreciated his companionable qualities and his wholeheartedness. He was characteristically thrifty, having provided a home for his family consisting of the wife and five children, the eldest of whom is 12 years old and though his salary was small he was planning on laying a little aside each month. His widow will receive \$1,000 from the railroad relief fund. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday forenoon by Rev. E. K. Hostetter and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

SHORTAGE OF CARS HAMPERS OPERATORS

Work is so plentiful in the Windber coal region that some of the operators are advertising in the Italian and other foreign papers for men. Eastern manufacturers are so much in need of coal that already the price has increased.

Mine operators throughout Somerset county are being compelled to refuse many large orders on account of a shortage in coal cars. Complaints are being registered from practically every section but the railroad officials declare that they are doing their best to secure more rolling stock. Somerset coal trade was never better than it is just now. There is a record demand for coal for immediate shipment. Many of the mines are working to their capacity but are unable to ship the coal away after it is mined.

"It is the biggest kind of a shame," said one operator. "We got the worst of the thing last summer when we had to mine coal at a loss because of the slump in business. Many of us operated just to keep our men in work. Now we have a chance to sell all the coal we can mine but can't get cars. All we can do is to sit back and watch this chance to make money go by."

F. and A. M., Meyersdale Chapter and Oriental Commandery of Johnstown. He was a deacon in the Reformed church for years and took an active interest in religious and social affairs.

Mr. Hay read law in the office of Dr. Valentine Hay, one of the oldest practitioners of the Somerset county Bar, and was a partner of Mr. Hay at the time of his death, the law firm being styled Hay & Hay.

MRS. KATE ARISMAN. Mrs. Kate Arisman, wife of George E. Arisman, died at her home following a week's illness with pneumonia. Her funeral was held Friday morning in Jonnertown. Before her marriage, Mrs. Arisman was Miss Kate Brown. She was born in Jonnertown February 22, 1856. Besides her husband, who is the well-known butcher and cattle dealer, she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Norman Hershberger, of Sunnyside, Johnstown; Edward, the well-known constable of Boswell; Mrs. John Mickle, of Holidaysburg; Mrs. J. Smith, of Ligonier; Mrs. Arthur Miller, of Jonnertown; Mrs. Joseph Case, of Pittsburg, and Miss Emma Arisman, at home. One brother, John Brown, of Cleveland, and 13 grandchildren also survive.

MRS. EMILY K. BAER.

Widow of George F. Baer, former president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, died Thursday night at her home in Reading. Mrs. Baer was Miss Emily Kimmel before her marriage. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Kimmel, deceased, and was born and reared in Somerset, where she will be remembered by all of the old residents. She has a sister, Miss Margaret Kimmel, residing in Somerset, and a brother, William Kimmel, residing in Pittsburg. Mrs. Baer's husband was a brother of the late Judge W. J. Baer and the late Hermanus L. Baer, of Somerset. Mrs. Baer left an estate of \$400,000. The Walker family of Meyersdale are relatives of Mrs. Baer.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEETING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a mass meeting of all the citizens of Meyersdale next Monday evening at 8 o'clock either at the square, Main and Centre streets or in Amity Hall. A distinguished gentleman of note will be on hand to address the meeting and Mrs. Kiernan of Somerset will also be present.

HARNESS SPECIALTY SALE at Public Auction at D. H. Wetzel's on Saturday, October 30 1 p. m.

MARRIED

BINGER-BARNHART.

Miss Rachel Pauline Barnhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnhart, became the bride of Frank Binger at a pretty ceremony in the Lutheran church performed by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. English. The members of the bridal party were: Miss Emma Grove of Somerset, bridesmaid; Harry Binger, Somerset, best man; the Misses Frances Barnhart and Marie Louise Schwartz, Stoyestown flower girls; the Messrs. Harvey Stahl and Wilbur Beachey, Somerset, ushers, and Miss Ethel Smith, pianist. A wedding breakfast was served to 40 guests at the Hite house. The bridal couple motored to Latrobe, where they took a train for the east to spend a two-weeks' honeymoon. They will live in Ralphton, where Mr. Binger conducts a meat market.

FRITZ-SHULTZ.

On October 17th at the home of the bride in Middlecreek township, at eight o'clock Mr. Harrison Fritz and Miss Jennie Shultz were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. P. B. Fasold. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fritz of Pine Hill, and conducts a machine shop and garage at Rockwood where the young couple will make their home. On the Monday following the ceremony, the newly-weds made a trip in an auto to the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Luther Shultz, who lives at Glade City outside of Meyersdale limits. The parents of the bride are deceased. The bride is an estimable young lady.

HALLOWEEN TO BE OBSERVED FRIDAY EVENING.

Chief Burgess Gress hereby gives notice that those who desire to observe Halloween in a proper manner are to do so not on Saturday or Sunday evening but on Friday evening, October 29th. All violations of the law will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

VALENTINE GRESS,

Chief Burgess.

LYCEUM MEETING, ON FRIDAY EVENING.

Friday evening Oct. 29, Rev. H. L. Goughnour will deliver an address on "Rural Sanitation and Health" instead of "The Minimum Wage," as previously announced. All rural school teachers and farmers are especially urged to come. Public spirited people of all vocations will be interested and instructed. Mothers will do well to attend. The subject is timely and of paramount importance. The meeting will be held in Amity Hall at 8:00 p. m.

Paul D. Clutton, Sec.

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