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## WANT A PLACE TO REST

**Die Hausfrau Voice the Old Question of a Room to Tarry While Shopping in Our Town. Other Important Business of This Now Famous County Society.**

Die Hausfrauen met this month at the farm home of Mrs. Oscar Walker, who was assisted by Mrs. Wm. Fritz and Mrs. Frank Walker, in entertaining.

The day was taken up with many things of interest. A new Board of Management was voted on as the business of the society is growing and needs the advice of people who know farm work.

Each baby born into the society is to receive a silver spoon with the child's name, date of birth and the name of the society engraved upon it. Also flowers will be kept in the room of members who are sick, beautiful tokens of thought and love of sisters in the society. Many "Castles in the air" were talked of. Among them the time when we country people will have a building or even a room in town where we can wait comfortably with our little children, after we are through our shopping, eat our lunch and meet our friends, instead of standing around on the streets, in store doors, or in store corners, as we do now. Is it any wonder country folk have not taken their proper place in the world? We, who have such comfortable homes on our farms, to which friends and others are always welcomed, cannot but feel small and uncomfortable and undignified, when we come to town and have to wander about the streets and stand around in all kinds of weather places until everybody in our party is ready to go home—and then start home many times, cold and wet, on a long dark drive.

A number of years ago in Alexandria, Pa., two country boys wandered over the streets in the rain and the mud, putting in the time until the folks were ready to start home. "If I were rich" said one, "I would buy me a heavy coat the rain could never get through." "I wouldn't," said the other, "I would buy me a house in town, where we could go and sit and rest when we came to town. Then we would be out of the rain."

Years passed and these two boys became very rich men. They then came back to their old home town of Alexandria and gave and endowed a "Town home for country people." The building is a splendid one, contains every convenience for making country people comfortable. On the main floor are rest rooms and a big lounging room, on the big table of which are all the best magazines and the home newspapers, tables to write on and stationary are at your service and on certain days an elderly woman is there to take care of children while their mothers shop or call. The other floors of the building are used for society or lecture rooms and are at the disposal of country people and all is free of charge, for this is a country boy's dream come true, a town home for the loved country people and it stands today a monument to these two men—a monument of reverence and devotion to the home folk they never forgot.

So we will welcome the time when we have a room in town for our country people where we can have all of the conveniences and comforts suggested in what has just preceded.

The December meeting will be at Holland farm, the home of the president as a great deal of business must be transacted. The meeting will start at ten o'clock in the morning instead of at 1 p. m.

### DIE HAUSFRAUEN.

Somerset county buckwheat cakes—Stir up flour and milk until the consistency of thick cream. Add salt and baking powder. Bake on hot griddle and serve with maple syrup and sausage.

### Who Will be Our Next Postmaster.

The term of office of J. F. Naugle, the present postmaster of Meyersdale expires on December 14th and as the administration has changed, the successor to Mr. Naugle will be a Democrat. Those aspiring for the position are: Rev. A. S. Glessner, J. T. Shipley, J. F. Reich, H. T. Staab and J. L. Weakland, all of whom possess merit, but only one will get it.

### THE REVIVAL.

The Revival meetings at the Church of the Brethren are growing in every way. Elder J. H. Cassady is a power in the pulpit and is attracting the largest audiences that ever greeted an evangelist in the church of his choice in this town. On Sunday evening the church was packed and some were turned away unable to gain admittance. Six converts is the result of the first week's work. Mr. Chas. Griffith is leading the song services till Prof. J. W. Yoder returns from his engagement at the Somerset County Teachers' Institute on Friday evening.

Rev. Cassady will preach three times on Thanksgiving day—the extra service being at the church at 10 a. m. and at Glade City at 3:00 p. m. He will also preach three times next Sunday—the extra appointment being a sermon to men at the church at 3:00 p. m.

## FIRST AID CAR HERE

From time to time the Commercial has been giving accounts of the work of the First Aid to the Injured and Mine Rescue work as being carried on by the Government under the department of the Bureau of Mines. On Saturday afternoon Car No. 6 of Western Pa. arrived at Meyersdale and was run on to a side track to carry on the work of instruction for a week's instruction. The car is a Pullman adjusted to the needs of the department. The work is in charge of Mr. C. O. Roberts who is assisted by Mr. W. G. Duncan. The former's wife is with him and a chef does their cooking. The car carries a full line of apparatus to demonstrate the work.

A class of instruction was formed on Monday of representatives of some of the mine companies in this section. They are the following: Edgell Smith, Charles Mellen, Rogers Spence, Michael Keegan, John Black, Norman Barnhart, Clay Beynon, George Baurgard, James Campbell, Elmer Barnhart.

### GLEICH-COLLINS.

At 6:30 Wednesday morning at the Catholic church, Rev. Fr. Brady officiating at high nuptial mass, Miss Tina Collins, one of Meyersdale's popular ladies and who had been a clerk in the Weinstein clothing store, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Gleich of Columbus, Ohio. The attendants at the wedding were Miss Ethel Collins, sister of the bride and Mr. Thos. McKenzie. Miss Josephine Damico presided at the organ. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hittle. The happy couple left for Columbus where the groom has a home awaiting their coming.

### ABANDONED TURNPIKES NOW ARE A COUNTY CHARGE

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has dismissed the appeal of the commissioners of Somerset County from the decision of the Superior Court which compels them to maintain abandoned turnpikes in Somerset County which have not been taken over by the state. That is to say, townships can no longer work abandoned turnpikes which have not become state roads, but this work must be done by the county. Under an Act passed in 1915, the County Commissioners are empowered to use prison labor on county roads, and as our fall is usually filled with foreigners, confined for small offenses, it seems that the commissioners, if they show anything like real efficiency, can make good roads cheaply, which ought to be an example to both the state authorities and the township authorities of how to handle our good roads problem.

### SNYDER-FAIDLEY

Jacob Snyder, son of Mrs. Josephine Snyder of Rockwood and Miss Emma Faidley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Faidley of Markleton, were recently married by Rev. I. J. Duke, of Rockwood.

Joel Miller, aged 75, a native of Elk Lick township, and a bishop of the Amish church, died a few days ago at his home near Grantsville. His widow and two sons survive.

All kinds of Guns and Repair at—  
**GURLEY'S SPORTING GOODS STORE,**

## DR. KALBFUS SAYS HUNTER'S BADGE IS ONE OF HONOR AND NOT OF SHAME

Answer to Mrs. F. B. Black's Recent Communication Regarding the killing of Animals and Birds During the Hunting Season. State Commissioner Declares Sportsmen the only Protectors of Game.

OFFICE,  
BOARD OF GAME COMMISSIONERS, HARRISBURG, PA.  
November 22nd., 1915

Editor of the Meyersdale Commercial  
Meyersdale, Pa.  
My dear Sir:—

Some time ago I had sent to me a copy of your issue of October 21st, 1915 containing an open letter from Mrs. Flora S. Black, protesting against what she terms "the useless killing of hunters," which article I read with no little interest and some surprise, and for various reasons.

First of all I wondered that anyone should go into the public discussion of a subject of which they apparently know but little. The purpose of Mrs. Black in writing her letter I have no doubt was to give additional protection to beneficial wild creatures, and to that extent is most commendable, but she has apparently written without understanding what was needed to give protection to our birds, without knowing what birds or animals should be protected, or who up to this very hour, had been the true conservators of our wild life in Pennsylvania, each of which is necessary to secure desired results.

It is easy to cry Peace! Peace!! when we know there is no peace, and never will, so long as human nature is as it is even among the churches where peace and harmony and good-will are supposed to prevail, if anywhere. We know human nature frequently asserts itself and this one or that one among the brethren pushes forward at the expense of his fellow. In my opinion peace is best maintained by being able to repel force with force when necessity requires and to that end we hold hunting to be a National necessity, through which our young men who choose to go hunting secure an experience in the manipulation of guns, in learning to shoot straight etc. in time of peace that fits them quickly, with limited discipline and drill to become efficient soldiers in time of war, our defense in time of trouble, and the necessity for such defense, no difference how un-

pleasant the thought may be, is constantly before us. The evidence of this condition is so well known that I need not discuss this phase at further length.

Through hunting our men who engage in that pastime secure a knowledge of the topography of our State, of her streams, her timberlands, her minerals, her industries, her waste lands, her cultivated lands, her animals and birds, and her people, that can be secured in no other way. These men are led to see Pennsylvania first and know we have in her one of the best, if not the very best, State in the Union. Everywhere around us, we see hospitals and sanitariums, with surgeons, nurses and medicines, built and sustained by the State, and designed to make sick men well. We contend that through hunting and the outing secured through the incentive of game, many a well man is kept well and many an ailing man is returned to health without the aid of hospitals, nurses or medicines. We contend that better health means better citizenship. But, I am writing more at length than I intended regarding a feature of this question that I had not thought to even touch upon in this letter, and will return to the original line of thought.

You have in mind the story of the merchant traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, was attacked by thieves, and left wounded and suffering by the wayside. You remember how the priest, the one from whom, because of his profession, most was expected, passed by on the other side, you recall how the Levite, another of the leaders of public thought, did the same thing. You remember what the Samaritan, one from whom apparently nothing was expected, did, and the Master said: "Who was neighbor to that man?" Experience teaches me that actions count to a far greater extent than do words, and I am sure a measure of grain scattered where Bobwhite and his suffering family can get it means more to them than do all the kind words that can be expressed by all the people of the county wherein they are about to die of starvation.

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## G. A. R. MEMORIAL SERVICES VERY INTERESTING

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Methodist church of this place very interesting services were conducted by M. C. Lowry, Post of the Grand Army of the Republic to pay respect to the memory of their departed ones of the order. The services were in charge of Commander of the Post, Dr. H. C. McKinley. The choir furnished some excellent music and an able sermon was delivered by Rev. W. W. Wagner, of Salisbury who is the chaplain of the Post.

The Adjutant, John H. Lepley read brief sketches of the lives of the departed comrades:

Jacob Beal was enrolled in Co. C, 61st Regt., Pa. Inf., Sept 26, 1864 to serve one year and was honorably discharged Sept 20, 1865. He joined the Post in 1906 and died March 18, 1912.

Comrade Aaron B. Isett was enrolled in Co. C, 125, Pa. Inf. August 13, 1862 to serve 9 months and was honorably discharged May 18, 1863. He joined the Post in 1912 and died on April 6, 1914.

William Daugherty was a member of the 1st Bat., Pa. Inf., served in two organizations and was honorably mustered out at the end of term of service. He joined the Post in 1899 and died March 1st, 1914.

John B. Engle was a member of the 1st Bat. Pa. Inf. and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service. He joined this Post in 1900 and died Oct. 25, 1912.

Comrade Jesse Cook was first enrolled in Co. K, 2nd P. H. D., Maryland Inf. and was honorably discharged at the end of a three-year enlistment to re-enlist in the same Co for three years, or during the war. He joined this Post in 1911 and died in Sep. 1913

Norman Engle was enrolled in Co. C, 3rd P. H. B. Maryland Infantry and at the expiration of his term of service re-enlisted in the same Co. and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He joined the Post by transfer in 1913 and died Feb. 18, 1915.

Comrade Luther A. Smith was enrolled in Co. A 10th Pa. Res. Corps. The first company that left Somerset County from the front on April 14 in 1861 to serve 3 yrs. He received a severe injury from the concussion of shell at the Second Battle of Bull Run. He was mustered out with the Co. at the expiration of three years but ever fully recovered from his injury which was a contributing cause of paralysis from which he died Feb. 17, 1911. He was a charter member of this Post and remained a faithful member to the time of his death.

Comrade John Kennell was a member of Co. —, Volunteers, served and was honorably discharged. He was reinstated in this Post Jan. 5, 1898, and was a member in good standing at the time of his death.

Comrade Elias B. Bittner was enrolled in Co. F. 61st Penna. Inf. on Sept 26th 1864, and was honorably discharged on June 1865. He joined this Post in 1910 and died recently.

List of Soldiers, not members of the Post, who died recently: Solomon Shunkler, Jacob Zufall, Oliver Hersh, Edgar Kyle, Michael Hutzell, Perry Hutzell, Frederick Swearman, A. J. Stoner, Garret Forespring, Eli Shockey, Conrad Shultz, Solomon Housel, A. E. Shoemaker, Noah Catow. The last two were Citizens of Meyersdale.

FANCY MAPLE MALNUTS AT 20 cents per lb. BITTNER'S GROCERY

### THROUGHOUT COUNTY

County Game Protector C. H. Osmer on November 2, arrested John and Lloyd Cramer, brothers, living near New Lexington, in Middlecreek township, for hunting without license.

Diphtheria is in the home of Sheriff Hochard at the county jail, Miss Myra Hochard, the sheriff's daughter, having the disease. The home and jail have been thoroughly fumigated and part of the sheriff's family are staying elsewhere.

Mrs. Lloyd G. McCrum is expected to return to Somerset this week from Rochester, Minnesota, where she has been for several weeks with her father, Ross B. Ried of Connelville, who is at the Mayo Brothers' Hospital. Mr. Ried underwent a surgical operation last week, since which time he has been recovering rapidly from an affliction of long standing.

Application for a charter for a new bank at Salisbury will be made to Gov. Brumbaugh on February 21st. The new institution will be known as the Citizens State Bank. The capital stock of the new bank will be \$25,000. The incorporators are John M. Wright, Samuel J. Ringler, Milton J. Giotfeld, George G. Engle, John A. Knecht, John D. Miller, W. M. Knecht, Frank F. Petry, James Harding, Daniel D. Otto and N. R. Newman.

The explosion of an oil lamp is said to have been the cause of the fire which destroyed a row of six houses owned by the Baker-Whitely Coal Co. at Hooversville on the night of Nov. 17. No one was injured in the blaze although many narrowly escaped cremation. The houses burned rapidly. The fire started about 9 o'clock. Whistles on the power house brought out volunteer fire-fighters, but owing to the rapid progress made by the flames, the volunteers were unable to cope with the blaze. Little of the belongings of any of the families could be taken out before the buildings were destroyed. The houses were in a single row and the fire made short work of the thin partitions.

While engaged in boiling two gallons of crude oil, two gallons of water, and two pounds of soap in an ordinary boiler, the elements exploded and spread fire about the kitchen of W. L. Dobbins of Shade Township, burning his little home and its contents. The loss occurred on the twenty-eight day of last May, and Mr. Dobbins has instituted suit against the National Hog Company to recover \$508.70, which he alleges was the amount of his loss. The plaintiff's statement, sets forth that the defendant company maintained a hog ranch at New Ashtoto, in Ogle Township, and that he was in the company's employ; that on the 28th day of May, at the instance of the person in charge of the ranch, he took to his home the crude oil, soap, and water, and boiled them as directed to do, the preparation being intended to wash the hogs with.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO'S REPORT SHOWS GAIN IN EARNINGS.

Economy and greater efficiency brought about a considerable increase in the net earnings of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, as shown in the 89th annual report as submitted to the stockholders recently. The net income was \$10,780,881, an increase of \$1,530,856, sufficient the report states, to pay the established dividend of four per cent on the preferred and five per cent on the common stock and leave a surplus of \$771,473.

Freight revenues which constitute 77.09 per cent of the operating revenues, amounted to \$70,780,808, a decrease of \$5,617,008 or 7.35 per cent. Passenger revenues amounted to \$14,069,940, a decrease of \$41,830,050 or 11.62 per cent. The total number of passengers carried was 2,581,992, a 9.52 per cent. It is said that over 800,000 of the decrease in passenger earnings was due to the cessation of immigrant business occasioned by the disturbed conditions in Europe and that the remaining portion reflects the general depression in business during the year.

There were but slight changes in the revenues from mail and express which were \$1,296,075, \$1,818,452 respectively. Other miscellaneous revenues show a net increase of \$109,773. Maintenance of way and structural expenses were \$8,985,626, a decrease of 27.64 per cent. The year previous the item included \$2,112,084 directly attributable to the disastrous floods of which there was no repetition in 1914. Maintenance of equipment expenses were \$18,002,558, a decrease of 6.69 per cent.

## MANY DEATHS IN COUNTY

Many Friends Whom You Knew and Loved Who Have Passed Away Recently in This Vicinity.

### ROBERT A. WINTER.

One of the respected men of this end of the county passed away from earth's scenes at his home in Salisbury on Friday, November 19, aged 67 years 10 months and 27 days. The deceased was born in Allegany County, Md.

When a young man he followed mining and railroading. On March 8, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Mull. To this union were born five children: James A., of Salisbury; George, of Jenner; Benjamin, of Keim; Mrs. Wm Robertson of Boynton, and Mrs. Chas. Mimma, of Millford. His first wife having died in 1901, he married Miss Matilda Wright, with an adopted daughter, Miss Elsie, survives. There were 32 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. After coming to Somerset county in 1870 he followed mining, being foreman for over thirty years, from which he was forced to retire on account of ill health. The funeral was conducted on Tuesday, November 23 at 19 a. m. by his pastor, Rev. Clyde V. Sparling, of the M E Church assisted by Rev. J. C. Matteson, Rev. H. L. Goughnour, Rev. A. S. Kresge, and Dr. L. P. Young; W. C. Price being the undertaker. The deceased was a member of Lodge 564, F. and A. M., No. 982 of Salisbury and of Gazeil Rebecka Lodge of Meyersdale all of which organizations had a large number of representatives at the funeral. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery of Salisbury.

The family desires to express their appreciation and gratitude to all of their friends and to the orders represented and for the tributes of flowers.

### MRS. ELIZA JANE HESS.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Hess, wife of the late Isaiah Hess, died at her home in Lavansville Monday, November 8th, aged seventy-four years, four months and twenty-four days. She is survived by one sister and three brothers, viz: Mrs. Wesley Miller, Jacob Barron, and Samuel Barron of Friedens, and Cyrus Barron, of Dixon, Ill.

Mrs. Hess was a consistent and lifelong member of the Samuels Lutheran Church. Funeral services were held on Wednesday. Interment was made in the Samuels Cemetery. The Rev. H. M. Petrea, pastor of the Lavansville Church, officiated.

### EDWARD FISHER

The dead body of Edward Fisher, aged 64 years, was found in a field near his home in Somerset township recently by Harry Slickerman, who was hunting for game. Mr. Fisher left his home shortly after dinner with a wheelbarrow and on ax, intending to cut some wood. When found, one stick of wood was lying by his side, indication that he died probably from heart trouble, just after beginning work. Mr. Fisher was a coal mien and farmer. He is survived by his wife, Hester Fishie.

### MRS. WASHINGTON MEGAHAN.

Mrs. Washington Megahan, aged seventy-seven years, died Nov. 16 in a hospital at Wilkingsburg, where she had been for six weeks. She and her husband, now in his ninety-fifth year, moved to Wilkingsburg about two years ago, where they lived with Mr. Megahan's son John. She was the second wife of Washington Megahan. The remains were brought to Berlin, where they will be interred. The deceased was an esteemed Christian woman, belonging to the Methodist Church.

### CATHERINE MATILDA SHAFFER.

Catherine Matilda Shaffer, wife of Geo. Wilson Shaffer of Brothersvalley Township, was born May 5th, 1875, and died November 10th, 1915, aged forty years, six months, and five days. The deceased is survived by a husband and six children, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. G. A. Collin, pastor of the U. E. Church, of which the deceased was a member.

The interment took place in the Union Cemetery.