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ANOTHER COMMUNICATION FROM GAME COMMISSIONER

Claims There is No Difference in Killing for Food Wild Creatures Than in the Slaughter of Domestic Animals and No Betrayal of Confidence in the Killing.

TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION IS SHOWN

Editor of The Commercial:
My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of your issue of December 2nd, containing an article written in reply to my letter of some weeks ago, and find that the writer is so far from my idea of "preparedness" that I will not attempt to discuss this phase of the question, except to say that I am afraid our armies would not be very formidable if we waited for war to be declared before we begin to train in the use of firearms. Congress is likely to give this matter consideration in the near future, and we will let it go at that.

I do not intend to be unkind or unfair in what I have to say in this paragraph, but feel that I must express my thoughts in reply to what Mrs. Black writes regarding cruelty in taking the life of defenseless creatures, and looking at her picture before referred to, a pigeon on her shoulder and a little pig in her lap, I cannot help but wonder what line of thought she traveled to reach her conclusions, for I know it is the nature of wild creatures to recognize a man an enemy, and to flee from him wherever possible, while domestic creatures are imbued with an artificial confidence in men. Through what is called kindness, they are led to consider men their friends. Those of us who eat meat must believe, if we think of all upon the subject, that God put certain creatures, both wild and domestic upon the earth to supply food for men, otherwise, many would be vegetarians. Regarding the right to kill either the creatures in the wild and natural state, or the creature that has been domesticated, or the justice of such killing, there certainly would be a wide divergence of opinion if men as a whole were to consider this proposition. Many would consider the dollar mark (\$) profit to some one, covers not only the purpose but also, all other reasons for contending that the progeny of wild creatures held captive for ages by men, for their convenience, and called domestic, may be killed while those creatures who have retained their freedom may not be killed. There is just as much, or more, nutriment in a pound of venison or ruffed grouse or wild turkey, as there is in the same weight of animal or bird raised on the farm, and at least there is no betrayal of confidence when the feeding buck or the whirring grouse is shot down. How about the pig when it is grown to sufficient size to render its killing profitable, or the baby pigeon aken from its roost and sold as a squab, or the calf that has learned to come at the call of its owner, or to eat from his hand. Or the older animals or birds on the farm, all along life's journey, these poor defenseless creatures have been led to think

man was their friend, they have been taught to come to his call, to be met at last by the rolled up sleeve with the supposedly kindly hand grasping at a butcher knife or an axe. Experience teaches me that but few people anywhere raise cattle, or innocent and helpless sheep, or poultry, for pleasure and I am satisfied, for pleasure these creatures are permitted to die of old age. If not, why not, and by what right, from the moral standpoint, does the man who eats meat, raised in captivity, question the right of any other man to kill or capture or use the flesh of wild creatures, perhaps the only meat he can get. Is there a real difference in application of what we call justice or fairness, as between the killing of wild creatures, that fear men, because they know them and the killing of domestic creatures, that have confidence in men, because they know them not? Death is the end of each one, and I fail to understand why the man who hunts and kills game with a gun is to be looked upon as dishonorable, while the man who kills a beef or chicken with perhaps the same gun, or in any other way, or those whose pleasure it is to help consume the beef or the chicken are looked upon as desirable citizens. But perhaps there is more than one side to this question, my side and I will not attempt to canvass the entire subject; I only suggest thoughts.

Regarding other features of her letter, I want to say just a few words. In the first place, I cannot help but feel from the presentation made in several parts of this letter, especially under the headings "Mighty wrath Gathered" and "Cart before the horse" that the protection of birds is secondary, and not first, in the mind of the writer, who has not confined herself to the question under consideration, but instead, has as many are prone to do when facts are lacking, turned to begging the issue by discussing other issues. She asks for fair treatment, and then devotes a considerable portion of her letter to an attempt to incite farmers, not to take an interest in bird protection, not to proving they are friends of the birds, but instead, to resent the assertion that they have not done certain things, that if they will only investigate, quietly by their own firesides, in their own hearts, they will know they have not done, I fail to understand how telling the truth can be made into a "slur" on anyone or how the statement that the "farmer is on the job all the time" has to do with this matter in question, "who is neighbor to the birds?" unless the writer asserts that the farmer as a farmer feeds or cares for the birds around him. This statement I dispute.

To be continued.

FOREIGNER FINED, HAD DOG

A foreigner living at Zimmerman's mines about three miles beyond Somerset, was taken into custody by Game Protector Osmer of Meyersdale on Saturday for keeping a dog, which foreigners are not allowed to do and besides this canine had been running deer. The costs amount to \$33.

The annual memorial services of the local Lodge of Loyal Order of Moose was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Reich's auditorium. The speakers were Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Father Brady, pastor of SS. Phillip and James Catholic Church Attorney Virgil R. Saylor of Somerset and James McHugh of Cumberland. Special music was rendered and a large number present.



The Indian Motor Cycle Agency was Contracted for by T. W. GURLEY, a few days for this district.

Our job work will certainly please

RECENT COURT CASES HEARD

C. Abalonzia will get a long term in the penitentiary. The crime of which Abalonzia was convicted was one of the most brutal ever committed in the county. His victim and four companions were walking down a Windber street one night last September. Two members of the party stepped from the street for a minute and during their absence Abalonzia appeared and charged them with spying on his wife. Refusing to accept any explanation the infuriated man drew a dagger from his pocket and plunged it into his victim's heart.

The Commonwealth was unable to make out its case against W. A. Coleman, charged by the Citizen's National Bank of Windber with obtaining money under false pretenses, owing to the failure of a material witness alleged to be beyond the jurisdiction of the court to appear when the case was called on Wednesday afternoon. Judge Ruppel instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty and as soon as the verdict was taken a deputy sheriff of Allegheny county took the defendant into custody. Coleman was wanted on a similar charge in that county and in other places also. Coleman is the chap who escaped from Sheriff Hochard a few weeks ago when the train stopped at Gallitzin.

Judge Ruppel dismissed the preliminary injunction granted in the case of the Tri-County Express Company vs. the Jenner-Quemahoning Coal Co. on the ground that the express company is merely an adjunct of the Independent Brewing Company of Pittsburgh and is working hand in hand with it for the illegal delivery of beer. The delivery of a can of beer was resisted by the coal company officials at Jerome and now that the case has been decided in their favor they are well satisfied.

Charles Engleka got ten months in jail for breaking his wife's nose. He stated that he intended to hit her on the back of the head but the blow accidentally landed on her nose. His story was a revolting one.

Joe Strenik convicted of assault and battery was fined \$25.

J. A. McCarty who charged John Daugherty, of Coal Run, with assault and battery, was permitted to pay the costs of prosecution as a reward of invoking the law.

U. S. G. Gallagher, who got into a fight at Jerome over the removal of a sewing machine that had not been paid for from the home of Charles Holoka, was acquitted on the assault and battery charge, but was held for one-half of the costs.

Justice of the Peace Charles H. Miller, of Jefferson township, who is alleged to have issued fraudulent scalp certificates, was permitted to make a settlement upon the recommendation of the Game Commissioner. It is said that the indictment was drawn under an act of assembly repealed some time ago.

Milton Walker, of Jenner township, who shot his niece who was fleeing from his home one day last summer, was paroled for a year. The prosecutor showed an unwillingness to prosecute the case. It is rumored that a settlement was made for the suffering of the young lady underwent.

Valentine Lepley, charged with assault and battery, was found not guilty. Irvin Saylor was the prosecutor. The case was from Windber.

Emanuel Glossner and N. E. Baldwin, charged with receiving stolen goods on information of E. B. Dayton, special police officer at Ralplton, were acquitted. The allegation was that the defendants, who deal in junk received a lot of scrap that had been stolen from about the mines.

Peter Restino, who made a murderous attack on Frank Mowry, a well known contractor and hotel keeper of Windber, a few weeks ago, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. Lowry is believed by some of his Italian friends did have a charmed life since he has survived numerous dagger stabs and pistol wounds. The prosecuting witness did not insist on sentence.

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AMITY CHURCH PROGRAMME

The following excellent Cantata, which has been months in the preparation by the local musical talent, will be rendered in the Amity Reformed Church on next Sunday evening. The cantata is entitled, "The Christmas King" and was prepared by Fred B. Holton.

Those taking part in the musical production are the following:—Misses Sue Baer, Emma Broesecker, Emma Baer, Margaret Smith, Anna Graves, Margaret Housel, Maude Saylor; Tenors, Messrs. H. K. Aurandt, Conrad Gleamer; Altos, Misses Anna Housel, Edith Baer, Mrs. Clarence Rowe; Basses, Messrs. P. W. Geidt, W. K. Housel, W. A. Graves, W. H. Holzshu; Organist, Martha Deist; Director, Prof. W. H. Kretzman.

"Prepare Ye the Way."
(Introduction and opening Chorus).—The Choir.

"O'er the Silent Eastern Hills,
(Soprano and Alto Duet and Choir) Miss Anna Graves, Mrs. Clarence Rowe and Choir.

"Follow the Guiding Star"
(Men's Chorus) Tenors and Basses, Solo, Mr. Aurandt.

"Glorious Morn"
—The Choir.

"And There were Shepherds"
Contralto Solo Miss Anna Housel; Sopranos and Altos, Choir.

"The Song is Ringing Still"
Soprano Solo, Miss Margaret Housel.

"Joy to the World"—Choir.

"Cradle Hymn"
(Solo with Choir Accompaniment Miss Sue Baer assisted by Choir.

"Praise Ye the Lord," Choir.
Silver Offering.

"Fairrest, Lord Jesus,"
(Mezzo Soprano and Baritone Duet) Miss Emma Broesecker, Mr. Kenneth Housel.

"There is Room in my Heart"
(Quartet) Miss Sue Baer, Miss Anna Housel, Mr. Conrad Gleamer, Mr. P. W. Geidt.

"Come and Worship,"—Choir.
Benediction, by Dr. A. E. Truxal.

THREE MEN AND SIX TURKEYS

Hunters 'From Philadelphia Bag Wild-Turkeys More Than Limit and Sent Part by Express. Were Fined \$100 Each.

On Nov. 3, three colored men, by name Wilson, Ivy and Jackson, of Philadelphia, came to Somerset county to hunt and got off the train at Sand Patch. At Deal they shot six wild turkeys and did not know what to do with more than one for each man, that being the limit of the law, so at the home of Reuben Smith, at Deal, they boxed three of the turkeys and shipped them to the Quaker City. Game Protector Osmer of Meyersdale heard of the episode and proceeded to bring them to account. He went to Philadelphia last week, located the men, two of whom at once paid their fine of \$100 each and the other declared his innocence and was being brought here for trial but before landing in Meyersdale he confessed and was placed in the lockup here until money was sent to pay the fine by his city friends when he was set free.

GAME PROTECTOR WILL PAY FOR FEEDING BIRDS

Game Protector C. H. Osmer of this place, urges upon all to feed the birds—quail, grouse and wild turkeys, because of the snow on the ground. He will pay for such service but an agreement must be made with him before the grain is scattered. He can be reached either by the Economy or the Somerset County lines in Meyersdale. Those who are humanely disposed should feed the birds without any remuneration.

A FINE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

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LUTHERAN CHURCH EXPECTS TO MAKE NEW IMPROVEMENTS

Are Planning to Build New Parsonage and Addition to Sunday School. Will Make Much Better Setting for Their Beautiful and Artistic Church.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON PLANS ETC.

At the close of the preaching services at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in this place, Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor, on Sunday morning, a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of taking action relative to the advisability of enlarging the Sunday School room and the erection of a new parsonage.

The question was well discussed by members of the congregation, as the need for more room to carry on the Sunday School work was very evident as the enrollment is about 400 and the average attendance about 300 Mr. Clarence Moore is the superintendent.

While the Lutheran parsonage is a fairly substantial dwelling, it detracts from the otherwise pleasing effect of artistic architecture of the church which adjoins it.

A committee composed of Messrs. S. B. Philson, B. E. Shipley and Wm. H. Deal was appointed to confer with architects on plans, cost etc. The church has an abundance of space for making the contemplated improvements. The congregation under the energetic leadership of Rev. Michael of a little over a year's pastorate, has made marked accessions to its numbers and greater efficiency in all the organizations of the church.

BAND CONCERT GREAT SUCCESS

Nicely Arranged Program Pleas-ed Good Sized Audience That Attended in spite of the Blizz-ard Weather.

The Band Concert held on Tuesday evening in Amity Hall was a grand success from start to finish.

The program was nicely arranged, the music by the band being interspersed with numbers by some of the best singers of the town and by several interesting readings. The band, under the skilful leadership of Prof. C. W. Baldwin, maintained its high standard of classical music together with catchy airs. The hall was well filled, notwithstanding the blizzard without. The baritone solo by Rev. Father Brady, entitled "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," was heartily encored; the Darrow sisters sang "What is the Good of being Good." This also was much appreciated, as was the solo by Miss Irene Collins, entitled "America for Me." The Male Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Cook, Clark, Clutton and Baldwin, sang several pleasing numbers and Master Harry Gordon recited several humorous selections.

The concert closed with the great religious selection "Joy to the World."

DEATHS IN THE COUNTY.

WILLIAM JONES

Whose home is at Roumania, near this place, died on Tuesday at the county home where he had been for less than one year. He was aged 64. The remains were received here on Tuesday and given in charge of Undertaker Reich and were taken to his home and funeral services were held there at 2 o'clock to-day conducted by Dr. A. E. Truxal and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

Besides the wife, Mrs. Mary Jones the following sons and daughters are living: Peter, Harry, William, Patrick, Earl, Lee; Margaret, Mrs. Esther Stine and Mrs. Cora Corfield.

JONATHAN ALBRIGHT.

An aged and respected citizen of Meyersdale died at his home on Tuesday, aged 88 years. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Bittner, she having died forty years ago; his second wife who survives him was Sarah Shultz. He was a veteran of the Civil War. The following are sons and daughters: Lincoln, DeLoss, James, William, Mrs. Ellen Kuhn, Mrs. Wm. Mosholder. The funeral was held on Thursday with interment in Greenville cemetery. Rev. Romesburg officiating.

THE REX CLUB TEAMS WINS FROM THE SALISBURY BOYS.

The Rex Club Basket Ball Team defeated the Salisbury team in a fast and interesting contest at the Reich auditorium on Wednesday evening. The score was 31-17.

Rex Club	Position	Salisbury
Griffith	Forward	Lichty
Brant	Forward	Swartzwalter
Benford	Centre	Stattler
Sheil	Guard	Thomas
Gross	Guard	Harding

Hady Sub. Score—Field Goals, Lichty 5; Griffith 4; Brant 4; Benford 1; Foul Goals, Griffith 13 out of 18; Thomas 7 out of 16. Referee, Clutton. Timekeeper, Stattler and Griffith. Scorer, Demmer.

MANY PARENTS AT MEETING

The auditorium of the high school was filled with parents and friends so that it was necessary to bring in additional chairs on Friday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Before the exercises began all were invited to inspect the new Domestic Art department and were delighted with everything they saw there. Miss Estelle Broadwater who has charge of the department has certainly made a splendid beginning and the young cooks under her direction are already winning many laurels.

When all had assembled, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, the newly elected president presided in an able manner. The new High School Orchestra and Glee Clubs under the direction of Professor Arnold gave two selections each with credit to themselves and their teacher.

Rev. J. C. Matteson spoke on "The Value of School Libraries," giving a number of excellent suggestions.

The banner for the school having the largest percentage of parents was won by Miss Forquer's school (Dainty sandwiches and coffee were then served in the Domesic Art department. On Thursday evening of this week a chicken and waffle supper will be given in his department in order to buy rugs for the dining room and bedroom.

GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC ELECT OFFICERS.

On Thursday, 9th inst. the members of M. C. Lowry Post, Meyersdale met for the purpose of electing their officers and when the smoke of battle rolled away (there wasn't any battle at all, just to make use of a pat and pet expression) the following were found to be in the ascendant, in sensible language, elected:

Commander	Dr. H. C. McKinley
S. V. Commander	Jos. Mosholder
J. V. Commander	Eli Hare
Chaplain	Rev. W. W. Wagner
O. D.	Samuel Hofmeyer
O. G.	Joseph Wagner
Surgeon	Augustus Rosenberger
Q. M.	Martin A. Rutter

J. H. Lepley was reappointed Adjutant. John White, Color Sergeant.

BAKE SALE A SUCCESS.

The Bake Sale conducted by the Young People's Guild of Amity Reformed Church held last Saturday was a great success, the demand for the products being even greater than the supply. Because of this, the Guild has decided to conduct a similar sale, on Friday, December 24th, 1915. Don't forget the date and leave your orders early.

Mrs. Kennedy Price arrived in Meyersdale Sunday evening and will remain until after the holidays. She will occupy the W. T. Hoblitzell home on the Avenue in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Hoblitzell and will have as her guests her sons, E. R. and F. H., of Van Lear, Kentucky, Kennedy, of Somerset and her brother, F. W. Hoblitzell, of West Hickory, Pa.

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