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## WERE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENT

### Three Members of Hoblitzell Family, at One Time Residents of This County, Lost in Steamboat Accident.

Among the victims of the steamboat disaster in the Ohio river at Parkersburg, W. Va., Wednesday night of last week, are reported the Hoblitzells former residents of Ursina and well known in Meyersdale, being distant relatives of the Hoblitzells here.

The list of missing passengers give the names of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoblitzell, sr.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoblitzell, jr., and infant, and J. D. Hoblitzell, all of Washington, D. C.

Ursina people, however, believe there is a mistake about W. L. Hoblitzell, sr. being a passenger on the boat. When W. L. Hoblitzell, sr., left Ursina he went to Colorado, and it was reported later that he had been shot and killed by one of his employees on a big railroad construction job there. They understood that his widow had married a man named Epton, of Washington, D. C.

W. L. Hoblitzell, sr., had three sons, W. L. Hoblitzell, jr., J. D. Hoblitzell, and another whose name cannot be recalled. They lived in Ursina in 1869, 1870, and 1871 and put through the Brooks, Shoeny and Pinkerton tunnels of the Baltimore & Ohio extension, Pittsburgh to Cumberland. They resided on the Brooks farm, which is now occupied by the John Garlets family. They left Ursina in about 1878 going to Colorado. Several years ago they came back and occupied the Brooks farm again. They probably left Ursina 15 years ago. Wm. L. Hoblitzell, jr., known as Lawrence Hoblitzell, was in Ursina, Meyersdale and other Somerset County towns last summer selling stock in a big fruit farm in Maryland.

Later, on Monday the bodies were found and identified as Mrs. W. L. Hoblitzell, sr., W. L. Hoblitzell, jr., and W. L. Hoblitzell, III, aged 5 months, all of Washington, D. C.

## WERE WEDDED RECENTLY

### YOUNKIN-CHRISTNER.

Henry Younk, of the firm, Younk Bros., grocers of the South Side, handed out a little surprise to his host of friends last week when he eloped away, but not alone, to Cumberland, accompanied by Miss Emma Christner, of Stoyestown, who left her last name in that Mecca of those who wed and don't want to make much fuss about it. This event occurred on Friday last. The happy pair continued their journey to Washington where they visited at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Fernner. They have allotted themselves one week for the honeymoon trip. Both of the contracting pair highly esteemed. The bride lived for a time in Meyersdale and her family were not so long ago residents of St. Paul before moving to their present home in Stoyestown.

### GATES-WILSON.

After many difficulties, Jere Gates, Landstreet, aged 17 years and Miss Marion Wilson, Hooversville, 15 years of age were married at Cumberland on January 7, the girl meeting her lover near Hooversville and from there both were driven to Cumberland. Just before Christmas a marriage license had been secured but they were apprehended at Rockwood. The young couple are now at the home of the groom's parents at Landstreet.

### THOMAS-BLYTHE

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Blythe Marshall and Captain Spencer Thomas of the U. S. N. took place at the home of the bride in Conneville. The bride is a popular member of Conneville's social set and her father, Edward Marshall was a former Somerset druggist. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Farrington Thomas, of Brownville, Texas is inspector or instructor of the engineer militia of the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, stationed in New York. They have gone to Panama for a two months' stay.

### WEIMER-KING

Miss Violet Emma King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. King of Middlecreek township, and Lewis Henry Weimer, son of Mrs. Eliza Weimer of Rockwood, were married at the parsonage of the New Centerville Lutheran church by the pastor, Rev. F. B. Farsold.

## REPLY TO BASKET BALL CHALLENGE.

The Firemen stated in their Challenge that the Southside quintet had agreed to play a series of five games, but this is a mistake because the Southside quintet did not agree to play five games but did agree to play a series of three games. It was published some time ago in the Republican that the Firemen and Southside would play a series of five games but it was not put in that paper by any one on the Southside team.

One sentence in the Challenge reads "The first game resulted in a tie, the score being 19 to 19." At the close of the first game Referee Paul Clutton officially awarded the Southside team the game by a score of 19 to 18.

The Firemen say the first game resulted in a 19 to 19 score, but they have no Referee's decision to go by, merely their own which is of rare value in such a case.

The second game was played on Christmas night and resulted in a 25 to 16 victory for the Southside boys. If the score had been a little closer, no doubt the Firemen would have disputed the Referee's decision again.

Then on New Year's night was to be the final clash but since the Southside team won the first and second games, Manager Reich scheduled games with Oakland and Conneville instead. The manager stated he scheduled these two games as the games between the Southside and Firemen were becoming too rough and no doubt the people would lose interest in the winter sport. Furthermore, was the Southside team could not play the Firemen any more this season because most of the players are in the high school team and thus are not allowed to play or practice with any other team. If it were not for this condition we would accept the challenge and show them that we could defeat them again.

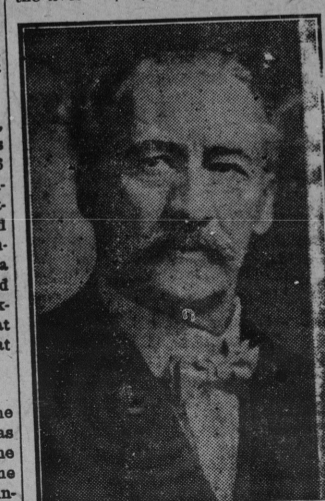
Signed

Southside Basket Ball Team.  
City Champions

## SALISBURY LECTURE JAN. 18

Lou J. Beauchamp, one of America's best known lecturers and honorary president of the I. L. A., losing his mother when a babe, spent the early years of his life among the Creek, Choctaw and the customs of the tribes as illustrations in his lectures. Denied school and college privileges, he was taught his letters by a young girl, and once became an omnivorous reader and at the age of fourteen was contributing prose and poetry to New York papers and at twenty was one of the editors of a Cincinnati daily newspaper.

He has traveled 1,000,000 miles in the old world and is now investigating the lives of people in the slums of the



LOU J. BEAUCHAMP.

world's greatest cities and writing his experiences for the press. Because of these unique experiences he brings to the platform gifts that have been given to few others, and his love and sympathy for humanity enable him to use these experiences in his lectures in a way to benefit and bless his hearers.

Chas. Bowman, a young miner employed at No. 2 Consolidation, while riding last Friday on a trip of cars was knocked off by a passing train fracturing a bone of a wrist. Dr. W. T. Rowe, reduced the fracture.

The agency for the Indian Motorcycle has been secured by T. W. GURLEY. See his line before buying.

## PARALYZED AND NO ONE TO AID. PECULIAR CONDITIONS IN DABERKO HOME

Henry Daberko, an aged resident of the South Side, a few days ago was found paralyzed by Officer Bitter and Dr. Lichty. He had been living in one end of the house alone and his wife in another part of the house, she being his second wife. It is said that they were both peculiar and each looked after his or her own needs. They were as much isolated as strangers and though each lived in separate homes. The neighbors who had been accustomed to seeing Mr. Daberko about, were fearing that something was not right and as they could get no satisfaction from Mrs. Daberko, they appealed to Officer

Bitter who in company with Dr. Bruce Lichty made forcible entrance into the house where they found Mr. Daberko, paralyzed and unable to speak. He was made as comfortable as possible and is now being taken care of by Charles Hauger. Some years ago, when Mr. Daberko was living up in the mountains near town, his first wife was then alive, he was attacked by night-burglars and was hit on the head with an ax and it was thought for a time that he was fatally injured, but he recovered completely. Robbery was the motive of the assault but the burglars obtained nothing.

### GARRETT.

We are having real spring weather at this time and many farmers are busy taking advantage of it to do their hauling.

J. E. Walters spent Sunday in Cumberland, returning Sunday evening accompanied by his wife.

Prof. H. B. Spetcher spent Saturday in Salisbury on business and did not return home until Sunday evening.

C. H. Osmer, of Meyersdale spent several hours in town on Sunday.

Many of our people attended the sale of Theodore Romesberg, Tuesday.

H. P. Hay of Brothersvalley township spent several hours in town on Tuesday.

E. E. Carver made a business trip to Macdonald on Tuesday evening. Chas. Pritts of Blackfield was a visitor to this place on Tuesday evening.

Most of the miners who struck have again gone to work at the South Side mines.

Fritz Bros. who are prospecting for coal on their farm in Summit township are meeting with good success.

Dr. H. Garey of Wilkinsburg was a caller in Garrett for several hours on Wednesday.

Blaine Leonard has sold his team of horses, the sale taking place at the public sale of Theodore Romesberg.

Mr. D. F. Kimmell has removed his household goods and family into the house of J. B. Walker on Jackson street which was vacated lately by Edward Johnson who has moved to Meyersdale.

Harry Nedrow shipped his household goods to Ohio on Wednesday where the family will make their future home.

### MT. LEBANON.

The Christian Endeavor Society of The Mt. Lebanon Reformed Church held its first monthly social meeting at Mr. W. S. Staley's on Wednesday, January 6th; on account of bad weather condition there was not a full turnout. Following the business a bounteous lunch was served. Amusements of various kinds were then on the program; the hour was late when an adjournment was made.

Mr. Hosetler, the health officer has been visiting our community quite frequently.

Mr. W. S. Lane of Berlin was seen in this locality a few days ago; he purchased a fine beef from Mr. Bauman.

Was, sorry Mrs. Frank Brant did not get to serve her apple lunch as arranged for the C. E. social, as sickness has entered her home.

Wm. Diest has again returned home and is on the sick list.

The schools of this community which have been closed on account of measles have resumed this week.

The men are busy in prop making and hauling.

### MISS JUST NEARING THE BOUNDS OF LIFE.

Miss Edith Just, who for some years has been the efficient book-keeper in the Second National Bank and who is so universally respected and admired for her womanly qualities for humanity enable him to use these experiences in his lectures in a way to benefit and bless his hearers.

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## BLACKSMITHING AT FOUR SCORE YEARS.

The veteran blacksmith at Elk Lick Mr. John J. Livengood, was a visitor to Meyersdale and a caller at this office one day last week. In conversation he remarked casually that he was a blacksmith and that he soon would cross over the four score line, but he had not yet finished life's long workday.

Mr. Livengood has made some records in horseshoeing that the man in the vigor of the 30's or 40's would have to go some to equal. On December 11th last, he began shoeing horses at 11 o'clock and continued up to 5 o'clock and when he laid down the hammer, he had put on 24 shoes; a few days ago he started in at nine in the morning and continued to three in the afternoon, fitting and placing 31 shoes in that time. He has been at his trade for over a half century; he was married 58 years ago and in that time he has not been sick a day. Mr. Livengood is genial in disposition and life for him has yet much of interest. The passing of the year has exacted but small toll from him.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harvey Allen Leydig of Somerset and Carrie Ethel Seibert of Friedens—Josiah D. Long of Stoyestown and Agnes I. Ringler, of Elk Lick—Frank Wilhelm and Annie Swindell both of Meyersdale—Robert Wesley Cover of Johnstown and Edna E. Swank of Somerset township—Dewey Ott and Verna Naugle, both of Paint township; Harry E. Rhodes and Elta L. Winters, both of Jenner township;—James Price and Amanda Miller, both of Scalp Level; Chas. A. Ashe of Jenner township and Bessie G. Moore of Somerset township—Curtis C. Keim and Emma L. Spory both of Jenner township; Newlin E. Beaber and Ada Idella Meyers both of Hooversville—Harvey A. Shumaker and Elizabeth S. Menhorn, both of Elk Lick township—Frank S. Albright of Macdonaldton and Nettie E. Brant of Brothersvalley township.

### MRS. KEZIA MILLIGAN.

Mrs. Kezia Milligan, nee Ebert, was born at Mt. Lebanon, Somerset county, in the year 1848 and died Jan. 3, 1916, near Hyndman, Pa., at the age of 68 years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ebert.

Her husband and two children preceded her in death. One brother Samuel Ebert, and three sisters—Mrs. William Koch, Mrs. Edward Bollinger and Mrs. John Wolfe, survive. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Kresge on Thursday, January 6, at one p. m. in the Evangelical church at Glencoe. Interment was made at Mt. Lebanon.

### MRS. SILAS LYONS.

Mrs. Silas Lyons, of Middlecreek, died very suddenly on Monday morning at the Barron Church on Wednesday afternoon with interment in the Barron cemetery.

### THE BIJOU.

The Bijou moving picture house is growing in favor, crowds attending each evening, many have to stand, room is to be enlarged.

This Thursday evening a celebrated scandal in 6 parts also one fine comedies.

Friday evening, The Reward in 3 parts and the Animated Weekly. All the late events and prominent persons on the screen.

Saturday evening, Two big features in fact the entire program is one continuous feature; two comedies.

All next week each night everything fine. Come and judge for yourself.

### SHAULIS-PYLE

Miss Christianna M. Pyle of Milford and Milton H. Shaulis of Lincoln township, were married at the parsonage of the New Centerville Lutheran church by the pastor, Rev. F. B. Farsold.

### SLEASMAN-KIMMELL

Miss Mattie Ruth Kimmell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kimmell, and John William Sleasman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sleasman, both of Milford township, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset Christian church by the pastor, the Rev. S. G. Buckner.

WE BELIEVE THAT FLOUR WILL BE MUCH HIGHER. OUR GOLD MEDAL TO-DAY AT \$6.50 PER BBL WILL SAVE YOU MONEY, BESIDES GIVING YOU ONE OF THE BEST ON THE MARKET.

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POTATOES WANTED AT HABEL & PHILLIPS.

## LEARNING TO IMPROVE SOIL

### Farmers Unanimously Endorse The Idea of a Farm Bureau for Better Co-operation in the County.

The Somerset County Farmers' Institute held at Somerset, January 7th and 8th, was carried out according to the program as announced in our columns. The attendance was much better than at any time during the last several years and the interest shown on the part of the farmers in the discussion of Lime and its Form and Use, the interest they are taking in the clovers, vetch, soy beans and other legumes makes it very apparent that they will not pay the high prices for nitrogen and other high priced commercial fertilizers in the future. From the best evidence produced it is quite evident that the farmers will try to improve their soil with the use of lime, manure, plowing down clover crops and the use of phosphoric acid.

The Good Roads session on Friday afternoon was largely attended and their various subjects were ably discussed by local members and those present from without the county. The Good Roads Day movement was heartily endorsed and a resolution adopted endorsing the movement and expressing willingness to join and help in having a larger and better Good Roads Day next summer.

The Farm and Educational session held Saturday afternoon was the best attended Farmers' Institute ever held there. Mr. Weaver, assistant farm bureau advisor, in an impressive talk, described the benefits of a Farm Bureau and told of what is being done along this line in other counties of the state. In one county alone a saving of \$50,000 resulted from taking precautions against smut in the oats last season. In another county potato growing and marketing was developed from shipping a few scattered car loads to hundreds of car loads shipped direct to the New York market where they commanded the highest cash price. In another county animal industry has been revived and more than doubled in the past three years and in still another organized dairying has increased the volume of business 50 per cent. Co-operation of farmers has been increasing on a tremendous scale in the past few years and the time has arrived when Somerset county agriculturists should see that a Farm Bureau is established here under the patronage of the County Commissioners. The proposition received the unanimous endorsement of the institute before adjournment.

## INSPECTS HOUSEHOLD DEPT.

Prof. R. W. Helm of the department of Public Instruction on Wednesday made an official visit to the Household Arts Department which course is an innovation for the Meyersdale schools this year. The work is in charge of Miss Estelle Brodhead. There are 20 young ladies taking this course and the work has become very popular with pupils, parents and the officers of the schools. The inspector expressed to Prof. Kretschman, the principal of the schools his gratification of this new department.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN—Rev. W. M. Howe, Pastor. In the absence of the pastor, Elder J. W. Wegley will preach at both the morning and evening services. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers' Meeting at 6:15 p. m. Business Meeting, Tuesday, February 1st at 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Meyersdale—Services for Sunday, January 16, both morning and evening. H. E. Kay of Pittsburgh will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Brethren Church: H. L. Goughnour, pastor. On Sunday, Jan. 16, there will be Church services both morning and evening at Meyersdale. Sunday-School at 9:30 a. m. and Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. All are cordially invited.

The Men's Federation will hold its annual luncheon on Thursday evening, Jan. 20.

Much good news already set up has been crowded out of this issue.