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J. T. SHIPLEY APPOINTED POSTMASTER OF MEYERSDALE

President Wilson Sends to Senate Name of Prominent and Successful Man of This Place to Take Care of Uncle Sam's Work Here.

MEETS WITH APPROVAL OF WHOLE COMMUNITY



John T. Shipley.

The prolonged expectancy of the people of Meyersdale as to who would be their new postmaster for the next term of four years due to change of political administration from Republicanism to that of Democracy, was settled by the news reaching here last Friday morning that the name of John T. Shipley had been sent by Pres. Wilson to the senate for confirmation as postmaster of Meyersdale. This appointment is meeting with public favor for all feel that Uncle Sam's interests will be well taken care of by one who has made a success of his own private business.

While the contest for this office was spirited on the part of the contestants there was no rancor in the minds of those who failed in their political aspiration. True it was disappointing to them but the race was a clean one. The candidates were Messrs. J. T. Shipley, Albert S. Glessner, J. F. Reich, H. C. Staub and J. W. Weakland.

John Thomas Shipley, Meyersdale's postmaster-appointee, was born in Howard county, Maryland, near Baltimore. At the age of 17 years, Mr Shipley entered the Hdwe. firm, Carlin & Fulton as a clerk and later became their representative on the road.

On July 1st, 1872, Mr. Shipley came to Meyersdale forming a partnership in the hardware business with the father of Mr. George W. Collins at the place where is now the store of Miller & Collins. In subsequent years Mr Shipley took over the business and of late years it has been run by his sons under the name of the Shipley Hardware Company. This company not only attends to the local trade but have salesmen on the road.

Mr. Shipley was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Emily Duely who died in 1874. Later he married Miss Margaret Suder of Berlin. His sons and daughters are Barron E. and Fulton; Mrs. Fannie Mercier of Johnsburg; Mrs. E. R. Floto of Connelville; Mrs. Emily, wife of Rev. Tulp, a Lutheran clergyman; and Miss May Belle at home.

Mr. Shipley is a member of the Lutheran church, a charter member of both the Masonic Lodge and of the Chapter. During the exciting times of the Meyersdale strike he was burgess of the town and he had the iron in his makeup to hold affairs steady. In disposition he is affable and accommodating. Through all the stress and strain of the political opponents of the party which aimed to reduce it to a nonentity, he remained steadfast and loyal to his party. He is a faithful Democrat, but above that he is a true citizen and one of the residents of Meyersdale in whom the people in general can take pride in having as their postmaster.

The retiring postmaster, J. F. Naugle, has been in the service of Uncle Sam for eighteen years and six months, receiving his first appointment from President McKinley and subsequently from President Roosevelt and Taft.

Mr. Naugle has served the patrons of the Meyersdale office with much efficiency and satisfaction to all by his genial manner and courteous treatment, even going out of his way to serve the public.

He desires to express through the columns of the Commercial his appreciation to the Meyersdale people and vicinity for their co-operation in his work.

At the same time the editor believes that the patrons of the office feel like giving a rising vote of thanks to the departing postmaster at the same time wishing him success in anything he may undertake.

KILLED BY KICK OF A MULE.

Internal rupture caused by the kick of a mule resulted in the death of Blair Hiner, 21 years of age, of Central City, Friday afternoon at the Windber Hospital. Mr. Hiner was admitted to the hospital in a dying condition and expired 13 minutes later.

The young man was employed in the barn of M. E. McNeal, at Central City, and was kicked in the abdomen by one of the mules there on Wednesday afternoon. His condition grew worse and he was taken to Windber Friday. Before an operation could be performed, he died.

The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Meek and funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in the tabernacle at Central City.

VALENTINE PARTY.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leighty, on High street, on St. Valentine's Day in honor of their daughter, Ida. Games and music were enjoyed until 10 o'clock when they all went to the dining room, where a hot, course supper was served; also sherbet and cake. Covers were laid for fourteen. The table and room were beautifully decorated with crepe paper and hearts. A very happy time was enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Mora Siehl, Mary Poorbaugh, Winifred Spence, Ruth Bowman, Zelma Shumaker, Jessie Forespring, Ida Leighty, Robert Smith, Lawrence Siehl, Roger Spence, Walter Lindeman, John Hare, Sidney Eisler and William Darrow.

OFFERS \$100,000 FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISE

At the beginning of the present week, the well-known musical instrument dealers, Baldwin & Livengood, who had been located on Centre street transferred their stock to the store room of the J. F. Naugle building on Main street below Centre. To reduce their stock, they had a very successful Anniversary Sale. Just now they have great encouragement in the sale and manufacture of their Humanola instrument that can hardly

be equalled anywhere. They took on five more men on Monday last at the Mahlon Saylor place on the South Side. One day this week a business man from New York City visited here and pronounced the Humanola a fine instrument and offered to help finance its manufacture to the extent of \$100,000. Mr. Mahlon Saylor is one of the men who greatly improved the instrument.

PROGRAM FOR THE BIJOU THEATRE.

The Bijou moving picture theatre maintains a high record of attendance, night after night, because it gives more than your money's worth.

The program for the remainder of the week is simply fine.

To-night—THURSDAY—The people of Meyersdale have a treat in store for them at the Bijou. Wm. Farnum who played Samson last week, appears to-night as the leading character in The Plunderer. He holds his audience with rapt attention. The famous Livengood Orchestra will be on hand to play during the performance. No one goes to sleep in the Bijou.

FRIDAY—The Graft Series, being a railroad scene, each complete in itself and the fine drama, The Power of Fascination.

SATURDAY is another big time in the week: We have another interesting, absorbing episode of The Broken Coin; another, Billy Collins' Job; and still another feature, Just Plain Folks.

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shroyer of Rockwood recently gave a pleasant surprise for Mrs. H. C. Kniernem of Meyersdale, the mother of Mrs. Shroyer. Her twin brother, Paul and sister, Pauline Kniernem arrived from Rockwood on Saturday and Mrs. Kniernem and friends from Meyersdale Sunday evening joining others at Rockwood.

A birthday cake with the required number of candles beautified the table where a fine course dinner was served. Mrs. Shroyer received some handsome gifts. The occasion will long be remembered by those taking part therein.

The guests present were—George H. Benford and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kniernem and children, of Meyersdale; Mrs. Herman Saylor, Miss Clara Saylor, Dr. C. T. Saylor and wife of Rockwood.

2 LBS. GOOD MIXED CAKES for 25 CENTS AT BITTNER'S GROCERY.

WEDDINGS IN NEARBY PLACES.

DAMICO—MICHICHE

Miss Rose Damico, daughter of Augustus Damico of this place and James Michiche of Baltimore, were united in marriage at the Catholic church, Monday at 10:30 a. m., by Rev. Fr. Brady. The bride was attired in a navy blue traveling gown. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Damico, uncle and aunt of the bride were the attendants. The happy couple left on No. 6 on a wedding trip to Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia. They expect to make their home in Somerset.

As there was some criticism of our statement that the young bride was 16 years of age, the editor desires to say that last fall she gave in her age in the schools as 16 years and six weeks ago it is said she had arrived at her 17th birthday.

MARTIN—SHAW.

Mrs. Lydia Shaw, of Salisbury, was united in marriage, Monday at Pittsburg, to Henry D. Martin, a real estate dealer of Cincinnati. Cards announcing the wedding were received in Meyersdale on Tuesday. After February 25, the newly-wedded couple will be at home in Salisbury, where Mr. Martin will have charge of his wife's extensive real estate holdings.

HENSEL—PYLE.

On Wednesday at Somerset, Miss Lydia Pyle, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Pyle, and Merle Hensel, son of William Hensel, all of Friedens, were united in marriage. They left for a honeymoon trip to Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Hensel will, for the present, live with the former's parents at Friedens.

CONSOLIDATION COMPANY MAKING A NEW TOWN

Opening up More New Mines in Four Places at the New Town to be Called Bell, Located About Eight Miles From Somerset.

C. A. WARFIELD TO HAVE CHARGE OF STORE

The Consolidation Coal Company is opening up mines in four different places at a town to be known as "Bell," which is about on the border township line of Jenner and Somerset townships or about 8 miles from the town of Somerset.

Already 50 double houses have been erected and 50 more are to be started at once. The railroad leading from the regular line in that locality is being laid. This will be one of the largest operations of that company and the largest in Somerset county operated by the Consolidation. Mr. C. A. Warfield who is well known here will take charge of the company store.

C. W. KRISSINGER BERLIN'S POSTMASTER

On Saturday, President Wilson sent the name of Charles W. Krissinger to the senate as postmaster of Berlin.

Mr. Krissinger, who is a hustling young business man of Berlin, had much opposition even by those of his own party, but has won out and will be a worthy successor to Postmaster Marshall, who will again take up his work as editor of the Berlin Record.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP TO BE HERE MONDAY

The Rt. Rev. Cortland Whitehead, Bishop of Pittsburg Diocese, will hold confirmation service in the Trinity Episcopal church on Meyers avenue in this place on Monday evening at 7:30, February 21.

BALTIMORE & OHIO TO EMPLOY 200 MORE MEN.

Announcement was made yesterday at Cumberland by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company that the old round house in South Cumberland is to be converted into car shops, which will give employment to about 200 men. The heavy repair work heretofore done at the Mt. Clare shops of the Baltimore & Ohio, Baltimore will be done at the Cumberland shops after March 1.

ANOTHER ROAD CONFERENCE

A conference was held at Somerset Monday morning in the interest of the new road with little of new import to report.

F. B. Black, chairman of the State Agricultural Commission, stated at the meeting that he had discussed the building of the Jennertown-Salisbury road with Highway Commissioner Cunningham and Chief Engineer Uhler from time to time and that they are both in full sympathy with the project of connecting up the Lincoln Highway and the old National Road by a trans-county road. They will undoubtedly give the county generous financial aid if the matter is pushed promptly. Mr. Black said that it is a matter of entire indifference to him as to the route finally adopted. While he will be entirely satisfied with any route the County Commissioners may finally adopt, he said that his neighbors feel the same way about it, just so the road is built.

EVANGELICAL PASTOR SURPRISED.

On last Saturday evening, the members of the Evangelical Association at Meyersdale and Glencoe, gave their pastor, Rev. C. E. Miller, a very pleasant surprise. That they might be sure to have him at home and unaware, Mr. Bennett and wife called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mankamer earlier in the evening and the former engaged the pastor in an interesting conversation. After the people were seated in the parlor, Mrs. Mankamer summoned Rev. Miller down to receive a caller and, as he peered into the room, he was greeted by the smiles and joyful countenances of thirty or more parishioners and friends and the surprise was certainly an agreeable one. The evening was passed in singing, social conversation and the performing of a few artful tricks. Refreshments were served very generously and then a purse of \$31.25, and other gifts, were presented to the pastor. All enjoyed a very happy evening.

INTEREST TO MOTHERS

There are many mothers who will find much to benefit them in "The Blindness of Virtue," the great moral picture of which will be shown at the Summer Garden on Thursday evening with Miss Edna Mayo and Bryant Washburn in his Essany feature.

There is a crisis in every young girl's social life. The play is of one girl's crisis. Adv.

Isaac Bradburn, the proprietor of the Steam laundry here, on Sunday went to Alverton to attend the double funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, father and mother of William Duncan, who last December was here with the United States mine rescue car.

Jeremiah Bowlin, an aged resident of Somersetfield, died a few days ago. He made his home with his grandson, Julius Butler.

DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY

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

JOSEPH LOWRY.

The remains of Joseph Lowry of Fair Hope, who died at the Mont Alto sanitarium on Saturday, were brought to Meyersdale on Monday for burial. Services were held in the Catholic Church, following which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Lowry was 27 years of age and is survived by his wife and four small children, his parents and several brothers and sisters, all living at Fairhope.

WILLIAM BEALS.

A well known former citizen of this vicinity died yesterday at the home of his son, J. C. Beals at Hazelwood. The remains were received at this place to-morrow afternoon and will be taken by Undertaker Reich to home of the brother-in-law of the deceased, Elias Fike and on Saturday afternoon, services will be held at 2 o'clock at the Church of the Brethren, followed by interment in the Union cemetery.

AT THE SUMMER GARDEN

The program for this coming Saturday will be made up of the following subjects: Pathe News, showing current events, Laughing Gas, Police Dog, cartoon comedy, The Inventors Peril, Lubin in two parts, Up in the Air, Eddison Comedy and three reels of the always pleasing Mutual Movies, including a Keystone comedy, Another free matinee for the little folks Saturday afternoon.

NO SKATING

There will be no skating at the Summer Garden next week, and the manager has arranged an extraordinary program for the week. He cannot give you the program at this writing, watch for hands bills, Music by Prof. Lew Bittner will be a feature through the week.

BASKET BALL

Another big night and Basket ball games is expected Friday evening Feb. 25th when the Windber High School team will meet the Local High School team in the first game of the series for the High School honors of Somerset county. The local girls who have started to practice at the Summer Garden are trying to arrange a preliminary game for the same evening between two local teams. Pictures will be shown as usual. As the chairs will be removed from the floor there will be Roller Skating Before and after the game; also Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26th.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Another real treat at this popular resort on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd. The topic of the hour The Nations Peril and it is a big Four V-L-S-E. Feature with Sec. of Navy Josephus Daniels, Admiral Fletcher, Admiral Winslow, Vice Admiral Mayo, and Cap. W. S. Sims, and Stupendous cast, Thousands of soldiers and marines, U. S. Atlantic fleet in action, Mine explosion, Wireless Station Actual sinking of ship by shell fire Night Artillery attacks, a picture out of the ordinary. Remember the Day, Tuesday, Feb. 22; no advance in price.

Mrs. Carl Stutzman, who is a daughter of Mr. Henry Miller and her husband are visiting relatives near Rockwood.

TWO MEN HAVE ANTHRAX

Confluence Tannery Employees Develop Unusual Disease From the Orient.

Confluence is being visited by, in most cases, a fatal disease, that of anthrax which is primarily a disease developed in cattle. Two of the employees of the tannery at that place a few days ago were taken with the disease. An investigation revealed the fact that the men who contracted the disease had been working with hides that had been shipped from China where this dreadful disease is prevalent, but which is rare in this country there being only seven cases reported last year in Pennsylvania.

PATRONS' DAY IN THE SCHOOLS, FEB. 25.

An invitation is hereby extended to all parents, citizens and friends of education to visit the public schools of Meyersdale on Patrons' Day, Friday, Feb. 25, between the hours of 8:45 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.

To accommodate all, the exercises will begin at 1:00 P. M. and will be repeated at 2:30.

Light refreshments will be served in the Household Arts Department from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.

W. H. Kretschman, Sup. Prin. of Schools.

This malady affects its victim with what is similar to a carbuncle with a severe systemic derangement. The disease is contagious only when one comes into direct contact with it.