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## CONSOLIDATION OF FAIRS

### Still Working on the Problem of Combining Somerset and Meyersdale Associations. The Latter Has All Equipment.

In order to consummate a consolidation of the Meyersdale Fair Association with that of Somerset, a joint meeting of the two bodies was held at the county seat last Saturday. Those present from this place were the President Barron E. Shipley; Secretary Dallas J. Fike; W. H. Deeter and C. C. Heckle.

A resolution was passed with a view of uniting the two associations, followed by a discussion of this idea. The initiation of the movement originated with the Somerset Association, but to speak candidly, it was that the Meyersdale people come not half way but all the way to Somerset with the Fair.

There is to be said in regard to the situation—Meyersdale has a thoroughly equipped fair ground with a very excellent track and annually has had first class fairs in point of exhibits, races, amusements and attendance. This in each respect may be negative of Somerset. In favor of Somerset it can be said that it is the county seat and centrally, as to the county, located.

The stockholders of the Meyersdale Association realize that they have too much money invested in the local grounds to lightly abandon them.

Meyersdale would indeed appreciate a union of the two fairs, provided it could be consummated at Meyersdale. No decision was reached at the meeting on Saturday.

## INTERESTING LYCEUM

On Friday evening, last, at the session of the Lyceum held in Amity Hall, a fair sized audience assembled to hear the topic, The Power and Function of the Will, discussed by Rev. W. M. Howe, pastor of the Church of the Brethren who opened the discussion with a well prepared and comprehensive paper on subject. He started off by saying that as there is a Trinity in God so man who is made in the image of God, is in a nature a three-fold being, his faculties being in the main, the intellect, the sensibilities and the will. As to the power of the will, the speaker said that a human being can accomplish marvelous things when he sets out to do so. As to the function of the will, he said that it was to direct the whole being, and the motive should be noble and unselfish.

The president of the meeting was Dr. Bruce Lichty and he very cleverly conducted the discussion. Dr. A. E. Truxal spoke on the distinct separate acts of mind action; Rev. Goughour described the will in action when the whole mind was at its best, all parts thrilling with enthusiasm. Dr. Large spoke on the objective and the subjective mind, citing somewhat from the realm of hypnotism. Mr. C. W. Truxal aimed at the practical side of the questions in his remarks. K. Cleaver made a few remarks on the subject of fatalism as it pertains to choice. The meeting was very interesting and it should have been much more largely attended, as should all of these meetings.

### KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN.

The kindergarten to be conducted by the Misses Katherine Leonard and Mary Black in the Brotherhood Room of the Lutheran Church, will open at 9:00 o'clock Monday, April 3, and will continue until the 26th day of May.

The charge will be 50c per week payable at the end of each week. Open to all children between ages of 3 and 6 years.

### BRIDE AND GROOM HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Brown's uncle, E. C. Kyle, of North street. Mrs. Brown, formerly Miss Nelle Cover, is still visiting here. Her husband is now employed by the H. C. Frick Co., Connellsville, as a civil engineer.

The largest stocks of Flour, Feed, Grain Salt are kept by Habel &

## OFFICER SPERRY MAKES RAID ON CARD PLAYERS

Policeman Benjamin Sperry in making his rounds last Saturday night thought that he would ascend to the second story of the building back of the postoffice. The hour was between 1 and 3 o'clock Sunday a. m. This was accomplished by making use of the roof of an adjacent one story building. On slipping suddenly through the window into the room he found nine men there, and a scatterment at once began; four or five eluded the grasp of one lone man and escaped, but two of the latter were arrested the next day. Those who remained were taken to the lockup and had a hearing before Burgess Gress in the forenoon. They each gave a surety of \$15.00 for their appearance when demanded.

The burgess who had fined six men on a previous occasion for poker playing and did not wish to assume too much authority in matter, had a special meeting of city council called for Tuesday evening. Council took the stand that it had no authority in the matter and that the disposal of the case rested with the burgess.

The evidence collected by the officer were some cards and chips. The men claimed they were just having a friendly game. The total amount of money found on the men was certainly not great, being a little more than \$9.00.

Whether the men were playing poker for keeps or not, the officer is to be commended for his determination to break up gambling in the town.

## LADS CONFESS TO ROBBERY

By the arrest of three boys, two of whom are aged 15 years and the other 12, by Officer Hare yesterday, some of the robberies are being accounted for which have been occurring about town for the last few months.

Hoping for the reformation of these youthful criminals and sparing their parents, leads the writer not to mention any names at this time. Some of the robberies committed were as follows: Gus Damico's store, McKenna & Smith, Cook's Candy Factory, and Peter Baer.

The exposure of the boys occurred by candy, cigarettes, etc., being found under a lumber pile in the Meyersdale Planing Mill Yard, by Ward Deeter and young Wm. Appel. Just as these boys were pulling out their haul, one of the boys who stole it and brought it there for safe keeping, came upon the scene and said that the property was his, but he compromised by giving the finders a little of the booty saying that if they told anything about it, he would do them up. One of these lads then told his mother and later, Mr. Deeter, his father discovered the stolen articles himself. Officer Hare was put on the scent and went directly to the school house, into the room where one of the boys was, and the boy soon made a clean breast of the whole matter as did the other two boys when taken alone.

A hearing will be given the boys this evening.

## AMITY MEN HAVE GOOD TIME

Class No. 1, of the Amity Reformed Sunday School, held a very successful social in the social rooms of the Sunday school building, on Thursday evening.

About 60 were present, and a very dainty lunch was served.

The teacher, W. H. Habel presided in a very able manner. Remarks were made by the pastor, Dr. A. E. Truxal, Supt. F. A. Bittner, H. C. Kneiream, Mrs. H. K. Auranf, Mrs. A. S. Kresge and others.

A most delightful evening was spent.

H. C. Kneiream is the assistant teacher.

Constable Bittner was down at Markleton, a couple of days of this week on business relative to the Enterprise Lumber Co., of that place. The Muncy Lumber Company had a representative there this week who was buying some of the equipment of the plant.

Large can Spinach for 15c at Bittner's Grocery.

## JAMES ANKENY MEETS DEATH

### Somerset Man Killed in Railroad Wreck. Thawing of Ground Caused Rails to Spread Resulting in Accident.

The combination freight and passenger train of the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and Somerset Railroad Co., was wrecked about 10:30 Thursday morning near Mechanicsburg, about four miles from Ligonier, and one man, James Ankeny, of Somerset was killed. Had the locomotive or passenger coach left the track, the loss of life might have been greater.

Only two freight cars jumped the tracks, rolling over an embankment. Spreading of the rails as a result of the thawing of the ground is believed to have caused the accident.

J. W. Baker, of Ligonier, Superintendent of the road, stated that the train was running not more than 10 or 12 miles an hour at the time. He denied that the locomotive had gone through a bridge. The wreck occurred he said, at the postoffice known as Rector, where there is a fill in the road. Mr. Ankeny he said, was jolted down between the freight cars. No one else was injured.

James Ankeny was about 30 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ankeny, of Somerset. Early reports in Somerset were to the effect that the entire train had gone through a bridge and that a score of people were killed and a number of others injured.

The train was on its way from Ligonier to Somerset at the time of the accident.

## YOUNG MAN ELECTROCUTED

### Son of Mahlon Christner at Garrett Meets Terrible Death at His Home Tuesday Evening.

Washington, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Christner of Garrett met death by accidentally being electrocuted at his father's farm at about 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

The young man was adjusting a broken electric wire leading from the street to the barn. He climbed up along the side of the barn about ten feet and had taken hold of the electric wire and a lightning rod on the barn. Mr. Silas Deal noticed smoke escaping from the boy's glove and pulled him down. Death was almost instantaneous. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. B. Carney of the Lutheran Church Friday afternoon. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: George, Jacob, Harry, Mrs. Edna Duecker, Katharine and Edward, all of Garrett.

Washington was of excellent character and was most dutiful to his parents. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Tressler of Meyersdale. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

### THE BIJOU THEATER.

This very Thursday evening those looking for a fine entertainment will find it at the Bijou. Tonight, this town's favorite, William Farnum in the Wonderful Adventure, and a wonderful adventure it is. You will want to see it. Then there will be a comedy, too.

Friday of this week, our great Graft series; this time it will be the Milk Trust. Double reward is another good feature and besides there is to be a good comedy.

Saturday night of this week—How They do want to see their "Kity"! The heroine of the Broken Coin, on Saturday nights. Another interesting feature is Dad's Dollars and Dirty Doings; and Her Great Story.

Next Monday—The Heart of Bonita, a Laemule; Cupid Trims His Lordship; When Beauty Butts In.

Next Tuesday—The Hoax House, an Imp feature; Shackles; A Circumstantial Scandal.

Next Wednesday—The One Woman, 101 Bison; A good comedy.

Next Thursday—Another Good Fox story. The Winning of Miss Con-

Friday and Saturday of next week, program later.

Try Mocha and Java Coffee at Bittner's Grocery.

## CIVIC LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT

### Excellent Recital Given by Young Music Pupils. Good Advice by Citizens on How to Beautify Our Town and Keep it Clean.

The entertainment on Tuesday evening in the High School Auditorium, was a great success and was very much enjoyed by the large audience which entirely filled that spacious hall requiring chairs to be brought in.

The meeting opened with an address by Rev. Michael, who spoke on making a town an ideal town—one that would please both the residents and the people who visited or passed through it. Beautifying the town by keeping the parkings sodded and clean, paint the public buildings, dwellings, etc., and aside from the pleasure obtained it increases the market value of every property in the town.

This was followed by the following piano selections by the pupils of Mrs. Della Livingood.

- Monastery Bells . . . Lefebure-Wely.
- Hilda Lichty.
- Eidelweiss Glide . . . Vanderbeck.
- Bernard Cochrane.
- Brass Button . . . Kaufman
- Andante From Haydn.
- Dancing in the Moonlight.
- Albert Bittner.
- Dancing Sunbeams . . . Freemore
- William Fritz.
- Three Selections each by Violet Bauman and Bertha Glessner.
- Bohemian Dance . . . Von Weber
- Margaret Kretschman.
- Waltzes . . . Gurllett-Kroeger
- Dorothy Barchus
- Soldiers March . . . Schumann
- James Weinstein
- Duet—By Ivy Lichty and Olive Berkeley.
- Minuet . . . Beethoven
- Village Festival . . . Kroeger.
- Mary Maust.

Mrs. Livingood then gave a brief exposition of the Effa Ellis System of teaching instrumental music of which she is the State teacher. The three words which she used as key-words to the method were: Inner feeling, drill and reasoning. The results of her training really seems wonderful as all of the performers were very young and the playing of little Albert Bittner, aged 6 years, who had taken only about 30 lessons and Margaret Kretschman, aged 7, who took her first lesson on Jan. 8, of this year, deserve especial mention.

Mrs. Livingood had the children illustrate briefly the writing of original melody and putting in the harmony. This was followed by selections prepared and memorized without the instruction of the teacher, by Mary Beachy, Mary Keim, Mary Maust, Frances Damico and Bertha Glessner. Frances Damico also rendered "Then You'll Remember Me" by Bolfe and Miriam Glessner, "Last Hope."

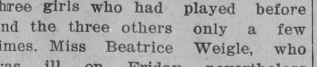
Mr. H. M. Cook made an address urging citizens to clean up in front of their own properties and called special attention to the condition of Main and Centre streets. He said, "Do not wait for Council to act, but roll up your sleeves and go to work. Mr. F. A. Bittner spoke effectively along the same line commending the ladies of the Civic League for the good work that they are doing and urged the men to assist them. Prof. Kretschman stated that about \$60.00 worth of plants had been ordered from the Cleveland Flower Mission through the local Civic League.

An offering was taken amounting to \$13.60 after which all were invited to the Household Arts Department where cake and coffee were served.

## CRANKED AUTO BROKE ARM

Wm. Bradburn, son of Laundryman Bradburn, on Monday in cranking up the delivery truck, was caught by the recoil resulting in both bones of his right forearm being fractured. Dr. J. W. Wenzel reduced the fracture.

While modern autos have the self-starter, at times these are misnamed and cranking has to be resorted to. There have been enough arms broken in this way for some inventive genius to make impossible such accidents, or for some sagacious observer to give the tip how to do it.



T. W. Gurley wishes to announce that he has secured the Indian Motor Cycle Agency. He also deals in Bicycles and auto Supplies, & Sporting goods.

Hammond Dairy or National Gluten Feed will increase your milk supply; try a bag and be convinced, Habel & Phillips.

## CHILDREN OF OFFICER HARE HAVE DIPHTHERIA

About one week ago the family physician of Officer Hare was called to the latter's home on lower Broadway on account of the illness of three of the children. On examination it was found that they all had diphtheria, and that Clyde, aged 7 had it in a most malignant form. Antitoxin was administered to him in large quantities and lesser amounts to Fred, aged 9, and to Calvin, the baby, aged 61 months. Another little son, aged five years who had not yet contracted the disease was treated with antitoxin as a preventative. It is believed all will recover.

Officer Hare was quarantined with the rest, but later underwent a third degree in fumigation and was permitted the privilege of the street.

## WILL LECTURE HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Amelia Dranga, a very successful physician in the city of Pittsburg and a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society and of various organizations working for moral and civic betterment of our country will lecture to women only at the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The subject of Dr. Dranga's lecture is The Story of Creation in All Nature as it Should be Taught, and will be to women only, none under 14 being admitted.

In her work she has had a wide experience in the problems of life and has learned where many of the breakdowns originate. The "Doctrine of Preparedness" is of much more vital concern to the individual than to the nation, moreover, there can be no debate as to whether or not it is Christian. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

But the big problem is how to fore-

arm. To give a growing youth or maiden the knowledge every normal person seeks, without arousing a vicious and lascivious imagination is the biggest and most delicate problem any father or mother faces. In the past this has been put off and was finally gained through vulgar sources; The result is seen in the terrible facts presenting themselves to civilization today. Competent authorities say that 90 per cent of American blood is tainted, if not by its own generation, thereby the one just proceeding, with the germs of immoral disease.

Dr. Dranga's mission is to help the mother face this situation and so prepare the mind of the youth that the vulgar and vicious will find no lodging place.

Admission to the lecture is by invitation, but these are free to all women and girls over fourteen years of age. They can be obtained at the following places: Hartley & Clutton; Miss Zella Sides, Pfahler's, Miss Carrie Doncker and at the church just preceding the lecture.

A question box will be opened at the close of this lecture for any question or difficulty that presents itself along the line of the subject.

## DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY

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

### DR. VALENTINE HAY.

Dr. Valentine Hay, aged 81 years, oldest member of the Somerset County Bar, former editor of the Somerset "Democrat," and one of the wealthiest men in Somerset county, died at his apartments in the Somerset House at 5:00 o'clock Thursday morning following a severe illness with a number of ailments he suffered during the past four or five years.

Dr. Hay was born at Brothersvalley Township, October 17, 1834, and was a son of Peter and Elizabeth Walker Hay. His father died when he was ten years old. At the age of 18 years, Valentine Hay began teaching school and in 1853 he attended a normal school at Berlin. One year later he entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, O., from which he was graduated in 1857 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1856, Mr. Hay entered the law office of William J. Baer and his brother Herman L. Baer, in Somerset. He was admitted to the Somerset Bar April 28, 1858. On April, 1865, Mr. Hay married Elizabeth A. Weimer, a daughter of Dr. John Weimer, of Akron, O., who died several years ago.

Dr. Hay is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leora Nutt, of Cleveland, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Saylor, of Somerset Township, and Mrs. Smith Walker, of Allegheny Township. Mrs. Walker is 96 years old.

In 1906, Heidelberg University conferred on Attorney Hay the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Dr. Hiram King and Rev. Edgar Hoffmeir of the Reformed Church.

### BENJAMIN ZERFOSS.

Benjamin Zerfoss, a well known citizen of Somerset township, died at the home of his son, Elias, a few miles west of Somerset, on Sunday, March 19, at the age of 72 years. The funeral was held at the Samuels church on Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Elder Silas Hoover, of the Church of the Brethren, of which the deceased was a faithful member for 35 years. Mr. Zerfoss was a native of Somerset County and was born March 11, 1844. To him and his devoted wife were born ten children, three of whom—one son and two daughters—preceeded him to the world beyond. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters, namely, Elias and Moses, living near Somerset; Mrs. Ambrose Spangler, Mrs. Ralph Fleagle and Mrs. Harvey Sipe, of Johnstown; Mrs. W. O. Ringler, of Somerset, and Mrs. Elmer E. Lambert, of Kallispell, Mont. He also left 26 grandchildren. He was one of a family of 16 children and is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

## SMALLPOX IN COUNTY

Dr. C. P. Large of this place, the county medical health inspector has been over near Windber the past two or three days vaccinating the population of a small town by the name of Arona where there are now 12 cases of smallpox. It will require the doctor two more days to complete the work. A strict quarantine has been established and sanitary measures are being carried out to protect the spread of this scourge of humanity.

### TWENTY-ONE KILLED

#### IN RAILROAD WRECK

Twenty-one persons were killed and many others injured when the Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central railroad crashed into the wreck of two sections of Pittsburgh & Buffalo Flyer, eastbound from Chicago, at Amherst, 37 miles west of Cleveland, Ohio, just before daybreak, Wednesday.

So badly mangled were some of the dead that fragments were gathered up in a basket and taken to the improvised morgue at Amherst. All the dead were passengers on the flyer.

Stanton's Pure Buckwheat Flour, at Habel & Phillips.

2 bars good Toilet Soap for 5c at Bittner's Grocery.