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RECENT COURT VERDICTS

What is Being Done at Somerset in the Legal Grind of Affairs. Award Benson Borough \$305 and Interest.

The Hon. Thomas F. Bailey, President Judge of the Bedford-Huntingdon Mifflin district, is assisting Judge Ruppel in the trial of civil cases at a special term of court, which is scheduled to continue through this week as well as last week. Although the visiting jurist was elevated to the bench only on January first, he presides with the precision and dignity of a seasoned jurist.

The first case on the calendar—Adam J. Sempower vs. the Connellsville State Line Railway Company—was settled. The plaintiff claimed many thousands of dollars damages because of the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad through his property at Casselman. The conditions of settlement were not made public, but the amount is said to be considerable more than was allowed the plaintiff by the board of viewers, and yet much less than his claim was for.

The case of Russel G. Dupstadt and others against A. H. Shoup, was amicably settled.

In the case of Chauncey Dickey and others—the former directors of the poor—against the executor of Henry F. Barron's estate, was a claim for money alleged to have been misappropriated by Barron while he was treasurer for the directors of the poor. The facts were presented to the Court in a case stated, the questions raised being wholly matters of law.

A compulsory non-suit was directed by Judge Ruppel in the case of D. DiRienzo against Rowe Brothers' Coal Company, in an action in trespass.

The following cases were continued: C. W. Mosholder vs. P. F. Shaffer; F. W. Foedish vs. Superior Coal Mining Company; Russel Rosenberger et al. vs. Sand Spring Water Company; Sarah C. Dibert vs. Alvin Burnworth; W. L. Dobbins vs. National Hog Company.

An important case tried before Judge Bailey, and on trial Wednesday was that of Wm. H. Coughenour's administrator against Lloyd Mountain, a druggist of Confluence, in which damages are sought because of the physical suffering of William H. Coughenour, who took a dose of arsenic by mistake for salts, both of which were purchased at the Mountain drug store. W. H. Coughenour was the proprietor of the Riverside Hotel. In order to poison rats, he purchased some arsenic, and some time later he purchased some salts from the defendant, placing both packages in a case back of his bar. The plaintiff contends that the packages were not marked, and that as a result Coughenour took the arsenic by mistake. He became very ill and continued to be an invalid for a number of months, when he died. The defendant contends that the packages were properly marked, and that he was not responsible for the accident. Verdict for the defendant.

In the case of Beinda Lichty against J. B. Colborn, her Committee, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, holding that she is competent to conduct her own business affairs.

A damage suit of Thomas Wagner against John A. Knecht for \$10,000, alienation of the former's wife brought out much sensational testimony. Wagner was an unusual witness. There was nothing staid or monotonous in his testimony. It seethed with human interest, and his dramatic manner on the stand held the undivided attention of all who heard him. His every word held the audience spell bound, as he narrated calmly but forcibly the mental torture he had suffered on account of an alleged unfaithful wife. An attempted shooting of Knecht figured in the case. A verdict was rendered Friday of \$242 for the plaintiff.

The borough of Benson has been awarded \$305, with interest, in its suit against the White Oak Mining Company. The borough had asked \$625, with interest. The company had offered to settle for a sum larger than that awarded by the jury.

The jury rendered a verdict in favor of Austin Zutzy, who had been sued by J. C. Lowry.

A verdict in favor of Belinda Lichty of Jenner Township, was found Monday morning. J. B. Colborn, a committee appointed to look after the

FOR STATE COMMITTEEMAN.

Hon. Frank B. Black, of this community, a man of large business affairs, at present a member of the State Commission of Agriculture, has been urged to become the state committeeman for this district which in territory is the same as the senatorial district.

The people of this section know Mr. Black as a man of true worth. One who is busy from morn to night with mines, farms and more purely financial interests, that he should give several days of each month for improving farming conditions of the state and with absolutely no compensation speaks well for him.

In becoming a candidate for state committeeman of the Republican party, which too is without remuneration, he does so that he may be of service to the state at large and more especially to this part which more directly concerns us all in Somerset and adjoining counties.

Mr. Black is one of the substantial citizens of the state. He makes no fuss or pretense. He practices much more than he professes.

He is not likely to have opposition. He will get every vote of the Republicans of the Somerset county.

MAY BE STATE TREASURER

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have been looking over this broad state of ours to find a worthy candidate for state treasurer and among the first to be considered was our esteemed townsman, Mr. Samuel B. Philson, president of the Citizens National Bank, and whose counsel in state and national financial affairs has been solicited.

In a brief interview with Mr. Philson, he modestly expressed strong feeling against entering the race. He acknowledged that he had been importuned to become a candidate for the party nomination, but he said that he would not contest the position with any one else.

That he would make an able state treasurer, with a strong character to back his qualifications, no one who knows him would deny. Meyersdale and Somerset County would hail with gladness the opportunity to vote for Samuel B. Philson for State Treasurer.

CHURCH NOTES

ST. PHILIP AND JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH—Holy Week Services open Sunday—Blessing and Distribution of Palms—10:30 High Mass, bringing before the mind of the faithful the scene which Jerusalem saw five days before the Passion of our Lord.—Sermon in the evening at 7:30 by Father Conlin, of St. Patrick's Church, Cumberland.

Holy Thursday makes a truce for a moment in the sorrows of the church. The Celebration of Mass on this day, the communion distributed to the clergy and the faithful, presents the gospel scene, when Jesus Christ, the only Consecrator of the last supper and the apostles were seated at the last supper, Mass and Procession at 8 o'clock.

Good Friday is the anniversary of great sorrow, unveiling of the cross and the mass of the Resurrection at 8 o'clock—Stations of the Cross 7:30. Holy Saturday, The Commemorative hour of the Resurrection, Preliminary ceremonies and Mass 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, Rv. W. M. Howe, Pastor—Services for Sunday next: Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and by Rev. S. J. Berkley, Morning subject: The Highest Ground; evening subject, The Christian Life Emptied. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers' Meeting at 6:45 p. m. Bible Class Friday 7:30 p. m.

BRETHREN CHURCH: Rev. H. L. Goughnour, Pastor: Services on A. on April 16 at Salisbury at 10:30 a. m. Summit Mills at 2:30 P. M. and Meyersdale at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours All are cordially invited.

plaintiff's property, was the defendant. The jury decided that Mrs. Lichty was capable of looking after her affairs.

Judge W. H. Ruppel held a session of Naturalization Court Monday. One of the applicants, when asked who made the laws of Pennsylvania, replied, "Governor Brumbaugh."

DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY

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

JONAS FIKE

On Monday, April 10, one of this community's aged and respected citizens, Jonas Fike, died at the home of his son, Joseph, on the Salisbury road, near this place, aged 74 years, 11 months and 10 days. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis which he suffered a few days preceding his death.

Mr. Fike was employed at labor about the mines for years. His wife preceded him to the grave several years. One other son survives, Alvin Fike, of near Rockwood. The deceased was a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren. The funeral was held at the Church on Wednesday at 10:30, followed by interment in Union Cemetery, Wm. C. Price was the undertaker in charge.

MISS MAGDALENE KLINGAMAN.

An aged and highly respected lady of Greenville township, died at the home of Joel Yutzy, one mile from Pochontas, with whom she had lived for the past 58 years, on Tuesday last, having passed the four score mark by eight years. The deceased was the last member of a family of 12 children. She was a devoted member of the Church of the Brethren and Rev. W. M. Howe will preach the funeral sermon at the Hostetter church on Friday at 10 o'clock assisted by E. K. Hochstetler. Interment will be made at that place. Mr. Tressler was the undertaker who had charge of the funeral.

MARCY McDONNELL.

Aged 60 years, died at his apartment at the Henderson hotel, Macdonaldton on April 2 from a stroke of apoplexy. Deceased had been identified with coal operations in this county for the past twenty years, coming here from Baltimore. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and one son, Mrs. Herbert McKinley of Macdonaldton, and Carrie and Richard, at home. The remains were taken to Baltimore for interment.

GRIFFIN FELKER HECKLER

The thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Heckler of Sipplerville, died at the home April 5th from pneumonia from which he had suffered for about eight days. Funeral took place Friday with interment at White Oak, Rev. Michael officiating. Three sisters survive, besides the parents. Mr. J. L. Tressler had the funeral in charge.

MOSES YODER

Moses Yoder, one of the oldest farmers of Conemaugh Township, died of dropsy April 1 at the home of his son Valentine, near the Paint Creek station. He was aged eighty-two years. The decedent is survived by seven children, all grown.

BLEW HIMSELF TO PIECES WITH DYNAMITE.

Joe Graddock, a miner, blew himself to pieces at Windber with a stick of dynamite and lighted the fuse. Portions of his anatomy were found 50 feet away. Graddock was worried over debts, he being on strike it is said.

The deed was committed in a small frame building about 25 feet from his home. The report shook his home and smashed a number of windows. His wife looked out just in time to see bits of wood and pieces of his body falling around the house.

MARRIED.

Mrs. Minnie Snyder, a daughter of Chas. Hentz, of the Belmont Hotel, Somerset and Edward Martin of the clerical force of the Quemahoning Creek Coal Company were married last Thursday at Ebensburg.

DOGS TO BE KILLED

AFTER APRIL 22. Officer H. E. Bittner has been selected by the County Commissioners to make application for dog licenses for those who have not yet secured them. After the 22nd of April all dogs without license tags are to be killed.

Fine sale bills printed here.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deals in Somerset County real estate have been consummated during the past week, according to deeds recorded in the office of Recorder John E. Custer:

O. B. Lohr to John Sesack, Shade Township, \$465; O. B. Lohr to Joseph Yantus, Shade Township, \$250; Jacob J. Younkin to Philip Nedrow, Casselman, \$100; David J. Phillippi to Thomas B. Pritts, Casselman, \$50. Sarah E. Yowler's heirs to Henrietta Heckler, Casselman, \$450; Jacob Neff to Earle J. Walter, Jenner Township, \$150; John H. W. Moore to Frank C. Darr, Jefferson Township, \$1000; Simon P. Naugle to Henry B. Berk, Windber, \$725; William Bower to Adam G. Berkebile, Somerset, \$800; Coal Run Modern Woodmen of America to George May, Elklick Township, \$129; William A. Wright to John S. Swartzwelder, Greenville Township, \$8,500; Jane Walker to Emanuel Yoder, Elklick Township, \$3,150; Anna E. Frease to Frank Screepanick, Boswell \$300; S. A. Custer to David L. Custer, Jenner Township, \$700; E. H. Horner to J. G. Barclay, Somerset Township, \$1; Wilmore Coal Co. to Peter Rich, Windber, \$240; John W. Lohr to Noah Blough, Shade Township, \$2,300; Quemahoning Coal Co. to Somerset Coal Co., Somerset Township, \$100; Steele Lydic to Jonas J. Weaver, Paint Township, \$800; Daniel B. Zimmerman to Quemahoning Coal Co., Quemahoning Township, \$10; Quemahoning Coal Co. to Daniel B. Zimmerman, Lincoln Township, \$100; Somerset Coal Co. to Quemahoning Coal Co., Jenner Township, \$1; Somerset Coal Co. to Daniel B. Zimmerman, Jenner Township, \$1. Daniel B. Zimmerman to Hillworth Coal Co., Jenner Township, \$40,800; Franklin Beck to William Clifford Beck, Fairhope Township, \$375; Albert Reitz to E. H. Miller, Elklick and Greenville Townships, \$950; Isajah Baer's Heirs to Edgar H. Miller, Elklick and Greenville Townships, \$1,900; Solomon J. Baer's Administrator to Daniel H. Walker, Somerset Township, \$5,000; Frank B. Black to William A. Merrill, Black Township, \$400; Anderson Dodson to David C. Ross, Shade Township, \$4,100; Isaac Ferner to Martin L. Shaver, Stoyestown, \$250; Mary J. Zimmerman to Isaac Ferner, Stoyestown, \$100; William H. Miller to Lucas Gletto, Brothersvalley Township, \$1,200; Helen Sykero to Stany Woznica, Boswell \$620; O. B. Statler to Loyallanna Coal & Coke Co., Shade Township, \$1; Hocking Coal Co. to Ajax Hocking Coal Co., Brothersvalley Township, \$1; Margaret Smokeless Coal Co. to Wilber Coal Mining Co., Quemahoning Township \$1; Caroline Ross to Edward Neff, Shade Township, \$225; Mahlon Keim to John S. Keim, Jenner Township, \$59; Will C. Begley to Charles J. Barron, Somerset Township, \$717; Charles A. Fike to George J. Straka, Confluence, \$1,700; William P. Brant to Steward J. Walker, Somerset Township, \$3,500; George W. Knee to William P. Brant, Somerset, \$700; Howard Walker to Bruce E. Dickey, Brothersvalley township, \$8,450; Joseph J. Eash to Newton H. Walker, Conemaugh Township \$3,640; Charles M. Berkeley to Jacob B. Friedline, of Jenner township \$5,500; Parker Berkeley to Charles M. Berkeley, Jenner Township, \$4,000; James R. Crossen to John W. Tressler, Elklick Township, \$425; Nelson Mosholder to Margaret Beach, Somerset Township, \$1,500; Isaac Barron to Ludwick Lenhart, Jefferson Township, \$5,500; Joseph Brugh to J. Wesley Barkley, Jefferson Township, \$6,000; Rose Ann Rhoads to Theodore Rhoads, Somerset Township, \$500; Theodore Rhoads to Rose Ann Rhoads, Somerset Township, \$500; Margaret Beech to Emma Berkeley, Somerset Township, \$2,000; Emma J. Berkeley to George W. Pyle, Somerset Township, \$4,675; Albino Ronko to C. W. Bradley, Windber \$1; Daniel H. Walker to C. Ray Boyd, Somerset Township, \$6,000.

POSTMASTER SHIPLEY TO

EXTEND THE HOUR

For the benefit of those who have lock boxes in the local Post Office which action is to be commended, Postmaster Shipley has decided to leave the lobby of the post office open one hour longer in the evening, but the service windows will all be closed at the usual time, 7 o'clock. Mr. Shipley does not intend that the lobby shall be used as a loitering or loafing place.

Fine sale bills printed here.

MORE PRIZES FOR RAISING LARGE PORKERS

All Hausfraun Women Expect to compete for Prizes This Year. Arbor Day Will be Observed by This Society and The Urge Others to Plant for Posterity As Our Ancestors Did For Us.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS DELIGHTED WITH LESSONS

The meeting of Die Hausfrauen was held this month at the home of Mrs. Edison Hay, Fairview Farm, Mrs. Sylvester Hay, and Mrs. Peter Hay of Mount Vernon Farm, entertaining. Although the day was very unpleasant, and the roads almost impassable the attendance was very large, and the session was one of the most interesting yet held. One of the great pleasures of the day was the presence of Prof. H. A. Surface of Harrisburg, the State Zoologist, who gave a strong talk on birds and insects and made a strong plea for the preservation of our wild life both animal and vegetable. As the President of Die Hausfrauen made a similar plea to the farmers last fall, that regardless of game laws game protectors and game preserves, every farmer should be his own game warden and personally protect the wild life on his farm, for once gone, it can never be replaced, we are glad to have men of knowledge such as Prof. Surface stand by us in this very important question. Hon. John Gribbel of Philadelphia, whose generous prizes, known as the Gov. Brumbaugh prizes make possible our successful hog contest of last year was so pleased with the results he renewed his prizes for next year as did other prize donors and in consequence almost the entire society of more than forty women will enter the contest this year. In addition Die Hausfrauen themselves offer a prize of \$5.00 to any farmer in Pennsylvania who can beat the heaviest hog raised in the county.

The conditions of the contest shall be the same as last year, and were as follows:

When entry is made, the age, color and sex must be given. All pigs must be killed at 9 months.

No contestant can take more than one prize.

When hog is killed the butcher and one witness must sign paper attesting as to the correctness of carcass.

Gov. Brumbaugh Prize, heaviest hog, \$10.00.

Gov. Brumbaugh Prize for hog making the most money \$10.00.

Brady Prize for hog making the most lard, \$5.00

Die Hausfrauen Prize to all Farmers known as the "Beat us if you Can Prize" \$5.00

Other prizes will follow later.

The first program of Die Hausfrauen was distributed at this meeting and was widely complimented. It is a ten-page book containing the program for 1916 — 1917; the subjects are attractively interspersed with quotations bearing on the same. On

the outside cover is printed the copyrighted insignia of Die Hausfrauen, consisting of a friendship ring of gold on which is engraved in black Die Hausfrauen; within its circle is a farm scene sketched in grey as a background for the society flower, the hollyhock which in its natural colors of pink and green, fills the foreground, with flower, buds and leaves. As many persons outside the society have desired these little books they will be sent postpaid to any address for 25 cts., the cost of making. Address either, Mrs. F. B. Black, Holland Farm, Garrett, Pa. or Mrs. Walter M. Boose, Schoenfeld Farm, Garrett, Pa.

April 16th and 26th are Arbor Days Die Hausfrauen urge the planting of some tree or shrub. Plant not only for now, but for posterity. Some one, years ago planted the giant lilac by your garden gate, that in June delights you with its sweet-scented purple blooms; the tree-like mock orange (Philadelphus) that covers the west of the old house and in spring scents the air with its thousands of milk white blossoms; the snowball (V. Sterile) that hangs over the smokehouse, and every year, for dear knows when, has furnished flowers for the countryside on Decoration Day. Some loving hand long ago, planted these shrubs, now grown into trees, that delight the eye, and charm the senses; let us not in passing neglect to add our gift in kind, that it too shall bless with flower and fruit those that follow us. In so doing we will but express our gratitude for the blessings received from those gone before.

People who selfishly live for today, plant only for today, miss the visionary joys of those whose minds reach out into the future and see countless thousands enjoying the fruits of work they have begun and which takes the years to complete. Plant a tree or a scrub on Arbor Day.

The class of Die Hausfrauen taking Domestic Science every Saturday afternoon under the instruction of Miss Broadhead is making splendid progress. The members taking this course are indeed fortunate in having an opportunity to receive instruction in this work which is sweeping over the land, benefitting and simplifying women's work in every walk of life.

The May meeting of Die Hausfrauen will be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey P. Berkley, Locust Grove Farm, Mrs. Wilson E. Walker, Mrs. Edward N. Walker of Cloverdale Farm, and Mrs. William R. Ebaugh, of HillCrest Farm, entertaining.

DESCRIBES ZEPPELIN RAID.

In these days when the papers are filled with accounts of Zeppelin air raids, an extract from a letter written from near Yorkshire, England to a cousin of the writer, Miss Olive Lindeman, of Glade City, near here, will be of interest to many as hundreds in this part of the state have relatives in the war stricken countries.

"The country is in an awful state with air raids and one thing and another and I don't know where it is going to end. Last Sunday I had just gotten the children to bed and decided that I would write a few letters, when, behold! the gas was turned off. That was a sign the Zeppelins were about. It is the first time they have come so far inland. You may guess what I was like. We had to put out all fires. I went up stairs and awakened the children, got them dressed and down stairs with their outdoor wraps on but we were not allowed to go to the door. So I wrapped them in rugs and blankets and we sat around a fireless grate waiting for morning till all danger was past. I hope that I never will have to go through it again. There was a lot of damage done and many lives were lost. You may be thankful that you are not in the zone of the war."

GOOD YELLOW AND WHITE OILION SETS AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

LOOSE GARDEN SEEDS ARE VERY MUCH CHEAPER THAN PACKAGE GET THEM AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

HIS ARM RESETS ITSELF

Harvey Kike, of near town, on Sunday dislocated his right arm at the shoulder and then the injured member righted itself without any surgical assistance. But Mr Fike endured great pain, and not knowing just what had happened he consulted a physician, when it was found that the arm had sprung back into the socket.

The accident was caused while Mr. Fike was about to hit one of the horses he was driving that was loose with a rope halter he was carrying in his hand. In making a pretty strong swing with the halter one end of it caught into an obstruction and the stayed blow caused the arm to be pulled from its socket. Mr. Fike heard something crack at his shoulder and felt great pain. He knew something was wrong but he did not know that the injured member had corrected itself.

ALUMNI SUPPER

The alumni Association of the Meyersdale high school in order to recoup their below-safety-line treasury, has decided to give a supper on the evening of April 26 in the Household Arts department of the high school. For once we can all be alumni by paying the modest price for a square meal.

Our Job Work Pleases