

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges

The date for the Salisbury Chautauqua has been selected. It will be August 6-12.

The Church of Christ, Somerset, is going to build a brick house of worship at the corner of South and East streets, on the lot occupied by the former Christian parsonage.

Mrs. W. H. Haughton, of Moxham, Pa., the mother of Mrs. John Marshall of Hooversville, died Monday morning at the Johnstown hospital of pneumonia. Deceased was born in England in 1852.

Steps were taken recently to establish a library for the Rockwood public school pupils. It is planned to hold a series of social events and the proceeds of these will be turned over to the fund out of which the library is to be furnished.

I. P. Witt, whose residence at Murodock was recently destroyed by fire has decided to move to Akron, Ohio, where he has secured employment with one of the tire manufacturers. His brother, R. G. Witt, lives at Akron.

Attorney C. A. Bernhard, of Windber has sold his interest in the law firm of Bernhard & Millott to his partner, Mr. Bernhard has accepted a position as naturalization examiner in the federal naturalization bureau.

Caroline Lillian Gustafson and Alex Peterson, both of Windber, were quietly married in Cumberland, Md. a week ago by the Rev. M. L. Enders, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Hiram Baldwin, aged 18 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Baldwin, of Stoyestown, died at the Memorial Hospital Johnstown recently from appendicitis. He was admitted to the hospital two days previous, but his condition was too critical to attempt an operation.

The remains of Scott Beam, formerly of Jenner, who was killed in an accident at Butte, Montana, were interred in the Beam Church Cemetery last week. The decedent, his brother Dewey, and another man, were riding a car load of lumber on a western railroad, when the car broke loose from the train and was overturned, Scott Beam being crushed to death under the lumber.

Chas. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Bowman of Somerset went to Pittsburgh recently and enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He had been a member of Company C. N. G. P., from which he had secured a discharge. J. Christner, another Somerset boy, has enlisted in the U. S. Infantry. Richard More, also of Somerset, who recently completed a four-years' enlistment and who had been visiting his mother, has re-enlisted.

The Merchants Hotel of Garrett, is going to change hands again. This will be third time within the last year and a half that this well known hotel has seen new proprietors. The new landlord is James S. McIntyre, formerly of the Commercial Hotel at Hyndman. He will go there with years of experience as a hotel man behind him as he has been in the business practically all his life. The present landlord James Ashman expects to embark in the hotel business at Windber.

The Johnstown & Somerset Railway, now in the course of construction between Johnstown and Rockwood will use heavy electric locomotives in its freight service, according to an official of the company. By the use of this type of locomotive it will be possible for the company to transport ordinary steam line freight cars over their line in the same manner as steam locomotives, thus enabling towns and communities that have hitherto been without railway connections of any kind to make direct shipments by freight.

The Rockwood camp of United sportsmen has received a consignment of Ring Necked Pheasants, Quail and Rabbits, which were immediately planted in the covered areas near town. The Scullion Camp of the Wild Life League also recently received a consignment of Ring Necked Pheasants and Quail, which were also planted to the best advantage. The associations are doing all they can to keep this section well stocked with game, and they desire the cooperation of the farmers to the end that the game that is planted may be protected as far as possible.

The vicissitudes of a step-father are reflected in an action in assumpsit brought by Daniel E. Witt, of Jenner township, against Jacob F. Roads, who was reared in the Witt home. Witt claims the sum of \$444. His attorneys are Norman T. Boose, of Somerset, and George B. Somerville, of Boswell. Witt's statement of claim sets forth that he married the defendant's mother when the defendant was six or seven years old and the latter lived with the plaintiff. The boy became of age on August 15, 1911, and continued to reside in the plaintiff's home until last September, during which time it is alleged that he became indebted to the plaintiff for board in the sum of \$576.

Final sale bills printed here.

DIDN'T TORPEDO SUSSEX-BERLIN

France Asked for Evidence in Patria Attack

KJ CONCESSION ON U-BOATS

Berlin Claims Her Commanders Were Not to Blame in Other Cases of Sinkings Cited by Washington.

Count von Bernstorff has communicated to Secretary Lansing Germany's official disclaimer of responsibility for disaster to the channel liner Sussex.

Despite the evidence which the United States has collected tending to show that a submarine attacked this ship, Germany now considers the incident closed. The ambassador did not remain more than five minutes at the state department.

Germany's official note, backed by a determination not to yield to any further modification of submarine warfare, has at once made the issue clear cut and well defined between the two governments. Apparently President Wilson must press his case or drop it. Germany holds out no promise of compromise. A distinct feeling of reserve, punctuated by disappointing expressions of opinion, marks the attitude of officials. Great pressure is already being exerted upon the president to stand firm and see the matter through.

His advisers, including Secretary Lansing, are in favor of basing the administration's attitude on the cumulative evidence of German submarine attacks which have jeopardized the lives of Americans on the high seas, and news comes from authoritative sources that the likelihood of the president's taking the matter up with congress is not remote. This would be the preliminary move to a diplomatic break between the two governments.

Secretary Lansing said the American government in its collection of evidence on the recent attacks on ships had asked the French government, through the embassy in Paris, for information regarding the alleged attack on the liner Patria recently, in which a torpedo was said to have passed close to the liner's stern.

Germany has asked Ambassador Gerard what information regarding the explosion which damaged the Sussex is in the possession of the American government. This inquiry was forwarded by Ambassador Gerard to the state department. When the inquiry was made Mr. Gerard was informed that German investigation into the case of the Sussex had not up to that time disclosed that any German submarine was responsible.

BALLOTS TO BE RECOUNTED

Erie Election Contest Will Be Decided April 28.

In a joint opinion signed by Judges U. P. Rossiter and E. L. Whittessey at Erie, Pa., the ballot boxes from ten city districts are ordered brought before the court April 28 and opened for a recount of the ballots cast for J. Emil Gross and Theodore Elchhorn, for Erie city council.

According to the returns, Mr. Gross won by five votes, and he is now holding office. Mr. Elchhorn contested the election, alleging fraud in thirteen districts. The recount is granted in ten of that number. The action was begun two weeks after the election in November and all testimony and argument was completed Feb. 1.

FARMERS WIN MILK STRIKE

Chicago Distributors Agree to Higher Price; Won't Raise Bill to Consumers.

The Illinois and Wisconsin farmers have won their milk strike and the consumer will not pay the bill.

Following a seven-hour parley of representatives of producers and distributing companies, with Health Commissioner Robertson, Chicago, as third man in the ring, three of the four big companies holding out agreed to capitulate and pay the producers their price of \$1.55 per hundred pounds.

It was agreed by the distributors not to increase the price "of 8 cents a quart to the consumer."

WILL GIVE RIFLES TO CLUBS

Government Will Issue Krags and Ammunition to Encourage Practice.

According to a statement issued by P. H. Phillips, Jr., secretary of the national association, of Washington, on behalf of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, the United States government will furnish, free of charge, rifles and ammunition to any organized rifle club affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America.

The rifles to be given out by Uncle Sam are of the Krag United States magazine gun type, made of 1908, and the government has 300,000 of them, with 30,000,000 ball cartridges, which are to be given away.

Cummins Gets Indorsement.

Senator Cummins received the indorsement of Republican voters in Iowa's primary, his name being the only one appearing on the Republican ballot.

LUTHERAN SYNOD

TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

The Somerset County Conference of the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held on May 22, 23, and 24 in Messiah Lutheran church, New Centreville, of which the Rev. P. B. Fasold is pastor.

The Rev. Simon Snyder, of Scalp Level, is President and Rev. W. H. B. Carney, of Garrett, Treasurer of the conference.

Delegates, both clerical and lay, have been advised to notify the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Fasold, one week previous to the meeting of the conference, of their coming, and also state whether they will make the trip by rail or otherwise. Conveyances will meet the 3:10 and 6:19 o'clock trains on the S. & C. Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and trains east and west on the main line.

The conference roll contains the following: The Revs. E. S. Johnston, D. D., Elklick; W. H. B. Carney, Garrett; J. S. English, Stoyestown; L. P. Young, D. D., Elklick; J. C. McCarty, Friedens; I. Hess Wagner, Somerset, R. D.; W. A. Shipman, D. D., Johnstown; H. S. Rhoads, Johnstown; R. D. Clare, Johnstown; C. E. Kuhnert, Cumberland, Md.; E. B. Boyer, Confluence; H. B. Burkholder, Berlin; M. L. Schmucker, Shanksville; Simon Snyder, Scalp Level; John Brubaker, D. D., Berlin; D. W. Lecrone, Davidsville; E. F. Rice, Jennertown; S. N. Carpenter, Johnstown; F. S. Shultz, Summerhill; P. B. Fasold, Glade; W. I. Good, Johnstown; D. W. Michael, Meyersdale; H. W. Bender, Lilly; John Erler, Ph. D., Rockwood; W. E. Sunday, Hooversville; E. E. Oney, Elklick; B. R. M. Sheeder, Portage; H. O. Reynolds, South Fork; E. R. Hauser, Somerset.

The program will consist of the following:

MONDAY EVENING, 7:45

Anthem; choir; vesper services, the Rev. P. B. Fasold; Scripture lesson and prayer, the Rev. E. B. Boyer; sermon, the Rev. W. H. B. Carney.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:00

Devotional services the Rev. C. E. Kuhnert; roll call, enrollment of delegates and election of officers; Article XVIII Augsburg Confession, "Of Free Will"—(a) "The Will in Civil Affairs," the Rev. S. N. Carpenter; (b) "The Will in Religion," the Rev. I. H. Wagner; (c) "The Will in Evil Works," the Rev. John Erler, Ph. D.; (d) "Pelagianism," the Rev. E. S. Johnston, D. D.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30

Devotional services, the Rev. D. W. Lecrone; "The Kind of Preaching Needed Today," the Rev. J. S. English; "The Kind of Shepherding Needed Today," the Rev. H. M. Petrea; "Methods and Financial Results of the Every Member Canvass," the Rev. E. F. Rice; address, C. H. Weller, Field Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; general discussion.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:45

Anthem; choir; vesper services the Rev. H. O. Reynolds; Scripture lesson and prayer, the Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder; address, "Stewardship," the Rev. H. B. Burkholder; address, C. H. Weller, Field Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:00

Devotional services, the Rev. H. W. Bender; business; "Reverence in God's House," the Rev. D. W. Michael; "The Sacramental and Sacrificial Elements in Christian Worship," the Rev. R. D. Clare; "The Need of Family Worship," the Rev. E. E. Oney; "Our Synodical Home Mission Work," the Rev. L. P. Young, D. D.; report of the Committee on Publication of the Conference History the Rev. W. H. B. Carney.

592 RAILROAD FATALITIES DURING SIX MONTHS.

Ninety-four of the 592 persons killed on the railroad of the state in last six months of 1915 lost their lives at grade crossings and of this number thirty-four were occupants of automobiles, according to the report on accidents on the railroads and electric lines of the state just issued by Jno. P. Dohney, investigator of accidents of the public service commission.

The report shows a total of 592 killed and 4869 injured on steel railroads and 98 killed and 1352 injured on electric lines. The figures show an increase of 29 railroad fatalities and a decrease of 220 persons injured, as compared with the last half of 1914. There were ten more killed on trolley lines and a decrease of 288 injured on the same railways, as compared with the last six months of the preceding year.

Railroad fatalities included 185 employees, 4 passengers, 229 trespassers and 105 others, the latter class including the grade crossings. Two hundred and twenty-eight persons were injured at grade crossings.

The grade crossing list shows an increase of 83 killed and 67 injured over the figures for the same period in 1914. Thirty-eight of those killed at crossings were pedestrians, 20 in wagons and two on motorcycles.

Fourteen occupants of automobiles were killed in grade crossing accidents on high-speed electric lines.

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