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NOTICE—is hereby given to those  
Subscribers who are ignoring repeat-  
ed bills sent to them from this office  
that we will be compelled to place  
their accounts in the hands of collec-  
tors.

#### HOPE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE STRAYED

That there is still some hope for  
the man or woman who has served  
time in the penitentiary is shown by  
a recent court decision. The Pittsburgh  
Dispatch says: More and more en-  
lightenment is modifying the attitude  
of society toward the erring. We are  
slowly emerging from the barbarous  
theory of vengeful punishment upon  
wrongdoers. The modern aim is to  
temper justice with mercy and with  
common sense. Branding an offender  
as an outcast has been found, even  
from the cold calculation of profit and  
loss, to be bad business. It is infinitely  
better for society, as well as for the  
individual, if the wrongdoer is given  
a chance to redeem himself. There  
is a practical saving in the main-  
tenance of a confirmed criminal or in  
the protection needed to guard against  
another enemy of society.

Something of this sort is indicated  
by the ruling of the New York Court  
of Appeals, that Sate's highest tribu-  
nal overruling the decision of two  
lower courts that an ex-convict who  
had behaved himself since his release  
could not effect the fact of his con-  
viction as affecting his credibility  
as a witness by testimony showing his  
good reputation since. The higher  
court held that, although the courts  
of the State had generally refused this  
right to ex-convicts, it was but com-  
mon justice that when a man's reputation  
is assailed he should be allowed to offer  
testimony as to his reformation. The  
"ancient idea that an outlawed felon  
was supposed to have a wolf's  
head so that anyone might kill him  
as he would a wolf," is incompatible  
with modern thought. Until recently  
a convicted felon was disqualified as a  
witness, the assumption being that  
such an one might not hesitate  
to prejure himself. But they are now  
considered competent witnesses, sub-  
ject, of course, to whatever disquali-  
fying inference may be drawn from their  
conviction. Even that, however, under  
this ruling may be weighed in con-  
sideration of reformation after release,  
which is only fair and just.

#### GERMANY'S CENSORSHIP

Germany seems to be censoring  
everything nearly in that country but  
they have a job on hand when they  
come to censor women's dress and  
arresting those who attire themselves  
too conspicuously. A young girl was  
even taken to the police station be-  
cause the powder was too thick on  
her face and compelled to wipe it off.  
Economy along all lines in Germany  
is causing much annoyance, distress  
and even suffering but it is a wise  
measure by this great country to  
make the most of her resources. Ar-  
ticles of food supply are apportioned  
out, among them about two pounds of  
sugar per month being the amount  
for each individual which would be  
quite a hard measure to most persons.  
Restaurants throughout Germany on  
Saturday began serving reduced fare  
to their patrons as it is claimed a  
famine is being faced. The truth is  
just leaking out that last summer's  
harvest was almost a failure and  
Germany may soon need food as bad-  
ly as the Belgians did.

#### WHAT ABOUT OURSELVES?

In demanding that Germany cease  
her submarine policy regarding the  
vessels of other countries, President  
Wilson and his co-advisers base their  
claim on the law of humanity but is  
not this country accessory to an ap-  
palling extent in the shedding of lit-  
erally rivers of blood on the battle-  
fields of Europe. Where is the law of  
humanity in that?

The Germans are requested to end  
their most aggressive policy in order  
that lives may be saved; but the fac-  
tories of the United States are run-  
ning day and night to furnish ammu-  
nition, shells and high explosives  
that the greatest and most awful war  
the world has ever known may be  
carried on.

What an unparalleled chance this  
nation had to have aided in ending  
the war by refusing to make the  
needful material to murder their fel-  
low man!

FOR SALE—The stock and fixtures  
of the Willard Store on Centre street  
at Flaugherly Creek bridge. The  
stock consists of groceries, dishware  
tobacco, candy. There is a very large  
double soda fountain to be sold also.  
Apply at once at the Store.

#### DRUNKENNESS

Little Talks on Health & Hygiene by  
Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.

Man's getting drunk is to be liken-  
ed unto the opening of the draft  
doors under the fire-box of a locomot-  
ive and generating a high steam pres-  
sure, opening the throttle and letting  
everything go until the machine is on  
a mad race through town and country,  
crushing whatever comes in the way,  
let it be man or beast, or maybe it  
will smash itself to a helpless mass.  
If the tracks are clear the machine  
may run until its fire box, the stomach  
burns out or a steam pipe, a blood ves-  
sel, bursts or a valve gives way and  
the locomotive or the human body  
becomes a useless wreck and a bur-  
den in the way.

In the case of the locomotive the  
suffering is confined to the living be-  
ings it runs down, but in man not  
only the beings he injures or destroys  
but he himself suffers after he has  
irreparably injured his physical body  
and mental powers. He may lose an  
arm, cripple his stomach, blood ves-  
sels or mind, and become a charge on  
his family or the community.

In the case of the locomotive it is  
only a piece of uncontrolled inani-  
mate machinery, but in man it often  
means setting to run amuck a piece of  
the most inventive animal life ever  
recorded in history. When drunk he  
may spend his last cent on foolish  
things and leave a hungry family at  
his home. He may kill his best friend,  
violate a trust, throw a bomb, send a  
great passenger ship to the bottom of  
the sea, or even incite a war of Na-  
tions.

A drunken man is the most danger-  
ous demoralizing factor in civilized  
life. The wild beast of the forest is a  
plaything in comparison. He sets all  
laws at naught and becomes an in-  
strument of the devil. Man exalted by  
any kind of mental over-exertion or  
whim he comes in contact.

The wild dash of the mind and  
body during the stage of overstimula-  
tion may be fascinating to the individ-  
ual but, when the inevitable reac-  
tion comes both may ensue or some-  
times that which is worse, turning  
consciousness bring a realization of a  
horrible crime committed never to be  
undone. At last body and mind are  
weakened and less able to control  
the insane desire to exhilarate again  
and again until untily death ends  
a life that might have been a boon to  
humanity in some useful path over  
which its race might have been run.

Some temperaments become sloth-  
like and are oblivious to the past and  
reckless as to what is to come. In  
such the harm to them and others  
through the neglected duties.

Drunkenness is over-stimulation  
that destroys normal conditions, it  
may even be occasioned by the psy-  
chology of a crowd. There are vari-  
ous stimulants that will make drunk.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mary Miller to Franklin Miller,  
Quemahoning, \$10.  
Franklin Miller to D. B. Zim-  
merman, Quemahoning, \$7,690.  
Guy Shaulis to N. N. Shaulis, Lin-  
coln township, \$500.  
Guy Shaulis to N. N. Shaulis Som-  
erset township, \$900.  
Susana Berger to Clyde Holsopple,  
Paint township, \$1,400.  
Fred J. Anspach, executor to  
Girard Trust Co., Addison township,  
\$1,000.  
H. T. Lambert to Geo. T. Hite-  
shew, Shade township, \$250.  
Henry Horner to Solomon Horner,  
Jenner township, \$568.  
Chas. H. Schaffer to Dennis Bell,  
Jenner township, \$3,100.  
Annie M. Sacks to Grace D.  
Berkebyle, Shade township, \$1,000.  
O. W. Bradley to Tejesa Rouks,  
Windber, \$1.  
Andrew Johnson to James A.  
Helman, Windber, \$2,000.  
Mary C. Miller to C. M. Ankeny,  
Lincoln township, \$400.  
Geo. Herchenroder to Addie Trent,  
Somerset township, \$950.  
Lloyd Conway to Francis E.  
Conway, Addison township, \$2,500.  
Wilmore Coal Co. to Berwind-  
White Coal Co., Windber, \$1.  
J. W. Samner to C. T. Lape, Cas-  
selman, \$425.  
Ellen C. Menges to Jacob Country-  
man, Brothersvalley township, \$4,000.  
Anna O. McKinley to Samuel E.  
Engle, Salisbury, \$1,000.  
Poe R. Poble to John Render,  
Shade township, \$1,300.  
Ed Mostoller to D. B. Zimmerman,  
Quemahoning township, \$37,434.  
Bessie Sipe to Charles H. Shaffer,  
Jennertown, \$200.  
Valentine Hay to Cal. Newman,  
Milford township, \$75.

#### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears  
the  
Signature of  
J. C. Atkinson

Sale bills printed neatly and on  
short order at the Commercial.

#### MEYERSDALE H. S. BRIEFS

We feel sorry for Miss Lauver—  
She got so sleepy from the perfume  
of the flowers worn by the girls on  
Easter Monday.

Ray Saylor has chartered a jitney  
to bring him to school. He probably  
thinks that it is better than a late  
car when he wishes to travel to Gar-  
rett again.

Prof. Arnold asked the seniors  
where bloody eyes came from. Will  
some one who knows, please tell  
them?

We, the seniors, second the mo-  
tion in last week's editorial. Shall  
the motion pass, seniors?

Grace Michael is fond of singing  
Song No. 8.

Gregg Darrow informed us last  
week that she was sprouting. We are  
all glad that Gregg is getting so good.

Anybody who knows how many  
square acres in a square rod please  
inform the interested party; Michael  
Hady.

In translating the German word  
Gaul, "Babe" Leydig translated it  
shag. Poor "Babe" must have been  
thinking of Glencoe.

Anybody who wishes to know the  
name of the substance which sur-  
rounds the frog eggs in Room 11,  
ask Olive Lindeman.

Sara Gerhart told us last week  
that she lost her soul (sole). We  
all hope that she soon will find it.

The freshmen need not be ashamed  
of their name because Edward  
Crowe told us that there were fresh-  
men in Caesar's time.

At a meeting of the senior class  
Monday evening the following were  
elected class reporters: John Hock-  
ing from the classical section and  
Grace Weller from the Commercial.

#### A Senior's Will to Her Teacher.

The following is the will and testa-  
ment which Grace Weller presented  
to Mr. Weaver when he asked the  
wills:

This is the will and testament of  
Grace Weller Wire of Meyersdale  
Borough, Somerset County and State  
of Pennsylvania:  
I give, devise and bequeath unto  
my beloved husband, Bob Wire, all  
my jewels, love and affection pro-  
vided he does not marry my old rival,  
Pearl Buttons, within the ten years  
after my demise; provided also that  
he does not beat the kids.

In witness whereof, I have here-  
unto set my hand and seal this 19th  
day of April, 1916.

SEAL Grace Weller Wire.  
Signed, sealed, published and de-  
clared by the above Grace Weller  
Wire as and for the last will and  
testament in the presence of us,  
who at her request and in her pre-  
sence, and in the presence of each other  
have hereunto subscribed our  
names as witnesses thereto.  
Miss Minnie Fish,  
Mr. Buzz Saw.

#### BIG DEAL AT CENTRAL CITY.

One of the largest and most impor-  
tant deals affecting Somerset County  
realty was closed Tuesday when Jno.  
Loehrie of Windber took over the  
property, surface and mineral of the  
Central Realty Company, W. H.  
Sunshine, H. C. Cook and Frank Niss-  
ley all of Johnstown who control the  
realty corporation, made the deal  
with Mr. Loehrie and it is understood  
they got a good price for their hold-  
ings. The transfer involves 250 acres  
of level land in he recently opened

Some of the people of the town  
are looking towards a more ideal  
Meyersdale and with that end in  
view are thinking about the purchas-  
ing of some land that would serve as  
a recreation park for all. This is an  
excellent move. Much could be said  
concerning the value of such a move-  
ment for the good of the town, and  
more will be said later about it.

In the absence of all occupants of  
the home burglars broke into the  
home of Wm. Stott, on Large street,  
last night, entering through a win-  
dow. The house was thoroughly ran-  
sacked, the contents of bureaus scat-  
tered pell mell about the rooms. As  
the owners of the home had not yet  
returned when this news was obtain-  
ed, whether much was taken or not,  
is not learned.

FOR SALE—6 room house, central-  
ly located, in best of condition, hot  
and cold water, bath. Apply at this  
office.

JUST RECEIVED A CAR OF LE-  
HIGH PORTLAND CEMENT.  
P. J. COVER & SON

#### The Two Things Necessary To Possess a Bank Account

The first, is the DESIRE or INCLINATION.  
Every one has a wish for money—it is human na-  
ture, for it takes money to possess the comforts and  
necessities of life.

The second requirement is ONE DOLLAR or  
more. The first deposit need not be large, and  
after the first money is deposited, you have a BANK  
ACCOUNT.

The SIZE of your bank account rests entirely  
with you.

This bank appreciates your business.

#### The Second National Bank

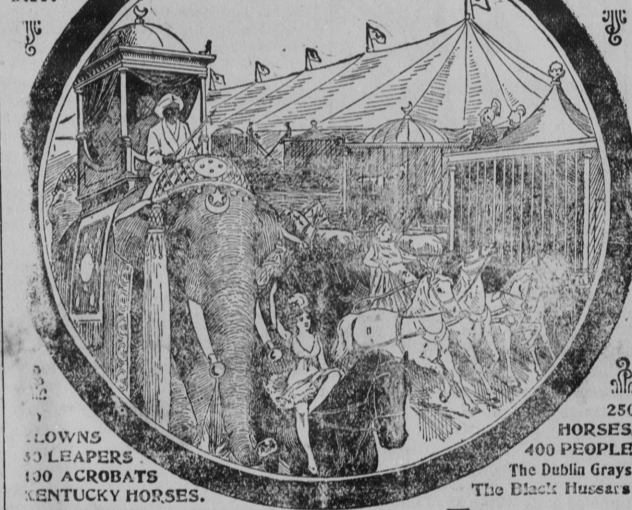
Of Meyersdale, Pa.  
"THE BANK ON THE CORNER."

#### Howes Great London Circus Meyersdale TUESDAY, MAY 2ND

Full of Honors and Wonderful Triumphs of its Long, Con-  
quering Tours of the Continent, and presented on a Scale  
of Colossal Magnitude and Lavish Expenditure.  
never known before in this country.

THE TRAVELING  
AMUSEMENT  
ENTERTAINMENT  
OF THE  
DAY.

BRIMMING OVER  
WITH  
MIRTH  
AND OF  
JOY.



#### -THE MARVELOUS EDDYS- MONARCHS SUPREME IN THE AMUSEMENT REALM.

#### THE ROYAL YEDDO JAPANESE TROUPE And 200 Other Great Acts.

#### DOUBLE MENAGERIE

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THREE BANDS OF MUSIC.

#### ..ROYAL ROMAN HIPPODROME..

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that Human Eyes Ever Witnessed.

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GRAND FREE STREET PARADE AT 10 A. M.

#### Most Beautiful Word

What is the most beautiful word in  
the English language? A college pro-  
fessor, who has been teaching for a  
number of years, has collected some  
interesting facts concerning the pre-  
ferences that school girls and school  
boys entertain for certain words. He  
has made the experiment with some  
twenty-six classes, all the way from  
an ungraded class in a country school  
to the senior class in college.

At the conclusion of a recitation  
the teacher has had little slips of  
blank paper distributed. He has then  
requested each pupil to write down—  
without consulting his neighbor—  
what he thought the most beautiful  
word in the English language, giving  
consideration both to sound and to  
sense.

Of the 600 pupils that he has had  
405 wrote the name "mother," 82  
wrote "home," 22, "father," 18 "dad-  
dy," 16 "vacation," 11 "baseball," 9  
"football," 7 "love," 3 "sister," 2 "uncle",  
and 2 "grandmother". The fol-  
lowing words received one vote each:  
"Grandpa," "vesper," "moonlight",  
"hope," "rose," "hyacinth," "angel",  
"music" and "swimmin' hole."  
Of the remaining 14, one, a re-  
sponse from a very bright boy, dis-

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER  
CASTORIA

#### ROOFING

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FIRST CLASS SLATE

OR  
GALVANIZED ROOF

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J. S. WENGER  
R. D. 2  
MEYERSDALE, PA.

Wholesale prices on carloads shipped  
to any railroad station.

A full line of Spacing, Nails and  
Valleys.

#### Driving It Home

Let us drive home to you  
the fact that no washwoman  
can wash clothes in as sani-  
tary a manner as that in  
which the work is done at  
our laundry.

We use much more water,  
change the water many more  
times, use pure and more  
costly soap, and keep all the  
clothes in constant motion  
during the entire process.

It's simply a matter of  
having proper facilities.

Meyersdale Steam Laundry

#### The Home of Quality Groceries

WE WOULDN'T, IF WE COULD,  
SELL YOU INFERIOR GOODS.

"QUALITY GROCERIES" our motto  
Everything we sell must be entirely  
satisfactory, or we cheerfully refund  
your money; surely nothing could be  
fairer.

Just received a lot of Fancy Norway  
Mackerel; try them, they will please  
you.

We make a speciality of all kinds of  
COFFEE; more than 15 different  
grades to make your selection from.  
It is not so much what we earn as  
what we save;

These prices save money for you—  
2 cakes good TOILET SOAP for 5c.  
1-2 lb. GOOD COCOA for 20c.  
1-2 lb. good MIXED TEA for 20c.  
6 cakes GOOD LAUNDRY SOAP 25c  
6 packages WASHING POWDER 25c  
3 cans KIDNEY BEANS for 25c.  
12 1-2 cent STRING BEANS for 10c  
The best 10c PEAS on the market for  
\$1.00 per dozen.

25c APRICOTS for 20c can this week  
SPECIAL PRICES ON REVERSE  
PRESERVED FRUITS THIS WEEK.  
It will pay you to buy your brooms  
from us.

Goods delivered to all parts of city.

Both Phones.  
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142 CENTRE STREET  
Meyersdale, Pa.

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a fam-  
ily settlement agreement has been  
executed in the estate of the late  
Adam C. Lepley of Elk Lick Town-  
ship, Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
by the widow and all the heirs  
of the said Adam C. Lepley. H. G.  
Lepley has been made "attorney in  
fact" for all the parties to the agree-  
ment. He is to collect all debts ow-  
ing the estate and pay all claims  
properly authenticated against the  
estate. Therefore all persons indebted  
to the said estate of Adam C. Lepley  
are hereby notified to make im-  
mediate payment and those having  
claims or demands to present them  
without delay to

H. G. LEPLEY,  
Attorney in Fact,  
R. F. D. No. 2,  
Meyersdale, Pa.

#### AUDITOR'S NOTICE

At the Orphans' Court held at Som-  
erset Pa the 2nd day of March, 1916,  
the undersigned was duly appointed  
Auditor to make a distribution of the  
funds in the hands of Bruce Lichty,  
administrator of William McGairy, de-  
ceased, to and among those legally  
entitled thereto, hereby gives notice  
that he will attend to the duties of  
the above appointment on Thursday,  
the 11th day of May, 1916, at ten  
o'clock A. M. at his office in Somerset  
Pa., when and where all persons in-  
terested may attend.

4-13-3wk. John R. Scott,  
Auditor.