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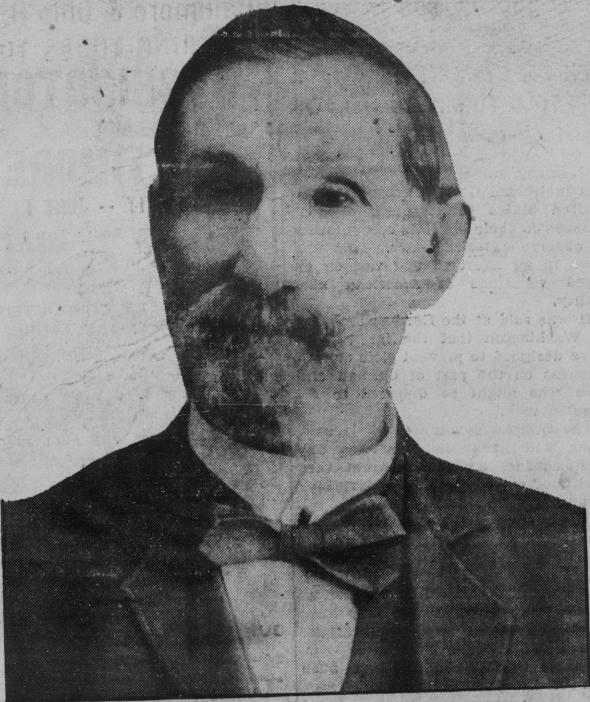
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MEYERSDALE PA., THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

OLDEST RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

William Oates Dies at His Home on Meyers Avenue, Aged 92 Years. Was a Good Man in Highest Sense.

William Taylor Oates, who at the time of his departure, was the oldest resident of Meyersdale, was born in St. Just, Cornwall, England, February 6, 1824 and died on May 19, 1916 at the old Hocking residence on Meyers avenue, Meyersdale, at the rarely attained age of 92 years, 3 months and 13 days. In early manhood he learned the cabinet making trade and the carpenter trade, as well, in England, coming to this country in 1850. He at once entered the employ of the B. & O. Ry. Co. as Master



WILLIAM TAYLOR OATES

Bridge Builder on the line from Piedmont to Wheeling. After years of service in the early history of the road, he retired and settled in Frostburg, Md. After the death of his wife which occurred about 25 yrs. ago he came to reside with his sister, Mrs. John Hocking, Sr. in Meyersdale, Pa.

It was a long life that this good man had lived, covering as it did, an entire century, less the discrepancy of a few short years. It was a long life, whether as measured by years or by the grandeur of witnessing events, the most remarkable in the history of mankind. During this long period what triumphs of truth, especially, were his to enjoy and to share. How sincerely did he enjoy those triumphs! Nothing so enraptured his soul and mind as to witness the far-flung battle line for truth's ascendancy, emerging victoriously. His mother frequently heard the founder of Methodistism preach, John Wesley. Upon what, for the sake of em-

response to the expression of desire to help him, and not catching the meaning at once, he most courteously replied to the proffer, "Pardon me." How well he understood the gentle courtesies—it was his last word—beautiful in its revelation of character, as well its touching tenderness. And he rested his tired head upon the pillow, and quietly and unobtrusively slipped into his place in the heavenly life, to other work, and larger opportunities. It was a triumph and not a tragedy.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Hocking, of Johnstown, now in her 89th year and one son, Mr. John M. Oates, superintendent of the Sand Spring Water Co. of Meyersdale. Funeral services were held at the Hocking home at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. C. Matteson and on the following day, the remains were taken to Frostburg in charge of Undertaker Price where interment was made by the side of his wife. —G. H. H.

THE BIJOU

There are some unusually fine features arranged for by Manager Hemminger at the Bijou in the next few days.

This Thursday night, Hobart Bosworth will appear in "The White Scar", a five reel drama of fascinating interest. A good comedy will follow.

Friday evening, May 26. "Lizzies Shattered Dreams" a fine disillusionment. Another feature for to-night in multiple reels will be "The Lathered Truth".

Saturday, May 27. Kitty in "The Broken Coin" Public Approval and other good reels.

Monday, May 29. The Haunted Bell! Something Wierd and Mysterious. And "A meeting for a Cheating."

Tuesday, May 30. The Passing of Hell's Crown" a multiple reel feature with Olive Golden, Another is Eddie's Night Out", and "The Evil of Suspicion."

Wednesday, Maty 31. "The Other Half, and Little Billy's School Days. Thursday June 1. "The Primrose Path" in five reels and a good comedy.

Friday June 2. "Bill's Narrow Escape featuring Billy Ritchie and "The Lonesome House."

Saturday, June 3—"Miss Blossom" portrayed by Myrtle Gonzales. "The Broken Coin" and "Jed's Trip to the Fair."

GETS FOUR YEARS IN "PEN"

Charles H. Miller, a Jefferson Township Justice of the Peace, was sentenced to serve not less than four years nor more than six, years in the Penitentiary by Judge Ruppel in criminal court, Tuesday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery brought against him last fall by Sheriff Lester G. Wagner, who was then County Detective. It was alleged that Squire Miller made false claims for bounties on noxious animals, forging the names of fictitious claimants to the affidavits required by the County Commissioners. In this way it is said he realized between \$700 and \$800.

Miller was charged with a similar offense during the past several years but succeeded in effecting settlements previously. Some years ago Miller served 15 months in the penitentiary, having been sent up for larceny.



Several Good Indian motor cycles. TRY A BAG OF LARRABEE'S best FLOUR and if it doesn't make tangles and supplies.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS IN THIS VICINITY

On Memorial Day, May 30th, a detail will leave Post Headquarters at 9:15 and go in automobile to Garrett cemetery and decorate and then return to Meyersdale to decorate the graves in the Reformed and two Catholic cemeteries about 10:30. The principal service of the day will be held in the afternoon of Memorial Day.

Post will assemble at 12:30 p. m. All Civic and Patriotic organizations, all Sunday Schools and musical organizations and all citizens are cordially invited to unite with the Post on this occasion. The organizations wishing to participate are expected to be controlled by their own officers. The commander of the organization will report at the Post room for consultation and assignment in line at 12:30. Column will move promptly at 1 p. m. to Union Cemetery where the Memorial service will be held as usual. The address in Union cemetery will be delivered by Mr. Seth L. Kinsey, State Organizer of the P. O. S. of A. Mr. Kinsey is well known throughout the State as a patriotic speaker and every body is requested to remain to hear the address.

Upon returning from the cemetery the Post will take a special car at Sixth avenue for Salisbury to decorate. The Civic organizations and Sunday Schools of Salisbury will be in line. The speaker for the occasion at Salisbury cannot be named at this time. All details on Sunday, the 28th, are expected to return in time to attend Divine Service in the churches mentioned at 7:30 p. m. The Post will appreciate the gift of flowers on Memorial Day. Children and others who will favor us will please take flowers to the Post room soon after 10 a. m. Small bouquets or small wreaths will be very acceptable.

There are 74 graves to be decorated in the cemeteries at Meyersdale. Let all the friends of all the Comrades, living and dead, turn out to these services.

The Post will go to Grantsville on Sunday, June 4. In F. C. and L. H. C. McKinley, Commander of Post Memorial Day in Larimer Township. The Citizens Committee, Veteran Detail and Sons of Veterans of Larimer township have arranged the following program for Memorial Day:

- Assemble at the Little Crossing Church on the pike at 2 p. m.
- Reading of Memorial Service.
- Column form in the following order: Wittenburg Band, Flower Girls, Veterans and Sons of Veterans, Protected Home Circle, Sunday Schools, Business Men and Citizens, Vehicles.
- March to St. John's Cemetery where the services will be continued as follows: Dirge by the Band, Invocation, Rev. J. T. Shafer, Address, Rev. C. Miller, Song, "America" by the Assembly, Decoration of graves. Column will reform and march in same order to White Oak cemetery where the services will be concluded as follows: Address, Rev. J. T. Shafer, Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by the Assembly, Decoration of graves, Music, "The Battle Cry of Freedom" by the Band, Benediction, Rev. Shafer. Everybody is invited to this service; we want to make this the Banner Memorial Day for Larimer township. Let us show our appreciation of the military service of these dead soldiers, our charity for those still living, and our loyalty to the flag by commemorating their memory in a proper manner.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA ENJOY BANQUET

The Modern Woodmen of America on Tuesday evening celebrated the 15th anniversary of the institution of the order in Meyersdale, in Amity Hall. On this occasion the members realizing that their cup of joy would be far from overflowing without their wives and sweethearts, decided to have them present too. At the banquet table about 9 o'clock, there sat down 100 ladies and gentlemen to partake of an elaborate repast, served by the ladies of the Reformed Church Guild.

Dr. Bruce Lichty very delightfully announced the toasts and interspersed something better than some of his good cheer and humor. Mr. W. H. Holzhu in his remarks as statistician mentioned the fact that the order has over 1,000,000 of which number 128 belong to the local lodge. The organization is beneficiary in character. Mr. C. A. Clotworthy spoke of the social phase of the order; Mr. R. D. Pfahler had as his toast, "The Fraternity;" H. C. Knieriem, J. D. Spaugy and others explained the faith that was in them on the topic, "Why I am a Woodman." Rev. Father Brady was present and asked grace at the banquet and responded to the toast, "The Ladies." Editor Livengood spoke on "The Advantages of Fraternal Organization."

ate graves and attend service in the Lutheran Church. Rev. Oney will preach the sermon. At the same hour 9-15 a detail will leave Post Headquarters for the Fritz Cemetery where they will decorate graves about 10 o'clock and return to Post Headquarters. The Berkeley Band and P. O. S. of A. are expected to participate. The same detail will go at 1 o'clock to Summit Hills Cemetery and thence to St. Paul where the Memorial Service will be read and the graves decorated. The St. Paul Sunday Schools and St. Paul Band invited to take part in the service.

"MARY PAGE" ON THE WAY... "The Strange Case of Mary Page," starring Henry Walthall and Edna Mayo—the motion picture production of which there has been so much talk in the magazines and newspapers—is coming to Meyersdale. The Summer Garden has booked "Mary Page" and the first episode will be shown soon. Watch for date. The picture appears one day a week for fifteen weeks. Each episode, however, is a complete story. Miss Mayo's gowns for the production were made by Lady Duff Gordon (Lucille) the famous modiste, and are the latest things in spring and summer styles.

FANCY NORWAY MACKEREL 10c APIECE BITTNER'S GROCERY

COURT NEWS

Louis Widas was acquitted of the charges of larceny. Henry Daniels was found guilty of an offense against morality and drew usual sentence.

The Court has granted the following divorces: Walter Stevenson vs. Lovette Stevenson; Mary Pugh vs. Edison Pugh; Robt. Peterma vs. Viola D. Peterman.

George Midlow was convicted by a jury for selling liquor to persons of known intemperate habits. Midlow hails from Listie. He has not been sentenced.

Edward Burns, a Berlin hotel man, was convicted of selling liquor to minors. A motion for a new trial was filed.

Frank Romesberg, charged with being a non-resident and hunting in Black Twp. without a license, was acquitted, owing to the failure of the prosecution to prove that he is a non-resident of Somerset county.

Henry Daniels was convicted of a charge against morality and drew the usual sentence. Daniels lives in the mountains of Jenner township.

Andy and John Bokshaw, brothers, were convicted of charges of assault and were sentenced to pay the costs and warned not to come into Judge Ruppel's court again. The defendants participated in a recent disorderly occurrence at Grazer mine.

Lewis Widas was acquitted of a charge of larceny.

George Martin, the prosecutor in a case against William Bhatta, of Scalp Level, was mulcted with the costs.

John M. Fresh, charged with stealing a hive of bees from B. K. Hersh, of Brothersvalley township, did not appear when the case was called. His bond was forfeited and a process awarded.

A true bill was returned by the grand jury in the case against the Connellsville & State Line Railroad company, charges with maintaining a nuisance. The railroad company is alleged to have changed a public road in Summit township and failed to leave it in such condition as the law requires. The case will be tried at the next term of court.

George W. Saylor, Jr., of Somerset borough, was acquitted of a charge alleging an offense against morality, the woman having died.

A number of desertion cases were heard by Judge Ruppel, Friday morning.

Attorney John S. Miller and J. Wallace Paul, representing Mary Navotny, have instituted suit against the First Catholic Slovak Union of the U. S. of A., for one thousand dollars, the amount of an insurance policy taken out in the defendant company by Albert Navotny Jr. of Meyersdale, now deceased. The plaintiff, who was the wife of the decedent, is acting in her own behalf and for her daughter. The statement avers that Albert Navotny Jr. took out the policy before he was married, naming his parents as the beneficiaries, and that although it was his intention to have the policy changed for the benefit of his wife and daughter, he had failed to do so and his parents refuse to surrender the policy.

Nicklo Itinarelli of Acosta was sent to jail for four months because of an assault he made on Mary Cistrelli on a public highway. The woman wanted the Court to compel the man to leave the country. The defendant has a wife in the old country.

The following named attorneys were appointed by the Court to take the testimony in divorce cases and report with an opinion based upon the facts: Chas. F. Uhl' in the case of Anna White Walters vs. Marlie Walter, J. C. Lowry, in the case of James Roy Adams vs. Catherine Jones Adams, H. F. Yost, in the case of H. G. Spitznagle vs. Gladys Lillian Good Spitznagle, A. C. Holbert, in the case of Domenico Gori vs. E. Annie Gori, L. C. Colborn, in the case of Maggie Ferguson vs. Duncan Ferguson, John R. Scott, in the case of Fred Clevenger vs. Laura B. Clevenger, E. E. Kiernan in the case of Louisa Weigle Miller vs. Levi Miller.

Richard Larue, who came to Somerset County from Frostburg, was another who drew a three months jail sentence. Larue was passing a boarding house at McSpadden and helped himself to a suit of clothes which later was recovered by the owner.

Henry Daniel of Jenner township elected to stand trial by jury on a charge preferred against him by Mary Elizabeth Sherman, who charged him with the paternity of her child. Following his conviction the court directed him to pay the girl expenses amounting to \$40, the cost of the tri-

CARRIERS TO REORGANIZE

To The Rural Letter Carriers of Somerset County:—

On Decoration Day, May 30th the Somerset County Rural Letter Carriers Association will meet at Somerset in the Somerset House at One o'clock.

And we are looking forward to this day as a day of pleasantness and profit, a day on which the enthusiasts of our Association are hoping for a re-organization of the County Organization from apparent death to activity.

There is a great work to accomplish on this May day and we urge every member to be present when the roll is called.

To the outside brothers on R. F. D., we extend to you a hearty welcome to meet with us that we may extend to you the right hand of fellowship and further welcome you to enroll as a full-fledged member of our association in county, state and nation and enjoy the privileges and benefits that we as members derive and that you equally deserve as servants of "Uncle Sam."

The clouds that seemed to be lurking over our heads about a year ago have rolled away and we can now look brightly into the future—therefore you need have no further fear.

I wish to add that largely upon the success of this meeting depends the life of our County Association, therefore sincerely hope that you as members will not stand idly by and allow such a cruel death to befall our noble band.

To you I shout, Come one, come all and bring those outside brothers with you and we all join with one accord to make this the best and the most profitable meeting ever held by the boys on R. F. D. in Somerset County.

Fraternally yours, M. LUTHER LIVENGOOD.

Fort Hill, Pa.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Rev. D. P. Morris, Pastor—Sunday evening June 4th. Baptism at the close of the service.

al and one dollar a week for seven years to the prosecutrix.

A verdict of not guilty, the prosecutor to pay the costs, was returned in the case against Wm. Bhatta, charged by George Martin with perjury.

Judge Thomas F. Bailey of Huntingdon County will come to Somerset on June 13th to preside in court.

A division of Shade township, into two districts for election purposes is recommended in a report filed by the viewers—J. A. Hartman, W. M. Schrock, and F. H. Meyers. One of the polling places will be at Calmbrook and the other at the Centre schoolhouse. The dividing line will run north and south from the Paint township line to Stonycreek township line. If no exceptions be filed before September, the division will go into effect for the next election.

Application was filed at Somerset for the divorce: of the following Edna Straub, vs. R. R. Straub and vice versa; Robert Howorth vs. Susan Howorth and Catherine Brant vs. Henry Brant.

Mike Martucci of Ralplton on Friday morning pleaded guilty to the charge of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to serve not less than three years nor more than five years in the Western penitentiary. Martucci and his brother, Gus, Martucci, both of Ralplton, were charged with the murder of John Chiazoli on April 16. By agreement of the counsel the jury did not leave the box and a verdict of acquitting Gus was directed to pay his wife \$10.00 trial the testimony showed that the three men had a quarrel. John Chiazoli shot the Martucci brothers, Mike Martucci pursued him and stabbed him to death. The two brothers were both in the Memorial hospital at Johnstown, because of their having been shot.

Cyrus Weimer, of Black township, was directed to pay his wife \$10 perm until the master hears their divorce proceedings.

Judge W. H. Ruppel appointed J. M. Cover, R. H. Hoffman and H. F. Yost, a computation Board to count the votes cast at the primaries in Somerset County on Tuesday. The Board organized at noon on Friday and have already begun their work, which is expected will require about three days.