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## ELECTRICAL STORM SEVERE

### Worst of the Season on Tuesday Evening. Elijah Livengood's Barn near Salisbury Struck by Lightning and Destroyed.

During the unusually severe electrical storm on Tuesday evening the large barn of Elijah Livengood, two and one half miles south of Salisbury, was struck by lightning and destroyed, together with five horses, 120 tons of hay, considerable oats, a lot of farm machinery and wagons, entailing a loss of about \$5,000, with perhaps about \$2,000 insurance.

The storm in this section of the county began about 7:30 o'clock and was the severest one of the season, considering the terrific lightning. It was, however 10:30 o'clock before the barn of Mr. Livengood was struck. The family had all retired for the night and Mr. Livengood had just been up to get a drink of water, and had lain down again when a terrible crash of lightning and a deafening sound of thunder fell upon them. All of the household at once realized that something had been struck. They looked out the windows and already saw that the barn was on fire. They rushed out in a minute and then flames were shooting out from under the overhauled a distance of twenty feet or more.

One horse got out of its own accord and another got out too, but the second one was so badly burned that to spare its sufferings was an act of mercy a little later to shoot it. Four other horses could not be gotten out and were completely burned up.

The barn was one of the largest in that community, being 120 feet in length by 60 broad. The size of the conflagration in part may be imagined when it is taken into account that 120 tons of hay were destroyed. The house and the other buildings being saturated with rain prevented a further destruction of property.

Mr. Livengood is known far and wide from his extensive production of maple syrup and sugar.

## PLANNING FOR OUR BIG FAIR

The Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Fair and Race Association held its weekly meeting last evening and are furthering their plans for a great big fair to be held September 19 to 23, only three full weeks away.

There will be plenty of races, fine exhibits, big midway, impossible acrobatic performances, Berlin and Meyersdale bands to furnish the music. Look for next week.

### HORNIG-REYNOLDS.

The rites uniting in marriage Mr. Wm. E. Hornig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hornig and Miss Madeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, all of Shaw Mines, were solemnized at high noon in the Brethren church of this place on Wednesday, the officiating clergyman being Rev. H. L. Goughnour, the pastor of the bride. The best man was Mr. Wm. Crosby Reynolds, a brother of the bride, and Miss Nellie Weller was bridesmaid. Following the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served at the home of the bride. The happy couple left yesterday afternoon on No. 19 for Akron, Ohio, where the groom has a position with the Goodrich Rubber Co. Both of the contracting party are exemplary and highly esteemed young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stott and son, Walter, of Large street, a few evenings ago, had a hearing before Burgess Gress for disorderly conduct, on charges preferred by Frank Austin, their neighbor.

The trouble arose over the clubbing down of apples from Mr. Austin's apple trees and this led to words. When the plaintiff could not protect his rights he invoked the assistance of the law. The Stotts were fined \$10 and put under parole for 6 months.

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## ILLEGAL PRACTICE AT COUNTY ASYLUM

How alleged insane patients for years have been "railroaded" to the Somerset County asylum has been laid bare by Judge William H. Ruppel in court at Somerset the past week. In examining the papers on which Milton Critchfield, 37, a well-known Black township farmer, was recently committed to the institution the court discovered that Critchfield was unlawfully detained.

The act of 1883 on which the charge against Critchfield was based requires that the commitment shall be accompanied by certificates from two physicians of at least five years' practice. In the Critchfield case Judge Ruppel found that these certificates were sworn to five days after the commitment was issued, the commitment having been dated the 12th inst. and the physicians' affidavits on the 17th.

Under the court's ruling it is apparent that many inmates of the county Home were committed there without warrant of law, inasmuch as the custom of many years' standing was followed in the Critchfield case. This custom, Judge Ruppel rules, is a flagrant violation of the statute, and should news of the court's ruling reach the inmates there might be a rush towards the habeas corpus exit of the place.

The Critchfield case came before the court on a writ of habeas corpus and the court ordered the discharge of the prisoner forthwith.

Friends of Critchfield who came to the county seat by the score testified that he is sane and all that "railroaded" him to the madhouse was one of the worst outrages ever perpetrated in the county as he was deprived of his liberty without due process of law. Whether he will be taken into custody again is doubtful.

The affidavit on which the commitment was based was sworn to by David W. Snyder, a neighbor of Critchfield, who is a well-to-do bachelor farmer. When Snyder's daughter, Miss Edna, a school teacher, became the object of Critchfield's attentions, her father became indignant, it seems. She taught the home school and Snyder contends that Critchfield's attentions annoyed her. The girl was sent to the California State Normal School where she graduated in June. Critchfield's trouble followed her return home.

He was arrested on the charge of pointing firearms and surety of the peace, the prosecutor being the girl's father. Getting his freedom on bail for his appearance at court, he was again arrested and lodged in the county hospital. Critchfield asserts that his commitment to the hospital for the insane culminated in a conspiracy to deprive him of his liberty.

## OPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS

The Public Schools of Meyersdale will open on Monday, September 4th at 8:45 a. m.

Children of the district who will be six years old after the opening of the term and before January 1, 1917 will be admitted at the opening of the term. Children who will be six years old after January 1st, 1917 and before the close of the term will be admitted on January 1st, 1917.

The examination for those who will have conditions will be held in the study hall of the high school building on Saturday, September 2nd, at ten a. m.

Pupils from other districts who desire to attend the high school during this term will bring their diplomas or certificates from the county superintendent of schools to the office of the supervising principal of Schools on Saturday, September 2nd, at 1 in the afternoon.

A teachers' meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, at 9 a. m. in room 5 of the high school building.

W. H. KRETCHMAN, Supervising Principal.

### HARVEST SUPPER.

The Young People's Guild of Amity Reformed Church, will hold a Harvest supper in the Banquet room of Amity Hall on Thursday evening, Sept. 7.

All kinds of products of the field and garden will be served and at the meager price of 25c.

Every body come; you will be pleased.

## LIST OF CO. C. 54 REGT. PA. VOL.

### Those Who Enlisted From This County at the Beginning of the Civil War. Interesting Data. Furnished.

The following is a full list of Co. C, 54th Regt., Pa. Vol. Infantry that was mustered into service from Somerset county on September 4th, 1861. While a few survive of the long list herewith given, the great majority have answered to the final roll call. This is authoritatively furnished by a member of the company, Mr. H. C. Wahl, of Garrett.

Captain, E. D. Yutzky. 1st. Lieutenant, R. J. Robinson; 2nd. Lieutenant, Samuel Lowry; Orderly, I. L. Smith; 2nd. Sergeant, W. H. Sanner; 3rd. Sergeant, Wm. Fleck; 4th. Sergeant, Fred A. Smith; 5th Sergeant, Wm. Eplinger. Corporals, Samuel S. Griffith; 2nd Corporal, H. W. Boucher; 3rd. Corporal, J. D. Miller; 4th Corporal, J. G. Klingaman; 5th Corporal, George W. Lowry; 6th Corporal, W. H. Weller; 7th Corporal, Alex. Althouse; 8th Corporal, Adolph Habbeck. Musicians, John F. Diveley, Charles A. Diveley; Bugler, J. A. Heckart; Teamster, W. Lowry.

Privates—Ankany, Henry; Avey, W. H.; Bowman, Noah; Bally, John; Barkley, Wm.; Barnett, David; Baker, Jonathan; Baker, Enos; Baker Francis; Cole, Jacob; Collins, M. G.; Chyle, Edgar; Cover, David; Cover Emanuel; Caton, Lewis R.; Cross Thomas W.; Dial, Isaac W.; Dickey, Aaron F.; Dickey, Frances E.; Ellis Nathan D.; Ellis, I. A.; Ellis, John S.; Edinger, Samuel G.; Edinger, Jno. N.; Fleck, Alex.; Faith, Samuel; Gardner, J. J.; Griffith, Ellis; Grine, Solomon J.; Hiple, Theophilus; Hiple Franklin; Heckman, John R.; Huffman, Jacob; Herschberger, W. W.; Hoffman, Solomon; Huffman, J. W. Hoffmeyer, Samuel; Horner, Henry J.; Horner, Henry; Hawn, Samuel W.; Hawn, John W.; Hershberger, Henry J.; Hemminger, George; Jones, John D.; Kroeger, Ephraim S.; Kanta Chambers H.; Klingaman, Josiah F.; Lorb, Michael; Lorb, Josiah; Lorb, Andrew J.; Lorb, Jonathan; Lantz, Richard; Livengood, John J.; Lichy, Wm. J.; Lybarger, Joseph J.; Long, Benjamin H.; Meyers, Nelson; Mognet, Harrison; Miller, Josiah; Miller, Mahlon; Miller, Samuel H.; Miller, W. A.; Miller, J. A.; Miller, George W.; Pile, George; Pile, Samuel; Peterson, Wm. H.; Rhodes, Jos.; Reel, Hiram; Ringle, Wm.; Ray, Wm.; Shaffer, Michael E.; Shaffer, Henry D.; Spiece, Henry A.; Stutzman, Henry; Shockey, Eli; Shunk, Samuel; Saylor, Samuel M.; Scott, Walter; Scott, Alex.; Shaffer, Tobias; Speicher, John Sntohost, Henry; Trent, Daniel Trent, Moses Wendle, J. L. Wendle, J. J.; Witt, David L.; Wahl, Henry C. Walter, Wm.; Walker Melancthon; Weller, George A.; Welfley, Samuel; Welmer, John R.; Welmer, Henry M.; Winters, John; Yoder, John; Yutzky, J. C.

Promotions. A. F. Cross to Corporal Jan. 1, 1862 T. D. Wickey to Corporal, Feb. 1, 1862 Jno. Winters to Corp. June 1, 1862 Corp. J. D. Miller to Sergt. Jan. 1, 1863 Corp. E. D. Yutzky to Major Feb. 1, '63 Orderly, I. L. Smith to Capt. Feb. 1, '63 Sergt. W. H. Sanner to Ord. Fe 1, '63 Alex Althouse to Cor. Feb. 1, 1863

Deaths By Disease. Isaac Bowman died at Harrisburg, on Nov. 17, 1861; A. J. Lorb died at Somerset, Nov. 14, 1861; Corporal H. W. Boucher died at New Lexington, Pa., on March 9, 1862; B. H. Long died Clarysville Hospital, April 13th, 1862. Transferred. Sergeant Wm. Fleck to Quartermaster Sergeant March 1, 1862. Discharged for Disability. Corporal S. S. Griffith, Oct. 1, 1861 W. A. Miller, Dec 2, 1861 Theophilus Hiple Dec 11, 1861 H. M. Welmer, August 16, 1862 Samuel Welfley, August 16, 1862 Tobias Shaffer, October 31, 1862 J. A. Miller, October 31, 1862 Jacob Hoffman, October 31, 1862 John R. Heckman, October 31, 1862 Noah Bowman, February 18, 1863 S. J. Grine, February 18, 1863 J. D. Jones, February 23, 1863 Casualties During

Enlistment in Battle. Wm. H. Weller, Jonathan Baker, Lewis Caton, Wm. H. Peterson, Nathan D. Ellis, Hiram Reel, Michael E. Shaffer, Samuel Shunk, J. L. Wendel, J. J. Wendell, George A. Weller, John Yoder, Francis E. Dickey. Cannot give the number of wound-

## EIGHT CASES PARALYSIS

### Three Victims of Infantile Disease in Somerset County Have Died.

Infantile paralysis claimed another young life in this region Sunday. In addition, a sudden outbreak of the disease at Confluence in this county, resulted in an extraordinary joint meeting of the board of health and the borough council Sunday afternoon. As a result of the session, a rigid quarantine on all children in the borough for the next two weeks was ordered. All little ones are to be kept on the premises of their parents and all churches, Sunday schools and other assemblages are to be closed until the quarantine has been lifted.

The little chap who died was Coleman Karp, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Karp of Barnesboro. He died at 4 o'clock Sunday morning after three days' illness. The child suffered from what is known as ascending paralysis, which begins in the feet and successive limbs until it reaches the vitals. The child died when the respiratory and cardiac centers in the medulla oblongata were paralyzed, making respiration and heart action impossible.

The remains of the child were taken to Johnstown in an auto hearse and were buried in the Hebrew cemetery at Gilestown.

Five new cases developed Sunday at or near Confluence, as follows: Ruth, seven-months-old daughter of Arch Kennedy of Dumas, a village near Confluence.

James, two-year-old son of Frank Haver of Confluence. May, three-year-old daughter of C. A. Cunningham of Confluence. Vincent, four years old, and Eva, three years old, children of Albert Hyatt of Confluence.

The Fox children, who first became ill at Confluence, returned Sunday to their home in Conshohocken, Pa. The situation in Cambria and Somerset counties, outside of the places named, is said to be unchanged.

Elsie, the eight-year-old daughter of W. A. Bird, of Listonburg died yesterday after only one day's illness.

There have been in the past few weeks in all thirteen cases of infantile paralysis in Somerset county.

## MEYERSDALE FIRE BOYS MAY BATTLE AT CONNELLSVILLE

Connellsville is planning for a big Labor Day demonstration and one of the features which they are trying to put together is to have the Meyersdale Fire Laddies engage in a water battle with the Stowe Co. who now hold the championship cup. The prize is to be a \$200 purse.

It may not be generally known that at the recent Glassport convention of the fire companies of Western Pennsylvania that the Meyersdale team vanquished all comers and when it came time for them to measure strength with the Stowe Company, the latter team wrangled about this and that and played a game of delay tactics until it became dark and the affair was declared off without any contest. The committee is now endeavoring to decide to whom the cup belongs and from all reports it looks very favorably towards its coming to Meyersdale.

The local boys who represented the department in the contests at Glassport are Jonas Pike, Wm. Sperry, F. P. Hare, H. C. Beynon, Christ Hartle and Walter Lindeman.

ed but many were permanently injured—several lost limbs. Those Living at This Time. I. A. Ellis, W. H. Sanner, John J. Livengood, A. F. Dickey, John W. Hawn, Henry C. Wahl, John F. Diveley, Charles A. Diveley, Samuel Welfley, Fred A. Smith, David Barnett, Isaac Dial, Josiah Lohr, John R. Welmer, J. S. Grine, Wm. Barkley, Henry Spelce, W. W. Herschberger, Samuel Hoffmeyer, H. D. Shaffer, J. C. Yutzky, John R. Heckman, Francis Baker, Samuel Pile, W. Ringle, Alox Scott, Walter Scott, J. F. Klingaman.

Company C was recruited in Somerset County, Pa., was sworn into service on September 4, 1861 at Harrisburg for three years or during the war. The company served its full term of enlistment. Some of the comrades re-enlisted before their first term of enlistment had expired and served to the close of the war.

August 15, 1916. H. C. WAHL, Garrett, Pa.

## AUTOISTS FIND DEAD BODY OF MAN.

County Detective Edwad Hancock and Deputy Sheriff C. L. Berkey were in Jennertown on Sunday where they had been called to investigate the death of an unknown stranger, whose body was found by a party of autoists on Sunday when they stopped at the Sliding Rock, a short distance west of the Haines school house, to eat their lunch. Three bullet wounds were found in the man's body and the surroundings indicated that he had met with foul play.

A loaded revolver was found a few yards from the body and a number of loaded shells were taken from a coat pocket of the dead man. The condition of the ground indicated that the body had been dragged across the pike placed in the undergrowth where it could not be seen from passing cars. The dead man was well dressed, but all the identification marks on his clothing had been carefully removed. A penknife and handkerchief were the only articles found in the pocket aside from the loaded shells.

No one in the vicinity could identify him and all seemed to think that he had been killed and left in the mountains by his traveling companions. County Detective Hancock and Deputy-Sheriff Berkey were unable to obtain the slightest clue, but they are both convinced that he was the victim of foul play.

The family living close by the Haines school house claim to have heard shots in the direction of the Sliding Rock some time Thursday evening.

## ROAD TO BE IMPROVED

Col. Turner, the right of way agent of the W. M. Ry., and Chief Engineer of that company Mr. Pratt, were in this place on Monday relative to fixing up the highway at Salisbury Junction near town. They gave a contract to Valentine Gress to grade and to straighten the road, this side of the Western Maryland arch. When this is completed it believed that the state highway department will take it in hand and make a mile of good road there.

When the Western Maryland Co. constructed the railroad a few years ago, it appropriated the public highway at the point; a satisfactory road was not provided, and sometime ago a true bill of indictment was found against the company. The company is now going to try to make things as they should be. The credit of having this matter adjusted is due in the main to State Highway Commissioner Black. The move is an excellent one and when completed will be much appreciated by the traveling public.

## CHURCH NOTES

### THE CHURCH AND PAGAN ROME

Will be the theme of the illustrated sermon-lecture at the Methodist Episcopal Church on next Sabbath evening. This will be the last of the illustrated sermons for a while. They have been greatly enjoyed and this one is the last but by no means the least. The morning theme will be, "Chances That Were Missed. You are invited."

### CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, Rev. W. M. Howe, Pastor.

Elder J. W. Peck will preach at the 10:30 a. m. service. At 7:30 in the evening, a missionary service will be held at which an excellent letter from Sister Ida Shumaker will be read. S. S. at 9:0 a. m. Christian Workers' Meeting at 6:45 p. m.: Revival. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:45. Bible Class on Friday evening at 7:30.

### BRETHREN CHURCH: H. L. Goughnour, pastor.

On August 27, there will be Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. and church services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 P. M. in the Meyersdale church. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 P. M. All are cordially invited.

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## VETERANS TO MEET

### Will Hold Annual Gathering With Sons of Veterans at Stoyestown, on Sept. 7th. Good Program Being Prepared.

The annual meeting of the War Veterans Association of Somerset County will be held at Stoyestown on Thursday, September, 7th, 1916.

Although it was voted at the last Annual meeting that the meeting this year should be a Basket Picnic, the Committee on arrangements has concluded to hold the meeting in Custer's Hall so as to avoid the possibility of being interrupted by inclement weather. This will not interfere with the Basket part of the program.

Trains coming from Johnstown arrive at Stoyestown Station at 7 and from Rockwood at 8 o'clock A. M. Arrangements will be made for conveying Veterans from train to place of meeting and return.

The Order of Sons of Veterans have been invited to take part in the meeting, which they have arranged to do and have appointed their representatives on the local Committee.

A Parade will form on Main Street at Diamond and will march a short distance to the Hall.

Every body is invited to join this great gathering of Veterans and Sons of Veterans and spend the day with them. Bring your baskets and come early. Arrangements will be made to check baskets and return to owners at dinner hour. Hot coffee will be served to all persons bringing baskets and providing cups for same.

An interesting program has been prepared, consisting of Martial and vocal music, short reminiscence speeches and addresses by prominent speakers that have been invited to take part in the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: War Veterans Association J. W. Mostoller, N. B. Critchfield, Philip Berkebile.

Sons of Veterans, N. D. Bowman, C. H. Shockey, Geo. S. Lohr, W. H. Mostoller.

## BOLT STRIKES HOCKING HOME

During the extremely hard electric storm at this place on Tuesday evening, lightning struck the tower of the old Hocking home, at Meyers avenue near Center street, breaking off a portion of the upper top of the tower. The electric current then went diagonally into a bedroom making a hole in the roof, tearing off paper and plaster, sending the latter clear across the room, and then continuing down a pillar of the side porch. The direction of the current in the bedroom was directly where Miss Belle Hocking was accustomed to sit by the window and the severity of the storm had caused her to go down in the hall where the rest of the family had assembled. All the members of the family were slightly affected by the stroke.

At the Summer Garden the lightning put out of use, one of the machines but did not affect the finishing of the show.

The grocery ware room of John Groff of Berlin was struck by lightning during the same storm. The current descended from the roof into the warehouse and set fire to some flour sacks, but the flames were at once put out. About the same time the tobacco factory of Fogle & Long was also struck, but not much damage was done.

Mrs. L. J. Knepper had three cattle killed out in a field under a tree. She lives about three miles from Berlin.

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