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LARGE CHURCH WEDDING

Miss Irene Collins and Mr. DeForrest W. Ludwig Plight Their Troth Before the Altar—Great Social Event.

The marriage of Miss Irene Kalbaugh Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker Collins to Mr. DeForrest W. Ludwig of Pittsburg took place Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church. The Reverend J. Clark Matteson, pastor, read the service. Mr. Walter Steinecker, of Pittsburg sang "Beloved, it is Morn," during the ceremony, accompanied by Mrs. Clayton Wade who also played the wedding music.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Frank H. Burrow of Topeka, Kansas, as matron who gowned in black net embroidered in black sapphire blue sequin over silver cloth. Black tulle formed an enveloping drape over shoulders and back. She carried American beauty roses.

Miss Helen Collins as maid of honor appeared in filmy white net trimmed in bands of sequin over pale green tulle. The bodice was of palest sequin. Her armful bouquet was of deep pink roses. Exceptionally pretty were the bridesmaids, Miss Alta Siehl, dressed in a dainty frock of shell pink tulle over taffeta, the same shade trimmed with tiny French rosebuds and Miss Lenore Collins in pale blue silk net and silver lace over blue metallic cloth. The bodice was a blue velvet. Their bouquets were shower roses.

The youthful bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore an exquisite gown of ivory white satin draped over flouncing of Spanish lace with a front panel of applied pearls. The train of silk net, the lower part of satin hung from the shoulders. The long tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and was arranged high in the back with sprays of chiffon wheat. Her shower bouquet was of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

Palms, ferns, crotons and other decorative plants with large vases of lilies decorated the sanctuary. Mr. Edward Ludwig, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Mr. G. E. Lintner, Mr. Claude Stotler and Mr. Frank Burrow were ushers.

Immediately following the service a reception was held at the home of the bride on North street where the bridal party were assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Collins who wore a gown of wisteria gros de laun der with iridescent trimming. Mrs. Ludwig, mother of the groom, who wore a gown of grey chiffon over silver cloth and Miss Beatrice Seymore of New York who was attired in grey net embroidered in Alice blue sequin.

The house was tastefully decorated with Farleyance and clobrium ferns. The color scheme was carried out in yellow and white. The bridal table was artistically appointed in yellow chrysanthemums and white swansonia.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Somerliatt, Miss Virginia Somerliatt, Miss Ida Kalbaugh, Mrs. J. H. Holzshu and Mrs. John Schwarz tzenbach of Cumberland; Miss Nina Shuey, Piedmont; Mrs. George Stein, Miss Anna Stein and Miss Laura Twigg, Somerset; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ludwig, Mr. Edward Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Moyer, Mr. Harry Deumler, Mr. Samuel Houser and Mr. Walter Steinecker, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Maust, Miss Florence Maust, Baird Maust, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barchus and Mr. Ernest Livingood Elk Lick; Mr. Frank Groff of Berlin.

After the reception the younger set escorted the couple to the station to bid them bon voyage on their honeymoon trip to California.

The bride wore an attractive dark brown suit with furs and a feather turban. On their return in April they will be at home in Pittsburg.

Mr. Ludwig is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ludwig of Pittsburg.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Preaching service, Lord's Day, evening at 7:30 by pastor David P. Morris.

HOSTS OF SYNOD AND GUESTS

The Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened yesterday evening in Amity Church. The delegates arrived in large numbers in the afternoon. They were escorted to the church by a bunch of boys, wearing badges of the church colors, orange and red. The men's class of the Sunday School represented by its teacher, C. W. Truxal, and by a committee of which W. A. Graves was chairman gave a reception and free lunch to the delegates from 5 to 7 o'clock in the dining room of Amity Hall.

At 7:45 the synod met in the church for worship when the retiring president, Rev. John W. Pontius of Butler, Pa., preached the opening sermon; after which the synod was organized by the election of a president for the ensuing year. The synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning when the organization was completed by the election of the following remaining officers and the appointment of the standing committees.

An outline of the proceedings of the synod will appear in the next issue of the Commercial. The business sessions of the synod will be held in Amity Hall and the religious services in the evening.

The following is the list of the hosts and the guests of the synod:

Rev. A. B. Bauman of Greenville was elected president; Rev. W. C. Sykes, of Greensburg, vice president; Rev. David Dunn, of Turtle Creek, corresponding secretary.

Prof. Kretschman—Rev. A. M. Kifer and Reverend W. E. Hoy, D. D., W. E. Baker—Reverend H. King, D. D., Reverend W. A. McClellan, W. H. Hay—S. P. Young, S. J. Hartman.

D. H. Weisel—Reverend W. C. Sykes, Reverend William H. Landis, Emory George—Reverend R. F. Main, Reverend J. B. Mussen, Daniel Getty—Miss Klingensmith, Mrs. Alice Getty—Reverend A. B. Bauman, Reverend E. M. Dietrich, Phillip Imhoff—Reverend A. S. Lehart and Elder.

Samuel Hoffmeier—Reverend Harvey Ledy, Michael Ziegler, J. N. Cover—Reverend Lewis Roub D. D., Elder Texter.

Harvey Kretschman—Rev. F. K. Stamm, Rev. S. O. Reiter, W. H. Holzshu—Reverend J. M. Runkle and Elder.

Jared Walker—Reverend C. L. Noss, C. N. Bussard, Dr. A. E. Truxal—Reverend J. R. T. Hedeman, Sheel's Elder.

Oscar Michael—Reverend L. L. Leh, Dr. C. R. Bridenbaugh, J. D. Spaugy—Reverend J. M. Evans, Elder Wachsmuth.

Peter Glessner—Reverend Daniel Gress, William Hockenberry, W. H. Stotler—Reverend R. W. Miller, D. D.

Dr. Bruce Lichty at Hotel Slicer—Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D., C. N. Barnhart, W. H. Habel—Reverend H. D. Dabaker, Reverend E. O. Marcks.

John A. Glessner—Reverend Paul B. Rupp, Rev. E. S. Lamar, Henry Schwarner—Reverend J. E. Sheets, Reverend D. J. Wolf.

George C. Pfeiffer—Reverend E. D. Bright and Elder, John L. Tresler—Reverend Irvin Snyder, L. R. Wentling.

J. H. Bowman—Reverend Frank Wetzel, Waldo Buschly, J. H. Lindeman—Reverend C. A. Bushong, Reverend A. K. Kline.

Mrs. Sarah Poorbaugh—Reverend George Shupe, E. D. Herscher, Colonial Hotel—Reverend S. B. Mase, D. D., Reverend J. C. Bowman, D. D.

A. G. Smith—Reverend D. A. Souders, D. D., Rev. D. S. Stephan, W. W. Nicholson—Reverend H. E. Nicholson, Reverend Maxwell, Charles F. Glessner—Reverend H. N. Smith, Frank Glessner.

H. E. Bittner—Reverend A. H. Groff and Elder, Casper Deist—Reverend David, G. Snider.

Deal Restaurant—Reverend H. S. Barner, J. K. Womer, George Sipple—Reverend J. W. Albertson, William Gohn, H. B. Chronister.

Central Hotel—Reverend J. C. Knable, Rev. D. N. Ditmar, H. C. Siehl—Reverend S. U. Waga.

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OBJECT TO NEW PHONE RATES

Boosters' Club Take Action in Regard to Curtailed Service of Economy and County Telephone Companies.

At the regular meeting of the Meyersdale Boosters club held in the basement of the Second National Bank on Tuesday evening, enthusiasm was dominant.

The meeting was called to order by the president, H. M. Cook, and the minutes were read by the secretary Paul D. Clutton.

As circulars are being issued by the two telephone companies doing business in this section, that after Nov. 1, users of telephones will be limited to their own exchange at the present rate. To use another exchange will require a toll for each time it is used.

For example residents of Meyersdale would have to pay extra to talk to Garrett, Elk Lick or Berlin, etc. This would greatly increase the total cost of many business and professional men.

It is argued at the boosters club that this rate would be excessive.

That telephone companies are aiming to justify the contemplated increase on the ground that their propositions are not paying on the present basis.

A committee consisting of Dr. C. P. Large, J. F. Naugle, and F. B. Thomas was appointed to confer with the public service commission relative to the matter.

A representative of the Meyersdale Handle Company was present and asked for financial aid as he had closed on order that alone would run them way into 1917. They have six men employed and they will have to double their capacity. This will involve considerable outlay for new machinery. The matter of the request is being investigated.

Rev. Dr. Young representing the local lecture by lyceum was present and asked for the support of the club. It was decided to boost the movement in earnest.

A request was received from the Boy Scouts that they might have the basement of the bank as their meeting place. The club will take up the case with the owners of the bank.

\$30.00 FOR THREE ROBBINS

The shooting of three robins near Berlin last Friday cost an Italian of some class and intelligence \$30. He came out of the woods just as Game Protector Bittner for this county came along. The latter halted the man and following a search found 3 dead robins that the man had shot. This being a violation of the law which forbids the killing of any song birds. An examination of the man's license showed that it was valid.

Mr. Bittner took the man to Berlin where he was fined \$30 and costs which amount was paid.

MERRILL MINES START WORK

The recent strike of the Merrill mines in Garrett was called off on Wednesday when the men resumed work their demands being met namely 63 cents per ton, a checkweighman on tipple and the Union recognized.

Mrs. Stewart Mervine and son, Joe, of Uniontown are spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mervine, Centre street.

George D. Siehl has gone back to manage the hardware store for Mrs. Shupe who a few months ago bought the business from Siehl Bros. Mr. Siehl is a competent and affable man with whom to deal.

POULTRY EXHIBIT REPORT

As usual the fine display of poultry was one of the leading and most attractive features of the Meyersdale Fair. There were not quite so many specimens on exhibition as in 1915 but the classes throughout abounded with quality. No greater quality could be found in the country than was shown in some of the classes here for some of the leading winners at America's Greatest Show were on exhibition at this show. The aisles were thronged with admirers of the feathered beauties from the opening of the doors Tuesday A. M. till the last crow Friday evening.

The beautiful Buff Leghorns exhibited by Chas. Dunn were of the same high class quality that he usually shows. Charley surely knows how to produce the winners.

Malton Werner with his superb Madison Square Garden Winning White Holland Turkeys and White Wyandottes exhibited more birds and won more prizes than any of the fanciers in line this year. Mr. Werner's birds have been consistent winners ever since he has been showing them at the fair.

Alex Trobas of Shaw Mines broke in the show ring this year with a nice display of Buff Rocks and a dandy Golden Barred Rock cockerel.

The display of Golden Seabright Bantams made by Miss Edith Lichty of Trane-Meyersdale was a great credit to her and was much commented upon.

Single Comb Black Minorcas were well represented by a fine display staged by C. A. Phillips of our city. This was Mr. Phillips' first entry into the show arena, and he made quite a record by taking three firsts and three seconds. He promises us better birds for next year.

A creditable display of Buff Plymouth Rocks was made by Mary Randa of Shaw Mines.

Orvan Baer, another local fancier who made his first showing exhibited a very good bunch of his Red-Winged Leghorns and won highest honors with them. We hope he will be with us again in force next season.

The displays of S. C. White Leghorns made by Edison Hay and Samuel Fogle were among the very best of the entire show. The judge said some of their birds could win in many of the best shows. These parties carried away all the blues and reds in this class. Keep the good work up boys.

Quack, Quack, Quack, was what Lamar Shelbaer's fine exhibit of Pekin Ducks were crying all the while. Mr. Shelbaer made a fine showing for his first attempt. We hope he will come again and win more blue ribbons.

Robert Swearman, another new exhibitor and a real fancier, made a showing of Buff Orpingtons that he can well feel proud of. He carried off many blue ribbons and we predict that he will be out in force in 1917.

White Plymouth Rocks were represented at this show by H. S. Thomas of our city. This was Mr. Thomas' first show of this variety and he carried off all the firsts and seconds he competed for. Mr. Thomas has been a close student of poultry for quite a few years; he has been taking a poultry course in the Scranton Correspondence Schools and will graduate in the near future.

Howard Maust, our local S. C. Brown Leghorn Fancier, was again in line with a full entry of his brown beauties. Mr. Maust has been an annual exhibitor with us for years and again carried away all the blue ribbons as he usually does.

The Buff Orpingtons shown by Dr. J. W. Wenzel were good ones. Five of his birds were in the Blue Ribbon Class. His First Prize Pen was a nice one well mated. His Second Prize Pullet was also a good bird.

H. L. Fike, one of the ring leaders in Barred Rocks, was with us with a complete entry of his barred beauties. Mr. Fike has shown his birds at many of the most important shows through out the country for years and is very well known in Barred Rock circles. He has a habit of taking blue ribbons and he duplicated the trick again this year.

Bird Bros., of Madison Square Garden fame were there with a grand array of their "World's Best" Partridge Plymouth Rocks and Giant Bronze Turkeys. Their Partridge Rocks are pos-

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ROBBER GANG ARRESTED

The culmination of some substantial detective work was reached on Sunday morning when Lawrence and Frank Fidler and William Burkholder of near Garrett were arrested on a charge of having stolen brass and copper from the Quemahoning Coal Company the charge being preferred by Frank Grime the superintendent of the company. These men were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Hay on Monday morning and were bound by bail to appear for trial at the December term of court or to be committed to jail.

At the same time Lawrence Fidler was heard in regard to the charge for stealing chickens from John Schrock on last Friday night. The evidence showed that the accused was met at 10 o'clock that night with a chicken going from the Schrock home, through in the public highway by Mr. Schrock and Mr. August Frickey, and that a "good evening" by the two men to Fidler was not responded to by the latter but he passed on having his hat down over the side of his face towards the men. Earlier in the evening Mr. Schrock was going in the opposite direction when he met Fidler approaching the Schrock home. Fidler was under the influence of liquor that evening. He put up the defense that he was coming along the road some boys had dropped the fowl and had run through the plowed potato field and that he, Fidler, picked up the chicken. He carried it on up to Burkholder's where there were several of his crowd. They decided then to give the chicken to the dogs which was done. When Mr. Schrock came at home he found that his hen roost had been despoiled of about a dozen chickens. The next day he examined for tracks in the potato patch and found the footprints of one person, which from its irregular zigzag course would indicate that the person who made them must have been drunk. The testimony of Schrock and Frickey corroborated what appear to be the real facts in the case. Fidler was bound over to court under \$300 bail.

The arrest of the three men was accomplished by County Detective Hancock, of Somerset, officer Hare, and Constable Cramer of this place. For the past month, since the arrest of Frank Herwig, one of their gang now in jail, the latter having turned states evidence the remainder have been eluding arrest, hiding during the day and stealing at times at night. They found Lawrence Fidler hiding in some corn shocks from that place, he went into some bushes. Frank Fidler was routed out of bed and was easily taken. Bill Burkholder, who was about ready to depart for unknown quarters walked into the hands of the officers as they stepped out from behind trees.

These arrests will clear up the considerable stealing that has taken place within the past couple of years in which E. M. Berkley had a large quantity of meat stolen; the Sand Spring water company \$600 worth of brass; Abraham Kinsinger meat and other things, a large quantity of wool and many other persons were despoiled of chickens.

STRIKE AT KEY-STONE MINES

All the Union employees at Key-stone mines located about two miles south of town went out on a strike the first part of the present week. The mines are operated by the Atlantic Big Vein Coal Company.

The men who went out about forty in all insist that they shall receive what is being paid elsewhere, 63 cents per ton that a tipple checkweighman shall be allowed them and that the union shall be recognized.

The company believes that it can run its mines without meeting these demands.

LAST PITTSBURG EXCURSION. \$1.50 Round Trip Sunday, October 22 via Western Maryland Ry. Special train leaves Meyersdale at 8:30 a. m. and returning arrives in Meyersdale at 10:24 p. m.

KILLED BY FALL FROM WAGON

Elias Cober, Prominent Farmer Near Berlin, Dies One Hour and Half After Injury on Monday.

Elias Cober, a highly esteem citizen and successful farmer of near Pine Hill, was accidentally killed on Monday afternoon while at his work.

Mr. Cober was hauling pumpkins with a rather frisky team, and as he drove along on the load of pumpkins, he had pulled on the lines pretty hard to restrain the horses, so doing the front end gate gave way causing the pumpkins to roll out against the horses, and Mr. Cober was hurled forward also, going down behind the horses, the wagon going over his chest fracturing several bones, and resulting in his death an hour and half afterwards. His son, Albert was with him when the accident occurred. Mr. Cober talked with his son, Dr. Miller was summoned but to no purpose. The vital spark had fled.

Elias Cober was aged 71 years, he was a member of the Progressive church of the Brethren and his pastor, Rev. Watkins conducted the funeral services at 10:30 A. M. today.

There survive him his wife and five children, Emmanuel, William, Garfield, Albert, and Emma.

FOREST FIRES IN THE STATE

More than 100,000 acres of forest land were burned over during the 1915 Spring forest fire season, according to figures given out by the Department of Forestry today. The total number of forest fires for the whole State was 505, and the resulting loss in timber, destroyed is estimated at about \$170,000. This compares very favorably with the record made last year, when the total area burned over was more than 300,000 acres and the total number of fires was \$1,100. The fall fire season, however, is just opening, and may add considerably to the figures for 1916.

Blair county heads the list this year with 13,986 acres burned over. Luzerne and Potter come next, with 13,800 and 13,250 acres respectively. Each of these counties had a single fire of over 10,000 acres, the largest fire of the season covering 11,000 acres in Blair county. Forest fires burned in forty-six of the sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania, and twenty of these forty-six counties last over a thousand acres of forest each. Those counties are Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Luzerne, Mifflin, Potter, Schuylkill, and Tioga. Franklin county had forty-seven fires, the highest number recorded for a single county. Columbia county had only three fires, but had the highest average area burned per fire, 1,042 acres. Bucks county has the low record, with two fires and twenty-three acres burned.

The causes of the fires is given as follows: Railroads, 169; brush burning on dry or windy days, 29; incendiary, 58; carelessness of campers, 39; carelessly conducted lumbering operations, 37; lightning, 5; miscellaneous, 30; unknown, 138; total 505. Thirty-two of the fifty-eight fires of incendiary origin burned in Franklin county mostly on the Mont Alto Forest. The total cost of extinguishing all the fires was about \$12,000.

Since the Bureau of Forest Protection was established last year, special efforts have been made to have the fire warden take greater pains in determining the causes of forest fires. As a result, the bills for extinguishing twenty-seven of the fires have been paid by those whose carelessness caused them, eight prosecutions and investigations have been ordered by the Attorney General's Department, and twenty-seven cases are pending in which the Attorney General will be asked to bring action in case a settlement out of court cannot be effected.