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CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING

Many Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dively Help Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Charles A. Dively, "the Drummer Boy" of Co. C 54 Regt. from 1862 to 1865 of Main street, this place on Monday of the present week, October 23rd, had been married for half a century. A milestone so significant as the Golden Wedding mark should deserve a little more attention than the ordinary periods in life and for Mr. and Mrs. Dively the date was properly observed.

One year after Mr. Dively returned from the war he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Staub and together they have spent the decades together sharing each other's joys and bearing their common burden. They have spent all their lives in Meyersdale and great changes have been made in the old burg in that time.

The wedding dinner was served at six o'clock and the menu was varied and of such a quality that the appetites were tempted beyond measure.

The wedding cake of no small proportions bristle over with a half hundred candles.

The worthy aged couple the groom about 79, and the bride three years his junior, were the recipients of a fine lot of beautiful and valuable presents.

Those present were besides the immediate family Prof. John Dively, and Harry Dively the only son and child, Jesse Heffley of Berlin; Jack Dively, W. P. Dively and family and Mrs. Dively's mother, Mrs. Richardson; Peter Brook, H. C. Staub, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staub and granddaughter Helen Staub and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clements.

The parents of Mrs. Dively were Joseph and Christina Staub. Mrs. Dively was born on the Meyers Place at what they now call Sippleville in 1843. Moved to her present home at the age of 3 yrs. and was married and always lived there. Their home in Meyers Mills.

Mr. C. A. Dively was the son of Martha and Catherine Dively Born in Berlin Oct. 19, 1837. Came to Meyersdale at an early age and learned the shoe making business with Samuel Post, Enlist in the Union Army of the civil war in 1861 was a veteran and served nearly four years.

HENRY GUMBERT

Henry Gumbert, for 25 years a merchant and postmaster at Pine Hill passed quietly to his reward at an early hour on the morning of the 17th, inst. aged 70 years, 8 months and 27 days. Deceased had been in ill health for some months, suffering from a complication of disease incident to a man of his age. For the past several weeks he had been bedfast and he grew gradually weaker until death ensued.

Henry Gumbert was a son of Jacob Gumbert, who was born and married in Germany, removing to America after the birth of his eldest son. Deceased was born on the old Gumbert homestead near Pine Hill, now occupied by his son, W. J. Gumbert, and spent his entire life in that immediate vicinity.

His wife, Anna Brant survives him as do Wilson J., Misses Sadie and Lizzie.

The deceased was a devout member of the German Lutheran church from youth until in later years the two churches were combined. He served his congregation in various official capacities, and was looked up to by his friends and neighbors as an upright, conscientious Christian man.

The funeral occurred on 19 inst. afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the absence of his pastor, the Rev. W. H. E. Carney, who is at the bedside of his aged mother, the Rev. H. B. Burkholder, of Trinity Lutheran church, Berlin, conducted the services. Interment was made in the Pine Hill Cemetery. The obsequies were attended by a large concourse of friends who sorrowfully paid their last respects to the deceased.

Mrs. W. G. Price and little son visited relatives at Sippville several days during the week.

STEALS COAT LANDS IN JAIL

A young man who gave his name as Edward Neil, and place of residence near Somerset, is in the toils of the law, because of being charged by the Enterprise Supply Company of Garrett with the theft of a raincoat on Monday afternoon.

The store is that of Mr. W. A. Merrill. The young man went into the store and had the clerk show him several rain coats; after trying on a few he at last found one that apparently suited him but not entirely so. Neil fooled around a little to off the coat, and was about to depart, stating he would not take the coat. Just then the clerk had to leave to wait on another customer. Shortly afterwards the clerk returned to the place where the rain coats had been taken down for the young man's inspection and he at once noted that one of the coats was gone, likewise Neil himself. In hot pursuit, the clerk soon located the culprit with the coat on his back. A hearing was held before Squire Clement, and the youthful criminal is now where temptation will not allure him for a time, that is in jail to await trial in court.

NEW CASES REPORTED

A new case of infantile paralysis has developed at Cairnbrook, Somerset County, the patient being Annie, the 14-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brangatis. Her left arm and left leg are paralyzed. Dr. Brant, the attending physician, believes the child will recover. This is the second case in Cairnbrook. The quarantine on the first was lifted three or four weeks ago.

Dr. Brant has a suspicious case at Cairnbrook under observation. A little girl living next door to the Brangatis family has marked preliminary symptoms of infantile paralysis, although the paralysis has not yet developed.

Lizzie the 17-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Molnar, of No. 36 Mine, is a new victim of the disease in that section. She is under the care of Dr. Berkheimer, of Windber.

GAS STOVES

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene By Dr. Samuel G. Dixon.

This is the season of the year when some heat at night and in the early mornings is particularly desirable.

Many people instead of starting their furnaces use gas stoves to take off the chill. Not infrequently because they are only expedients, they use rubber pipe connections and in the majority of cases the stoves are not connected with a flue.

Such an arrangement is dangerous in the extreme. Every year many deaths are reported as a result of just such conditions. Coal gas or gater gas contains a large percentage of carbon monoxide and this having little or no perceptible odor may be present without being noticed.

One percent of this gas will kill a horse in two minutes. There is no warning unfortunately, unless material having an odor is added to the gas the victim becomes unconscious and unless aid arrives a fatal result is almost certain to follow.

Do not use a gas stove without flue connections and proper ventilation. Temporary connections too should be avoided, they are subject to breaks and often accidentally disconnected.

Gas water heaters are often installed in bath rooms without outside connections and then these are made use of to heat the room. Such arrangements are extremely hazardous.

A SUCCESSFUL NIMROD

C. E. Thomas, of Boynton returned from a hunting trip to Bedford county on Tuesday morning having captured a wild turkey, 10 grey squirrels and 4 pheasants.

WITH US SOON. "THE GIRL FROM FRISCO"

THE MINING SITUATION

Either strikes of coal miners or shut downs of operations has reduced the working force of the mines in this section, and in the Grassy run area from about 800 men to 300 men.

The Rowe mines were shut down even before the miners had an opportunity to put forth their grievance. The Consolidation No. 1 is out. The Meyersdale Fuel company has closed down. The Meager Mines near Salisbury are closed or at least on Tuesday the men went out.

The Keystone mines are in operation again. The workmen claim 63 c. a ton, a checkweighman and that the union be recognized. The operators set forth that they continued to market their product at a low figure and therefore can't increase their expenses.

MR. CLEAVER LEAVES MEYERSDALE

Mr. K. Cleaver who had been manager and editor The Commercial for more than two years, several his connection with this paper yesterday. Mr. Cleaver while a citizen of Meyersdale made many friends, and stood at all times for the best interest of the town and county. He was a refined cultured gentleman and all wish him success in the many good things of life. Meyersdale will always be ready to give him the glad hand. Mr. Cleaver will reside in York, Pa. While the management of the paper changes the transition should cause no uneasiness among the patrons of the Commercial as every effort will be made to make the Commercial a better paper and the jobbing department a most important factor in connection with the commercial plant.

SIPPLEVILLE.

The following visited Wm. Merbach Sunday last, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crowe and child and Kate Keidel of Meyersdale, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sipple were Sunday visitors at Wm. Sturby's.

Mrs. Adam Hersh and children of Meyersdale Pa. and F. J. Brown of Boynton were welcome callers at Henry Sipples Sunday.

The following were callers at N. B. Heckler's Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter and son-in-law of Cumberland, Md. and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tressler and son and Mr. and Mrs. John Tressler and three children of Meyersdale.

Mrs. Silas Hostetler and two children visited P. C. Burkholders Sunday. Sheldon Hostetler is working for E. W. Sipple since F. J. Brown quit on account of ill health. We will all miss him in this vicinity and hope he may be enjoying good health again. Miss Mary Freese left Wednesday for Akron, Ohio to work we all wish her success in her new undertaking. Mrs. Charles Vogtman who was visiting relatives in Frostburg, Md. returned home Thursday last.

MRS. BOWMAN DEAD

Before going to press word had come to the office, that Mrs. Bowman, an aged lady formerly of Meyersdale died. She used to live at the home of her son, John C. corner Centre and North streets.

PENSION GRANTED

Mrs. Emma Hibner of town has been allowed a pension as the widow of George Hibner, Co. C. and P. H. B. Md. Infantry.

Pension was secured through Pension Attorney H. C. McKinley.

YEAR OLD BEET

Mr. C. J. Weimer called at this office last evening and exhibited a common red beet which had been in his cellar for a year, this beet apparently was none the worse for its age, solid as the day it was sowed away.

IN FEEBLE HEALTH

Mr. Henry Miller, 409 Broadway the shoemaker who is so well favorably known to many people has been in feeble health for more than a month. His many friends wish him an early recovery to his normal health.

Lantz "The Reliable" Tuner of Cumberland is able to be about again and will start to work in Meyersdale next week. Orders can be left at this office.

RATES TO BE ADJUSTED

Telephone Company and Its Patrons Will Likely Come to Agreeable Terms.

And now the Economy Telephone Stock Company with offices in this place and with lines ramifying all through this county has yielded to public pressure and changed its attitude as to how it could increase its revenue sufficient to meet its expenses so that instead of a toll exchange an increased flat rate per annum has been ordered ranging from \$2 to \$4 per year.

That the toll rate is far more equitable and just than the increased flat rate, any impartial set of men will agree. In the first place, the company had a right to more revenue. The salaries of the exchange girls is pitifully low and no one connected with the company is getting even a fair remuneration for their services. To run this business to meet expenses was a question with the board of directors thought that toll for use of lines other than the local exchange an equitable way to adjust the matter. When it became known by the public that this was to go into effect a storm of protest, apparently a storm, but analyzed it originated with a few large business interests who because of using toll service so much want those who did not practically use toll service at all to help them pay for the same. In a reversal of the scriptures, the financially weak were to bear the burdens of the financially strong, the little merchant was to help pay what justly because of much use belonged to the large merchant or corporation. Then the Booster Club was called into action, and its members went wild over the one sided presentation of the subject, and by all sorts of pressure bore down upon the Board of Directors caused a majority of the nine members to yield resulting in the flat rate increase stated at the beginning of this article. It is similar to this. Here is a man who travels much often going to Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York etc. and here is a man who has occasion to go to Garrett, Rockwood or Cumberland, but to be logical as soon as either of the two cited, steps on the train, the conductor exacts a flat rate from each, the same number of dollars whether he goes to Cumberland or to New York. Is that justice?

Why should a big business man who under the toll system if he had to pay for it pay \$200 per year have his burden lightened by the man who never uses the out-of-town service? Let the burden be placed where it belongs. Let the users of other exchange pay for it not necessarily a nickel a time even less would cause a marked increase.

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HORSE PAWS UP

PURSE LOST YEARS AGO.

A mystery of a year's standing was cleared up when Justice of the Peace W. H. McElvaney, near Beaver Falls, Pa. received a pocketbook containing checks and railroad tickets from Mayor Christopher, of Lisbon, Ohio a few days ago. Last year Justice McElvaney attended the Columbiana county fair in Lisbon, and reported to the authorities that his pocketbook had been stolen from his pocket. Mrs. McElvaney and a woman friend saw the thief take the pocketbook, and the following day they were arrested in Smith Ferry, Pa., Mrs. McElvaney identifying him. The grand jury released the prisoner for lack of evidence.

The other day J. B. Lyther, of Lisbon, tied his horse to a post in the fair grounds. The horse dug up the pocketbook.

THRIFTY FARMERS

Thos. Smith and wife of near Glencoe, have put in a successful year in farming, they doing the work themselves. They have garnered in 300 bushels of buckwheat, 1000 bushels of apples, 200 bushels of rye, a fine lot of potatoes etc. They did the threshing with the flail and not a few strokes did they have to make.

DAVIDSVILLE CAVE EXPLORERS

The Davidsville Exploring Company composed of Messrs. Irvin Rish, John Layman, Samuel Swank, V. F. Weaver, William Giesel, William Lape, Reuben Zimmerman, Lemon Lape, Melvin Kring, Harley Spangler, Newton Walker, Dorsey Loder, David Swank and Homer Merley, recently made a trip in automobiles for the purpose of exploring a cave located in the mountains, near the old Ligonien pike, five miles east of Waterford. The party, well equipped with guns, ropes, lights and edibles, reached the cave about 11 o'clock, and after eating a hearty lunch, preparations were made for entering the cave.

Owing to the many bear signs found in the immediate vicinity, it was decided to post Reuben Zimmerman, one of the best shots of the party, on the outside, as guard. The rest of the party handed all their valuables to Mr. Zimmerman and descended one by one into the cave, where many narrow escapes occurred and many wonders were seen.

The cave is mostly of rock formation and contains many deep chasms and other dangerous places.

Dorsey Yoder had a ten foot fall, but luckily was not hurt. William Lape, the fat man of the party, got stuck in a narrow passage and was extricated with great difficulty. It was decided to call the place "The Fat Man's Misery."

There are rooms in this cave eight feet wide and 40 feet long, and rocks weighing tons, so neatly balanced that they could be moved by the hand. A log was found in the cave about 200 feet from the opening, and numerous bats were seen hanging to the walls.

Owing to the many passages in the cave the party did not fully explore it and the danger of getting lost, so after a three-hours search, it was decided to return to the surface. William Giesel attempted to find his way out by himself and was heard calling for help in a passage ten feet above the others.

It is rumored that several hunters found skeletons in this cave several years ago, and the party is planning another exploring expedition in the near future.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS

To meet the demand for political meetings from various parts of the county Republican County Chairman V. R. Saylor has arranged to hold Hughes and Fairbanks rallies at Berlin, and concluding with a meeting at Meyersdale Friday night.

Speakers of State-wide reputation will be on hand to explain the necessity for electing the whole Republican ticket. Congressman R. F. Hopwood will address several of the meetings, and an effort will be made to secure Col. Thomas S. Crago, who is now touring the State, making speeches nightly for Hughes and Fairbanks, to occupy the platform with him.

Chairman Saylor has arranged for meetings at the following places. Berlin, October 30, at 8:00 P. M. Boswell, Oct 31 at 8:00 P. M.

Rockwood, Nov. 1, at 8:00 P. M. Davidsville, Nov. 2, at 8:00 P. M. Meyersdale, Nov. 3, at 8:00 P. M.

GARRETT

Mr. R. B. Ellis the B. & O. First trick operator is taking his vacation. Mr. W. J. Curry is working in his place.

Mr. Jas. McIntyre returned Sunday from Saxton where he spent several days visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Maude Twigg of Cumberland Md is spending the week with her friend Miss Walters.

Mesdames John and Joe Walters were visitors at Cumberland last week.

Mr. Richard Zimmerman has moved his family from Akron Ohio to Garrett.

Mr. W. H. Miller is spending a few days with his family on Jackson st.

Earl Lenhart of Greensburg spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Lenhart.

Robert G. Miller was a business visitor to Johnstown on Tuesday.

NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Gregg Darrow informed us that hog is the plural of pig.

Edward Crowe determines gender by the first, second and third person. Irvin Gress is in search of a book which gives the full particulars of "Doomsday."

Gregg Darrow says she is going to get a seat, glue herself to it and just sit in the front of the room when she enters it, to save the teachers and herself the trouble of placing her there all the time.

Miss Lauver; "Some of us wrote the word 'fail' wrong. In such a case what should I do?"

Michael Hady; "Mark it wrong."

We wonder why "Bud" Leonard looks so forlorn. Maybe he lost something. Wonder if he could find it in Tacoma, Wash.

The "Freshies" declare they'll beat the "Sophs," with their class day. They have started to prepare for it at this early date. We wish you good luck "Freshies but You'll have to dig.

Oscar Swank destroyed a box of cough drops, they didn't even belong to him, so we hope no one dies from the loss of them.

We wonder if Walter Eisler can sing better since he has a partner.

James Swank is fearfully afraid of becoming fat. He is now limiting his "eats" to one apple for dinner.

Neil Bittner is the latest person to come into our school to study Typewriting and Stenography.

The Senior Class Day will be held during the week of Thanksgiving. The exact date will be announced later.

Margaret Damico and Dick Bowman suffered on Monday from severe head ache, due to a "head collision" over the desks.

Final Examinations this year will be held every three months, instead of every two months.

The Seniors are now taking scansion in Virgil. When it comes to singing "tunes" in this study, Mary Evans certainly is an expert.

The Classical Seniors were given a test, conducted by the State over the first two books of Plane Geometry.

The Senior Commercial at their dinners in school Friday afternoon, and had sufficient time to digest it properly, an hour after school was dismissed.

HOWARD WILLIAMS

A son of the late Abram Williams aged 20 years, died at his home in Akron, Ohio on Sunday. The young man became ill last Easter and only partially recovered his health.

The father of the deceased was killed by being electrocuted 7 years ago while in the employ of the P. & M. trolley company. Three years ago, his widow with two sons and 2 daughters moved to Akron. The names of the survivors of the immediate family are the mother, Mrs. Alice Williams, Misses Lorena, and Anna, and Ward.

The remains arrived here on No. 16 train Tuesday and were taken in charge by Undertaker Price, who conveyed them to the home of Mrs. Lorena Reitz in Salisbury where on Wednesday at 10 a. m. funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hetrick, following which interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

EMANUEL SPECHT.

Emanuel Specht, 94 years old, one of the oldest men of Somerset county, died Sunday night at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph Wagner, about three miles from Hooversville, in Shade township. His wife died October 4 at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Specht made his home with the Wagner family for 27 years. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. His health began to fail about a year ago.

Mr. Specht is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lizzie Helman, at home; Mahlon G. Specht, of Erie; Mrs. W. H. Cramer, of New Florence; Miss Margaret Specht and Mrs. Joseph Wagner, two other children, are dead. Mr. Specht was married to Catharine Wolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wolford, May 27, 1847.

Funeral services have been announced for 10 o'clock this morning at the Wagner residence. Burial will be in the Wilt Cemetery, near Forward.