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THE SITUATION UP THE BRANCH

Feeling running high—Every precaution taken to prevent trouble.

Much concern is expressed here over the developments which the last few days have brought into the Hooversville coal strike, as the time draws near for the sentencing of the eight strikers recently arrested on a charge of contempt of court, because of their alleged violation of an injunction restraining them from interfering with mine guards. Last night there was a demonstration—one of the greatest since the strike was called. Feeling is running high and every precaution is being taken to prevent trouble.

While the coal company is importing more men in its effort to break the strike, the union leaders are also increasing their forces and preparing to carry on their campaign with new vigor after Monday.

Many Parade the Streets. Scores of strikers paraded the streets last night carrying banners and red lights. Even the small children of the miners were in the parade.

The strikers are meeting every train at the Baltimore & Ohio station, and the arrivals of the trains are always marked by the waving of the banners bearing the inscription: "Strike Still On."

The court has answered the petition recently filed by Hooversville people asking that the deputies be removed from the town. Copies of the petition and the court's reply are being circulated. Six deputies are now stationed at Hooversville. The court explains that they are appointed by the sheriff and the coal company and that the court has nothing to do in the matter the circular being distributed is as follows:

The Petition. We, the following citizens of the borough of Hooversville, Somerset county, Pa., earnestly protest against the appointment of deputies to enforce this borough. The act, itself, we believe to be an incentive to ill-feeling and disturbance. We further consider it is wholly unnecessary and expensive to the citizens. Therefore, we pray the honor of the court for their removal.

Following this is written a score of names.

The Reply. By the court: It is to be inferred from this that the petitioners in this instance are under the impression that these deputies are thereby appointed by the court, whereas, in truth and in fact, the court has nothing whatever to do with their appointment. Neither has the county, or borough of Hooversville, nor the citizens in that vicinity, anything to do with their appointment. The pay of these deputies, or the expense of maintaining them, the appointment and compensation are wholly matters for the sheriff and the coal company who supply them. Just now the presence of these deputies, who are there manifestly for the preservation of peace and order, shall be an incentive to ill-feeling on the part of the law-abiding citizens is not clear to the court. There presence need not excite any ill will. More banners and streamers were posted by the strikers this morning. A hall has been rented and, it is said, conferences are being held there every night.

Second National Bank The directors of the Second National bank, who served last year were reelected for the ensuing year at the election held on Tuesday afternoon, and the officers elected by the board are the same as those of last year. The directors are: E. M. Berkly, J. H. Bowman, W. B. Cook, J. N. Cover, W. H. Habel, B. C. Kyle, William P. Meyers, Perry C. Miller, N. E. Miller and Wilson B. Walker.

ELGIN WATCHES Watches that have been left for repairs and not called for and have been here over a year will be sold after January 20th. T. W. Gurley the Jeweler.

Rockwood Items.

Miss Eleanor Wadsworth, of Beechwood College, Jenkintown, Pa., Miss Frances Hay, of Indiana State Normal School, Indiana, Pa., Miss Mamie Brath, of California State Normal School, California, Pa., Messrs. Norman Moore who is attending Schenly High School, Pittsburg, Pa., Laurence Kreger, Duff's College, Pittsburg, Pa., and Emmett R. Ridenour, of the University of Pittsburg, are local students who have returned to their respective schools or colleges after a pleasant Christmas vacation.

Samuel A. Shoemaker, aged 58, was run down and killed at Weimer's run several miles east of Rockwood on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, between 4 and 5 o'clock Monday afternoon when he was struck by west-bound passenger train No. 41. The remains were taken to Rockwood and prepared for burial by Undertaker Ira Hechler.

This place is held in by an epidemic of LaGrippe. Several severe cases have been reported, among whom are Masters, Paul Hood, and Harold Coughenour and Miss Dorothy Bracken whose attacks have turned to pneumonia. Master Clarence Hood has been admitted to the Memorial hospital Johnstown, Pa., for an operation for healing ears.

Miss Florence Dull entertained at her Market street home Saturday evening at a card party the following young people, Misses Edna Wolfersberger and Grace McClellan, Messrs. Everett Musser, Karl Statler, and John Locke and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller.

The O. A. B. C. Convention was not as well attended as was expected. Those who did not attend not only missed a mental treat but heard things which gave plenty of food for serious thought. Dr. Forsythe and Ellis as well as others gave very interesting talks along their respective subjects.

Cut by an ax while he was chopping down a tree yesterday, Edward Lyons, a young farmer, nearly bled to death, before he could be taken to the office of a physician. Lyons resides about six miles from town. He was rushed to Rockwood after the accident and was attended by Dr. Saylor. Lyons is in a serious condition.

While attending an injured horse Tuesday, Harry Pike, a young farmer of near Rockwood accidentally spilled carbolic acid on his face. Both eyes are badly swollen and physicians fear that he has lost his sight.

Mr. H. A. Miller of Highland addition, has purchased a new Velle light air. The deal was made by the E. F. Stath agency, Somerset. This is the first one of this make of car to be delivered in this county, altho' an old and reliable make of car.

Miss Anna Houltzshouer has returned to her home after a visit among relatives in Berlin.

Miss Minnie Gatchell of New York City, formerly of this place visited friends here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zearfoss of Connellsville spent several days last week with her father, Mr. Geo. Houltshouer.

Prof. F. G. Masters, of the Pittsburg High School spent his vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Masters.

Mr. Fred Swanson a student at the University of Pittsburg was a visitor among friends at this place for several days last week.

Miss Pearl Sandies has resumed her teaching in the Connellsville Common schools after spending her holiday vacation with her grandfather Henry Warner and friends here.

Mrs. O. A. Laraway and daughter, Miss Edna, have returned to their home on W. Main street, after an enjoyable Christmas visit at the home of Mrs. Laraway's parents near Addison.

Mr. Charles Martin, who was recently injured at his work in Pittsburg, is spending his forced vacation at the home of his father here.

Prof. and Mrs. H. W. Hay have returned to Ferndale, where Prof. Hay is principal of the schools, after spending their vacation with their parents.

Miss Annie Enos of Pittsburg is visiting her parents and many friends here.

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THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD SYSTEM.

Pending a decision by the United States Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of the Adamson Eight-Hour Law, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has issued a circular stating that the company will pay its employees under the old schedule and that accurate records will be kept of the earnings of each employee affected, so that in the event that the law be upheld any additional compensation will be paid promptly.

This is in accordance with an agreement reached between attorneys for the government and for the railroad. The notice issued by the Baltimore and Ohio quotes this argument in full, that section pertaining to addition a compensation being as follows: "In each pending case except this a consent order shall be entered continuing further action therein until the decision of this court, and providing that plaintiff from and after January 1, 1917, shall keep its books and accounts in such manner that if the constitutionality of the act is upheld, it shall ascertain the account due to the employees affected under the construction placed upon the act by this court and shall promptly pay them said accounts, which right can at any time be enforced for their benefit on their motion or on the motion of the defendant United States Attorney."

SOME GOOD, SOME BAD.

Capt. William H. Sanner, of Somerset, sealer of weights and measures in Somerset county, has made his annual report showing that during the year 1916 he inspected 11,025 scales, measures, weights, etc. Of these 559 were condemned, 400 were adjusted, and 10,066 were found correct.

A total of 2,179 scales of various kinds were inspected, including wagons, spring, beam, computing and prescription. Of these 61 were condemned, 316 adjusted, and 1,802 pronounced correct. Out of 511 computing scales 105 needed adjusting, while all of the 60 prescription scales were found correct.

Capt. Sanner examined 6,395 measures, tape measures, yard measures, liquid measures, and counter tacks embracing various styles. Of the 98 counter tacks inspected he condemned all of them. The counter tack system of measuring consists of tacks driven into the counter at certain intervals of a yard or more, or fractions of a yard. Capt. says this is very unsatisfactory and inaccurate method of measuring, and consequently is tabooed in this county. He pronounced 5,917 of the measures correct, condemned 435 and adjusted 43.

Out of 2,451 weights inspected 63 were condemned, 41 adjusted, while 2,347 were correct.

Married in Cumberland.

Clarence Edward Smith and Catherine Freda Maser, both of Johnstown Calvin William Swindle, Meyersdale and Bessie Ann Nicola, Garrett, and Robert Blackwell Reed, Garrett, and Sadie Riley, Sand Patch, were married in Cumberland yesterday.

DEAL

Great weather for January. Automodelling fine.

Mrs. Joe Broucher and daughter Josephine of Akron are visiting Mrs. Broucher's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Callen.

The W. M. S. held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Knepp, Thursday Jan. 4, was reported a great success and a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Suder who were on the sick list are again able to be about.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weimer were shopping at Meyersdale Friday.

Mrs. Cyrus Housel, spent the latter part of the week with her mother Mrs. S. J. Smith of Wittenburg.

Mr. Clarence Christner and Miss Mary Knepp, spent Sunday evening with Mr. H. S. Emericks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hostetler and son Carl are at present visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Knepp.

Mrs. C. B. Kelly is sick at this time. Miss Menerva Emerick of Ellerslie, Md., is spending the winter with H. S. Emericks.

Miss Nelle Housel, spent part of last week with her parents of this place.

Read the Commercial and get the latest news.

Garrett Gatherings.

Undergoes Operation.

Mr. S. P. Lease went to Connellsville Saturday where Dr. Bally performed an operation on his nose. The operation was successful and Mr. Lease is able to be out again.

Mr. W. D. Baker was a Connellsville visitor last Saturday.

Left for School.

W. D. Baker left Sunday evening on train No. 22 for Poughkeepsie, N. Y. to resume his studies in the Eastern Business College after having spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bittner.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Church of Brethren—B. F. Walts, Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 2 p. m.

Lutheran Church—W. H. B. Carney, Pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Church services 7:00 p. m.

Reformed Church—H. H. Weint, Pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services, Jan. 21, 7:00 p. m.

Evangelical Church—Rev. Helrick, Pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 2:00 p. m.

Personals.

Mr. B. Kpaiser and children Loretta and John who were visiting Mr. Kpaiser's sister, Mrs. Jas. McIntyre left Friday for their home in Philadelphia transacting business in Garrett the earlier part of the week.

Mr. John Boose of Somerset was in Garrett Monday looking after the interests of the Star Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. R. M. Biddle of Pittsburg arrived Tuesday evening to spend a few days with his wife and other relatives of this place.

Mr. W. H. Miller of Indian Creek, spent the week-end with his daughter Mrs. L. A. Shennice.

Mr. C. A. Merrill left Tuesday eve for Monroe, New York where he will join his wife who is visiting her parents at that place.

Mr. Austin Christner sold his farm to Mr. Wm. Deucker. Mr. C. expects to move his family to Meyersdale in the near future.

Mrs. Sam Weimer of Wilson Creek, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Christner.

Mrs. Wm. Porter and child of Coal Run, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nedrow. U. S. Weimer of Rockwood was a Garrett visitor last Thursday.

Dr. W. J. Briggs of Philadelphia, spent last Thursday in Garrett. While here he visited the schools and gave some very interesting lectures on Birds and Bird-life, in the different grades.

Harold Merrill left Tuesday morning for Lancaster, Pa., where he is a student in the Franklin and Marshall Academy, having spent the Christmas vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill.

Bryan Merrill left Tuesday evening for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he is taking a business course at the Eastern School.

VIM

Elias Fike of Meyersdale, spent one day last week at the home of his son William.

Calvin Swindle of Mt. Braddock, spent Sunday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swindle. A. J. Baer and family, spent last Wm. Engle.

Sunday in Salisbury at the home of Miss Margaret and Master Marshall Nelson of Frostburg, Md., spent several days at the home of C. W. Tressler.

Ed. Smith of Johnstown, Pa. was a business caller at the home of W. W. Nicholson.

Misses Elizabeth Tressler and Ollie Poorbaugh passed last Sunday afternoon at the home of Henry S. Snider.

Mrs. Jacob Hohl of Salisbury, spent Thursday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Wilson Ringler.

Mrs. P. W. Suder of Deal, spent Monday at the home of her son, Henry.

Mrs. W. M. Shultz and daughter Hilda of Greenvale township were welcome Vim callers on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Suder of Meyersdale, passed last Sunday at the home of the former's brother Henry.

"I wonder why it is you can't argue with a woman." "You can; but it doesn't do any good."—Boston Transcript.

NEGLECT FOR BABIES; CARE FOR CALVES

The average calf or colt receives more intelligent care than the baby of our own flesh and blood.

Why should this be so in this highly civilized country of ours, where the people are naturally affectionate and kind? In the first place, it is due to the psychological attitude of many of the parents. They seem to take it for granted that anything called by the name of "food" will, if administered in regular three-times-a-day portions, sustain the lives of children satisfactorily.

They don't stop to think that you need something besides a name to make real food. The result of this is that we see every day many little children, stunted in nature and with soft, weak muscles, all because of a want of well-balanced diet. Many of these little ones for instance, have been fed regularly on bread and molasses, and thus missed entirely fat and albumen. Such children have little or no resistance to disease and often fall victim to tuberculosis.

That is because their parents did not know that a mixed diet is necessary to supply the different parts of the anatomy, and to supply the heat and other elements that are needed to carry on properly the work of the body. But those same people know what their domestic animals need to eat and they see that they get it.

Some parents go still further and permit their children to select their own food. There was a time in the remote age of the ancestors of man, when these humans participated to a degree in the animal instinct to avoid harmful food. We have completely lost it nowadays, and if we let our children select their own food, we place them at a distinct disadvantage beside the colt or calf already mentioned, for the youngest animal shares its elders' instinct to differentiate between the poisonous and non-poisonous products of nature.

Who is going to do anything for the babies? The colt and the calf do not need any help, we have decided, but who will teach the parents a little of the things they should know about their children, and don't?

There is somebody to teach these parents about the colts and calves they own, and even the little pigs, if they don't happen to know. Our national government has undertaken the task and its department of Agriculture has a man at the head who sits in the President's cabinet. He has Congress appropriate large sums of money to teach farmers how to feed and care for new-born colts, cows, pigs, sheep, chicken, and all the other stock.

But our national government does not seem to have thought about the babies. There is no Department of Health at Washington, and at Cabinet meetings the babies have no representative, though pigs do.

What we need is that more of the composition and values of foodstuffs should be taught in our schools and that a Federal Department of Health should be established to look after humankind as well as the animals are looked after.

Then we would not see on our farms puny, half starved children and beautifully developed Jersey, Guernsey and Swiss cows, and Percheron, Clydesdale and Hackney horses in the pink of condition, which has been given by the department of Agriculture of the United States.

Citizens Bank Election.

On Tuesday, January 9th the stock holders of the Citizens National Bank met in their banking house and held an election of directors for the ensuing year. All of the directors who served last year were reelected and the officials of last year were all reelected. The directors are: S. B. Philson, S. A. Kendall, F. B. Black, W. T. Hoblitzell, S. C. Hartley, W. N. Moser, H. B. Philson, Clarence Moore, R. H. Philson.

Witt-Poorbaugh.

Edna Leora Witt, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Witt, Wellersburg, Pa., and Ralph Andrew Poorbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Poorbaugh, Glencoe, Pa., were married Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Reformed parsonage at Corri-gansville, by Rev. A. W. Von Kaska, pastor of the bride in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. John Poorbaugh of that place and Miss Nyna De Haven, Cumberland, the happy pair left on the next train for Washington, D. C. and Roanoke, Va., on a ten day honeymoon.

IMPROVE THE HUNTING LAWS

Sportsmen well pleased with new and better Game Rulings.

Sportsmen returning from Harrisburg report that the series of conferences held there between the game department, the fish department and the representatives of state wide and independent organizations of sportsmen were remarkable for the large number of men who attended, the great diversity of opinions expressed and the complete success in final agreement on all important details of a new game code and a fishermen's license act, all of which will be presented at this session of the legislature with the joint indorsement of the department and the organizations of sportsmen.

In the work of the conferences details were cared for by a joint committee of five members from each of the statewide organizations, the United Sportsmen, the Wild Life League and the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen. The independents were given a similar representation and the committee of 20 so formed was made permanent for the legislative session.

Every county was represented in some way, and every interest. In the general meetings discussion was open to all, and the committee sessions were also open. Two whole days were taken up, the work running on until late at night each day. Gov. Brumbaugh, the fish and game commissioners, members of the senate and house and sportsmen of all kinds had a magnificent free-for-all fight on every phase of hunting and fishing. The state officers were greatly pleased with the sessions and provided every facility for business. Stenographic reports were made.

On the Game Laws.

The general small game season is made from Oct. 15 to Nov. 25, a compromise which gives the north an early opening yet makes the season of less than six weeks, leaving a period of suspended hostilities between the small game season and the deer season. By a narrow vote all protection had been taken of the raccoon, at the demand of fisherman and others who say the coon is destructive but the conference committee finally restored him to the protected list, extending the season from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31, covering practically the entire period when this animal is in good pelt. Bag limits were slightly reduced. New sections will go into the law, particularly to regulate the shipment of game so as to stop the organized game hogs who hunt by automobile throughout the season and in a number of different counties, and to enable the game protectors to tell who killed a deer, so as to stop the expert shot from killing not his allowance but one deer or more for every other man in his party or camp. Camps are to have responsible camp leaders or captains, who must tag deer the day they are killed or hung up, and a camp limit of four deer is provided.

Bounties on wildcats are to be increased from \$6 to \$10 and on weasels from \$1 to \$2. The game commission is to have authority to establish small game sanctuaries. There was a lively fight on the question of posting unseated lands against trespassers, which went to the conference committee. In the end it was decided the unseated land question cannot be adequately dealt with as a game question, but the sportsmen who hunt and fish have strong opinions that something must be done soon.

The Fish License Bill.

The fish license bill provides a non-resident license of \$2 and a resident license of 50 cents plus the cost of issuing. The tag is to be neat and inconspicuous but must be worn where it may be seen. All revenues are to go to the department of fisheries for the protection and propagation of fish, and for no other purpose. Fish Commissioner Buller expects to be able to employ 65 wardens, and to have sufficient funds for an active and successful crusade against pollution of waters, in which the attorney general's department is warmly co-operating. A large number of delegates present voted in favor of the license only with the distinct understanding that a license fund means war on pollution and

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