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ROCKWOOD ON THE MAP

Both banks were entered through side windows in the alley. A revolver and B. & O. mileage book was taken from the First National and the Farmers and Merchants, a revolver and small amount of cash. Four dollars was overlooked in the first bank and about \$30 in the second one. Ringer's barber shop yielded up \$1 in change left over. At Holsopple's meat market they awakened Mr. Holsopple who was sleeping up stairs, and his movement frightened them away.

They called at Malsberry's jewelry store but found every thing locked up. Enos & Phillip's store was entered but nothing of value missed, and they left the piano player in the Nickelodeon. Damico's Fruit Store suffered the loss of some choice fruit and cigars, but they left there a bundle of cancelled checks which had been taken from one of the banks, and the total amount lost will not exceed \$25.00.

That quiet village visited by burglars last Monday morning, evidently the work of the same gang which operated here a week ago. They proved they were amateurs by entering a printing office expecting to find money. The work was done between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. The loot obtained was not much.

CONSERVATION OF EYESIGHT

(By Samuel G. Dixon M.D.)
Everyone realizes what sight means for the comfort and efficiency of daily life. Man is not much better off without his eyes than a submarine would be without her periscopes. A blind hermit would soon die for the want of food. One's efficiency along most lines nowadays depends a great deal upon the strength of the sight. The person whose eyes are weak and who has endurance and few of us realize when its strength is being used up until it is crippled.
Now that the price of paper is soaring higher and higher, small type is being introduced in all kinds of reading matter. It exhausts the eye if worked long at a time to decipher small letters or figures. This causes nervous disturbance, headaches, indigestion, sleeplessness, etc. We had better be a little liberal in paying for editions of books, magazines, and other reading matter with legible type and economize in other ways—tobacco or imitation flowers on our spring hats, for instance.
Save your eyes from dust as much as possible.
If you have to read when riding in cars or trolleys do not rest your book or arm on any part of the seat, but hold it in your hand or hands so that it will move with the body and not be going one way while the head and eyes are swinging in another direction.
Never read with a bright light shining directly in your face, but try and get it over one or the other shoulder, or shining down over your head.
Try and hold your reading matter at an angle so that the light reflected from the paper will not shine directly in your eyes.
The color of the paper is worth considering in account books and such things. The contrast between a pure white paper and a jet black handwriting or type causes a little confusion along the lines between the white and black. It is easier to follow letters or figures if they are thrown on light buff paper. Practical tests will soon convince you that the lines under the latter the latter condition will be more distinct than when the sharper contrast of black and white are made.
The desk upon which you have your reading matter should be of a material that will not reflect the glare of the light into the face, which will irritate the eyes.
When you have to seek artificial aid by the use of glasses, there is no one too learned in the anatomy of the eye and the many abnormalities to which it is subject for the task of giving advice. Often more harm is done by glasses selected by those not educated in medical science than would be done without the glasses. Furthermore, one is misled by a false sense of security, while an undiagnosed diseased condition of the eye runs on until it is too late to remedy it.
Never forget to take the best care of your eyes. They are good and necessary friends.

It is the hurt pig that squeals. If he wasn't hurt he would have no cause to squeal.

GARRETT GATHERING

Church Notices.
Reformed—H. H. Wiant, Pastor; Sunday School 10 a. m. Church services 7 p. m.

Lutheran—W. H. B. Carney, Pastor; Sunday School 10 a. m. Church services at 7 p. m. at which Prof. Fotts will speak in behalf of the Anti-Saloon League. Every body is welcome to attend.

Evangelical—Rev. Hetrick, Pastor; Sunday School 10 a. m. Church services 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Brethren—B. F. Waltz, Pastor; Sunday School 10 a. m. Church services 11 a. m.

Personals.
Miss Lillian Buckman of Berlin, spent Friday in Garrett with friends.

Mr. Hugh McIntyre, left Tuesday for Riddlesburg, Pa., after spending a few days with his father, Mr. Jas. McIntyre.

Mrs. S. A. Blair, returned to her home in Six Mile Run, after having spent the mid-winter with her daughters, Mesdames Stevens and Walters.

Mr. Lewis Christner, was transacting business at Somerset several days last week, returning home Sunday.

Mr. Jas. McIntyre, left Tuesday for Huntingdon, Pa., where he will visit friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Logue last Friday, a son.

Mr. Wm. Brocht has been confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

Mrs. Chas. Stevens and children, are visiting Mrs. Stevens parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Blair at Six Mile Run.

Mrs. W. R. Landis of Berlin, visited at the home of Mrs. Ida O. Brant, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Zimmerman, left Sunday for Akron, Ohio, where they expect to locate.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wetmiller, who were visiting relatives and friends, returned to their home in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Lloyd Schrock, spent the week-end visiting relatives at Hyndman.

Mrs. Bruce Byres, returned to her home at Youngstown, Ohio, Friday, after spending several days visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Large.

Mr. Henry Hoover of Chadwick, Ill., is visiting his brother, Mr. Jas. Hoover and family.

Miss Nell Brant and guest Miss Marie Weller of Rockwood, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rowe.

Mr. H. B. Spelcher, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spelcher at Somerset Saturday.

Mr. Miles Boches of Akron, Ohio, is visiting friends and relatives in Garrett.

B. J. Lynch, was a Garrett visitor Sunday.

Nina Cochrane, entertained a few of her friends at a 500 party Tuesday evening.

Mr. Clyde Tydeball of Somerset, was a Garrett visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Etta Starnor of Rockwood, spent Thursday visiting her friend, Miss Mayme Tucker of this place.

Miss Pearl Hertzog, has just returned from the Allegheny Hospital, Cumberland, where she was under treatment for plural-pneumonia.

Mrs. H. C. Nedrow and daughter, returned to her home at Akron, Ohio, after having spent several weeks with relatives and friends in Garrett.

Last Wednesday the Misses Brants, entertained a number of their friends at their home on Church street. Cards, music and dancing were the chief diversions of the evening.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Landis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Roy; Misses Marian Philson, Lillian and Ethel Buckman; Messrs. J. O. Ream, O. Colliger, Geo. Engle of Berlin, Miss Marie Weller of Rockwood, Margaret Seibert of Martinsburg, W. Va., June Ringler of Kantner, Pa., Messrs. W. M. Henderson, McKeesport, Pa., Wilson McIntyre, Novin Bowly, J. Edgar and George Brant of Garrett.

Mr. Howard Merrill, entertained a few of his friends at a card party Saturday evening. During the course of the evening a dainty lunch was served. Those present were: Misses Emma Liberty, Ruth Sturtz, Francis Colbert and Mildred Swarmer; Messrs. Wilson McIntyre, Richard Judy, Harold Walker and James Nedrow, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Merrill.

At a well appointed luncheon on Monday evening, Mrs. Ida V. Brant,

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Directors of the Farm Bureau of Somerset county met in the court house, Saturday, February 10th at 10 a. m., for the purpose of adopting plans and projects for the ensuing year.

The following officers and directors were present:

Hon. R. W. Lohr, President, Millard Walker, Vice-President, John S. Miller, Sec. D. W. Seibert, Treas. Directors as follows: Daniel Ott, Arvin Glessner, John O. Ream, Alva B. Hoffman, J. J. Reiman, Cyrus Bird, J. W. Barclay, A. L. Mittenberger, Sylvester Powell, and a number of visitors interested in the work of the Bureau and also in Cow Testing Clubs.

The regular order of business was taken up, when under the head of reports, Daniel Ott, A. L. Mittenberger and Sylvester Powell made reports of the Farmers' meeting in their several townships last week under the management of the Farm Agent.

President R. W. Lohr, who is also a member of the State Board of Agriculture interests all over the State are very active and interested in all the departments of agriculture are intense.

Pennsylvania has come to the front rapidly as an agriculture state, and with the effort, interest and enthusiasm everywhere manifest now, it is unquestioned that the wealth of Pennsylvania will be very greatly increased by reason of these activities.

One of the first projects taken up was the Cow Testing Clubs, which is under control of the Farm Bureau, yet was created and established several weeks ago by the Pomona Grange at this place at their quarterly meeting. These clubs will be under the auspices and in charge of Farm Agent McDowell and for the present four clubs are contemplated. The details of this work will be announced later.

In addition to the above project, the following were adopted:

Second. Oats smut eradication, a project for the treating of oats preventing smut. This project will be country-wide and aims to reach every farmer growing oats, and by the scientific an simple methods, all oats smut can be eradicated.

Third. A list of pure-bred livestock breeders in Somerset county, also with data for use and reference to buyers and sellers.

Fourth. Corn variety demonstrations for the purpose of determining the best varieties of corn for the county to the end that a county.

Fifth. Potato variety demonstrations for the purpose of ascertaining which varieties are the most profitable to the farmer and will likely be in greatest demand and bring best prices on the city markets.

Sixth. Orchard demonstration, which takes up pruning, spraying, thinning, packing, etc.

Seventh. Farm account records, which is a system of simplified book-keeping for the farmer.

Eighth. Automobile excursions.

Ninth. Auto excursion to State College.

Tenth. Boys' and Girl's Corn Clubs.

Eleventh. Boys' and Girl's Pig and Calf Feeding Clubs.

Twelfth. The arranging for a meeting of the livestock breeders of Somerset county may be formed to promote more and better livestock for Somerset county.

All these several projects will be given full publicity at the time the work of each is taken up. Some of them will cover nearly the entire year's work while others will be of shorter duration.

The County Agent will have much to do in attending to the duties as mapped out for him by the directors, and the co-operation of the people is requested in every district in order that the works may be carried out successfully.

announced the engagement of her daughter, Verda M. to William M. Henderson of McKeesport, Pa.

Those present were: Mrs. Clarence Rowe, Meyersdale, Pa., Mrs. Roy Landis, Berlin; Misses June Ringler, Kantner, Pa.; Margaret Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Marie Weller, Rockwood, Pa.; Mrs. Rena Hoover, Mrs. Earl Fiddler, Mrs. Chas. Merrill and Misses Verda, Nolle, Rene and Helma Brant of Garrett.

ASSIST THE FIRE COMPANY

Help the Fire Company.
During the past few days the members of the Fire Company have been engaged in an effort to secure funds for the purchase of an auto chemical engine, and are meeting with much encouragement, although there is still more money needed.

There should be no difficulty to raise this money. The apparatus now in use is antiquated, and very cumbersome and much valuable time is lost waiting for men enough to take it out, especially at night. An auto engine could be taken out by one man and be on the ground and at work before men enough could assemble to draw out the present apparatus, but in case the fire could not be gotten under control by the chemical engine proposed the present system could be utilized to assist.

The fire department serve without pay and it is a matter of economy to give them the best tools possible for fighting fires. The method proposed is the modern method of fighting fires.

The proposed engine would be used in any part of the borough in a very short time after a blaze would start, and it could be extended to the township surrounding, as well as nearby boroughs.

The farmers near realize the advantage of the machine and are contributing liberally.

The money contributed should not be considered a donation to the Fire Department, but rather as a sum paid for your own protection, and will be returned in a short time in reduced insurance rates.

Help the Fire Laddies out. They work hard and all gratuitously.

NEW YORK'S SAD CASE

New York burglar, in the regular course of business, found it necessary to blackmail a servant girl. Then he rendered her first aid in a gentlemanly way. Now all New York is jumping on him because he neglected to leave a neatly engraved card bearing his name and address. New York raves because it realizes it harbors a gentleman burglar and does not know who he is. Could he reveal his identity governors, mayors, philanthropists, money kings, preachers, social uplifters and others would riotously scramble over each other to do him first and highest honor. It is hard enough to find a gentleman in New York, not to mention a gentleman burglar. In a day or two some good faker will "confess" that he swatted the servant girl on the bean and then bound up her wound with gentle skill. If he is a deserving Democrat he will probably be made postmaster or put in command of the Brooklyn navy yard. If he is after money he will probably accept a million dollars a week to show us in the movies how to knock the block off the hired girl and still be a popular hero.

MUST STAND FOR RESULTS

With the new immigration law passed, the next great "corner" will probably be on labor. Those who held the clubs which drove congress at so swift a pace in overriding the President's veto, we trust, are now busy planning how to meet the conditions likely to result from the legislation they demanded. If it turns out that three presidents have been badly mistaken, and at a literacy test is after all a good thing for the country, we shall be glad to have it so, but in this particular field of law-making, and in others those who create the political forces which bring about radical and doubtful changes should always be held largely responsible for results. Otherwise presidents senators and congressmen will never be able to justify themselves for yielding to public opinion.

Looked Like One.

The little daughter of a homeopathic physician received a ring with a pearl in it on the Christmas tree. Two days later she poked her head tearfully in at the door of her father's office.

"Papa," she wept, "I've lost the little pill out of my ring."

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SALISBURY SIFTINGS

Death of John Kann.
On Saturday February 18th, Mr. John Kann of Pittsburg, the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reitz, of this place, died after suffering a little over a week with pneumonia. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The deceased was 62 years of age and is survived by a wife, a son, Herbert and a daughter Pauline, two brothers and three sisters.

Those from town who attended the funeral service were: Mrs. Ella Rumsler, Mrs. H. H. Reitz, Miss Elizabeth Reitz, and Messrs. Albert and Will Reitz.

A Fatal Fall.
On Thursday, little Betty Deitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Deitz, fell backwards down the basement stairs, breaking her right thigh bone. She was taken to the Western Maryland Hospital on Friday by Dr. A. M. Lichty, where the whole upper part of her broken limb was put in a plaster cast, which she will wear for six weeks. She returned to her home on Sunday and is bearing the heavy cast bravely—a real little 3 year-old heroine.

Change in Central Office.
The location of the Economy Central office is being moved from the building with the Maust Bros. office and the millinery store, to the small building just below the parsonage of the St. Johns Reformed church. The former "hello" having resigned, Misses Mabel and Ester Livengood have been engaged to take their places with Miss Zilphia as relief girl.

Delightful Dinner Party.
Miss Josephine McMurdo, entertained at a delightful dinner on Saturday evening. Those present were: Misses Dorothy and Ada Glotfelty, Florence and Elizabeth Newman, Zilphia Stotler and Mary Reitz.

Birthday Party.
Mrs. Samuel Livengood, entertained a number of the younger set on Saturday evening in honor of her daughter Margaret's seventeenth birthday. Margaret received many beautiful gifts. After playing a number of delightful games and partners being found, the young folks were served a delicious luncheon consisting of ice cream cake, coffee, and home-made candy. Music was furnished by three men of the new orchestra and Miss Harriet Maust. It was conceded by all to have been a most charming affair.

Those who were present: Misses Mabel and Margaret Livengood, Mabel and Jean Farmer, Lucile Beahm, Annabel Deitz, Mary and Jennie Livengood of Meyersdale, Charlotte McMurdo, Harriet Garlitz, Lulu Thomas, Elizabeth Lichty, Margaret Krause, Lillian Wagner, Marion Beal, Elma Wagner, Francis Fogle, Edith Robertson, Harriet Maust, Anna Spelcher, Irene Newman, Elizabeth Johnston, Mary Lenhart, Florence Livengood, and Messrs. William Livengood Jr., Levi Lichter Jr., Robert Maust, Geo. Trevarrow, Bayard and Ernest Maust, McClure Barchus, Albert Thomas, Fred Ringler, Paul Corbet and Harvey Wright.

Minor Mention.
Mrs. Blanche Hunt, left on Saturday for the White Haven Sanatorium, Philadelphia.

Miss Mae Wilson of Meyersdale, was the week-end guest of Miss Josephine McMurdo.

Miss Ruth Beahm and John Peck, of Fort Hill, spent Saturday evening at Miss Beahm's home on East Ord street.

Miss Elizabeth Newman of Springs, spent the week-end at her home.

Mrs. Lorena Reitz and Miss Edith Lichter, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender of Springs.

Twisted.
Everything was in readiness. The groom, best man and the minister were gathered in the vestry. The organist began to play and the minister started for the door.

"Wait one moment, doctor," called the nervous groom. "Is it the right or left hand the ring goes on?"

"The left," hurriedly replied the minister.

"And, doctor, is—is it klesptomary to cuss the bride?"—Patton's Monthly.

Before marriage a woman worries because she is single, and after marriage she worries because she isn't.

No matter how loose the engagement may be, the diamond never slips around out of sight on a girl's finger.

TEAM KILLED AT CROSSING

While returning from Meyersdale to his home near Glade Jacob Gehrhart met with an accident by which his team was killed, wagon demolished, and it seems almost a miracle that he escaped with his life.

When he reached the railroad crossing near his home a train was passing east bound and he awaited for it to pass and then started across. A helper engine was going west which he had not seen by reason of the train which struck his team, killing both horses. One was caught on the pilot and carried a distance of 200 ft. The wagon was a wreck. Mr. Gehrhart had dismounted and ran back out of the way and thus avoided severe injuries.

The engineer saw the team attempting to cross and knowing that he could not stop in time to avoid hitting them blew the whistle and rang the bell but his alarm could not be heard by the driver by reason of the noise of the train just passed.

The team was a good one and a very conservative estimate of the loss places it at about \$500.

STATE FORESTS

PAYING INTEREST

In a statement issued today Commissioner of Forestry, Robert S. Conklin defends his stand, taken when the budget of the Department of Forestry was issued, that the appropriations for Forestry are almost the only Pennsylvania appropriations which actually invested for the State, and which are certain to bring in a direct cash profit.

At Mr. Conklin's direction summaries were made up of receipts and expenses for the Stuart State Forest, in Somerset and Westmoreland counties, and for the Pine Grove Forest, in Cumberland county. These accounts show that the Stuart Forest of 8,500 acres has paid to Jan. 1st, 1917, a return of six per cent on total investment, including purchase price, taxes, salaries, and labor charges, all figured with interest at two per cent, the rate of the State receives for its invested funds. The Pine Grove Forest of 20,000 acres, with expenses and returns calculated in the same way, shows an income of over seven per cent on total investment.

Commenting on these figures the Commissioner says: "Considering the fact that the State Forests cost only \$2.27 per acre and most of them had been closely cut over before they were bought by the State, these returns are decidedly encouraging. They point to the time, not far distant, when every cent of the money expended for forestry will return to the State with interest, and the forests will yield an annual cash profit from timber sales alone, to say nothing of their collateral value as recreational centers, conservers of rainfall, and regulators of stream flow."

Results regularly obtained for a quarter of a century in European forests by the same methods we are using in Pennsylvania give point to this statement. The state forests of France bring in an annual net revenue of \$2.00 per acre, while those of Prussia and Saxony, on land much inferior to Pennsylvania forest soil, pay an annual net profit of from \$1.85 to \$5.32 an acre.

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