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THE GRIM REAPER

Heavy Toll taken this Week of Persons of various Ages and in various Walks of Life.

William Reese.

William Reese, a son of Thomas and Mary Reese, was born in Wales, 53 years ago, and in early life came with his parents to America and settled in Meyersdale, died at the home of Mrs. Jacob Opel on Monday, February 26.

He is survived by two sisters, Margaret Leonard and Catherine Reese, who reside in Meyersdale, and the following children: Margaret, wife of Harry Barnhart, and Mary, wife of Walter Lydick, both of Johnstown.

On June 20, 1889 he was united in marriage with Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Miller, by Rev. C. J. Lint in Meyersdale.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and interment made in the Union cemetery, by R. Reich, undertaker.

C. D. Miller of Ferndale and Mrs. David Shumaker of Moxham, were present at the funeral.

Caroline H. Lee.

Mrs. Caroline H. Lee, aged 72 years and 14 days, died at her home on Tuesday, February 27.

The deceased was a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Whitesel) Deal, who is survived by two sons and three daughters.

The funeral will be conducted tomorrow by Rev. Franer, and burial by undertaker, J. L. Tressler.

Levi Baughman.

Levi Baughman of Sand Patch, died at his late home on Thursday, February 22, aged 62 years, 6 months and 23 days.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and six daughters. The funeral was conducted at his home by Rev. Tresge of Meyersdale on Sunday, February 25 following by interment in White Oak cemetery, conducted by undertaker, Tressler.

A Fatal Accident.

On Monday afternoon William Ham of Meyersdale, jumped a freight to ride to Cumberland. When the train had reached Cooks Mills, four miles below Hyndman he was seen to fall from the car onto the track, where he met instant death.

Mr. Ham had been drinking heavily for some time, and it is thought he decided to go to Cumberland, but had said nothing to anyone of his intentions.

He is survived by three brothers; Ephraim and James who reside here and Albert, who lives in Ohio. He was about thirty years of age.

The remains were taken in charge by undertaker Tressler. Burial will be made today.

A Dangerous Crossing.

The connecting street between Large street and the Sand Patch road along the old Race Bank is very steep and when it is icy it is almost impossible to get along, as a certain person could testify. Last Thursday afternoon he was passing along that way with his pet cat and he evidently must have slipped and rolled down over the bank for it was all plowed up, and what might have turned out to be a serious accident only resulted in the cat losing his life. Now there is a moral to this, and the moral is that the person was seen and would better remove the dead cat at once or the Board of Health will take the matter in hand.—Vox Populi.

BOUGHT A LARGE FARM

John Deitle of Sand Patch, recently bought the farm of Simon Glatfelter containing about 350 acres, adjoining that of Mr. Deitle's father, Mr. Adam Deitle, and will take possession about March first.

Since Mr. Deitle's marriage, May 13, '13, he and his wife have lived with his parents. They have one son, Karl Franklin, who will be three years old the ninth of March.

Mr. Deitle realizes that with prices of farm products much below present prices, that there is no business that will yield as good returns, and with the large number of acres of pasture land, he has an unusual opportunity to acquire much of this world's goods, and such is the wish of their many friends.

Prepared mustard 15c per quart at Habel & Phillips.

GARRETT GATHERING

Church Notices.

Lutheran—W. H. B. Carney, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 7 p. m.

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

Brethren—B. S. Waltz, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.

Evangelical—Rev. Hetrick, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Evangelical services 7 p. m.

Report of Schools.

The following is the report of the Garrett Public Schools for the month ending Feb. 26.—Total enrollment for month 293.

teacher.

First Primary—Nell B. Brant, teacher.

Number in attendance 26 20 43
Average " " 22 17 39
Per cent of " 85 93 89

Names of those present every day—Wm. Bockes, Roy Hayman.

Second Primary—Verda M. Brant, teacher.

Number in attendance 26 20 43
Average " " 22 17 39
Per cent of " 85 93 89

Names of those present every day—Randall Seller, Wm. Phennice, Ralph Hoyman, Wm. Christner, Katie Sweeney, Anna Long.

First Intermediate—Inez Grant, teacher.

Number in attendance 20 25 45
Average " " 17 22 39
Per cent of " 91 92 92

Names of those present every day—Mollie Sweeney, Grace Long, Emily McChan, Ernest Judy, Roy Norris, Albert Christner, David Colbert.

Second Intermediate—June E. Ringler, teacher.

Number in attendance 17 18 35
Average " " 14 16 30
Per cent of " 83 90 87

Names of those present every day—Catherine Christner, Edith, Lohr, Marian Lawson, Allen Miller, Kathryn Romeo, Joseph Romeo, Wilbur Twigg, Hulah Taylor, Palmer Wagner.

First Grammar—M. C. Hoer, teacher.

Number in attendance 28 16 44
Average " " 23 14 37
Per cent of " 94 93 92.5

Names of those present every day—John Romesburg, Robert Christner, Philson Bittner, Chas. Sweeney, Harold Craig, James Norris, Glenroy Platuxine Axe, Lucille Bowlby, Florence Christner, Mabel Phennice, Mary Elizabeth Pollard.

Second Grammar—Frank Fike, teacher.

Number in attendance 12 12 24
Average " " 11 10 21
Per cent of " 90 98 94

Names of those present every day—Joseph Sweeney, Ruth Sturtz, Sam Kistler, Michael Sweeney, Everett Colbert, Nevin Bowlby, Nelle Colbert, Thelma Grant, Vila Christner.

High School—H. B. Speicher, principal.

Number in attendance 10 10 20
Average " " 9 9 18
Per cent of " 90 95 93

Those present every day—Wilson McIntyre, Mildred Swanner, Lillian McChan, James Nedrow, Jas. Brant, Clifford McIntyre, Ernest Sheeler, Howard Merrill, Charlie McIntyre.

Personals.

Mr. John Martin and daughter, Mary Blanche of Pittsburg, spent Sunday visiting Garrett relatives.

Miss June Ringler, spent the week-end with her parents at Kanter.

Dr. R. T. Pollard, spent a few days of last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. E. Walker of Holsopple, Pa., was a Garrett visitor Saturday.

W. M. Henderson of McKeesport, was a Garrett visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis, were Meyersdale shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Naylor of Meyersdale, was calling on Garrett friends Tuesday.

Mrs. Walk M. Kistler, entertained the W. W. S. last Thursday afternoon at her home on Walker street. A delightful lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. George, were Meyersdale visitors Monday.

Miss Margaret Seibert, left Thursday for her home in Martinsburg, W. Va., after having visited her friend, Miss Verda Brant for several weeks.

Mr. Norman Romesburg, took his daughter, Agnes to the Western Maryland hospital, Cumberland where she was operated upon for appendicitis.

ORGANIZATION AND PROGRESS

Meyersdale, Pa., Jan. 29.—Would like to give the readers of the Journal a review of what has been done in this field the last six months.

Garrett was on strike all summer resisting a reduction. They defeated the whole of the operators and placed check-weighmen on all the dipples.

They have got three advantages. They are getting 80 cents per ton, counting their bonus. One of the companies has signed District No. 2 scale. This mine has been drowned out with water and has not been working much. Berlin had men on strike, or, rather, locked out.

Those men won out. Their tonnage was 55 cents when they were locked out; today 70 cents, along with check-weighmen.

Statler's mine, of Meyersdale, has raised their tonnage from 55 cents to 80 cents. Keystone mine had a three days' strike early in October for the right to put a check-weighman on the dipple. The tonnage at that time was: Rig seam, 53 cents; four-foot seam, 58 cents. Their tonnage today is 70 cents, both seams. Both mines of the Tule Mills settled about Nov. 1, raising the tonnage from 58 cents to 70.

The other mines all came out on a strike October 23, 1916. The Hamilton men made a settlement about the middle of December. Headings, \$1.00 per yard and 70 cents per ton. Harding's settled on the same tonnage. Meager's men reached a settlement January 9. Heading, 75 cents; rooms 70 cents; check-weighmen on the dipples.

Bowman Brothers, Baker's and Merchants' No. 3 have settled on the same terms as the other operators. The men of the last mine have not started on account of winter; will resume January 29. All the mines in the upper end of the region are settled except Geul's men, still on a strike.

Meyersdale Fuel company and Mystic, along with the Consolidated Coal company mines Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are still on strike with some scales at those mines. Those companies would have settled long ago, had it been for the big companies supporting them. They are bringing a five strike-breakers every day, the agents telling the men there is no trouble. The men leave as soon as they can get away. Sometimes that is three or four days, they are so closely watched by the deputies.

District No. 2 deserves praise for the money they have spent in Somerset since April 1, 1917. The day men, before they organized, were working ten hours per day. The Keystone Coal company made an agreement until the end of March, all check-off miners and day men to be sent to Clearfield by the company. Blackfield has made an agreement on the same terms except that they pay \$2.00 per yard headings, 25 cents cross-bar headings and rooms and 50 cents per yard rooms. This is the first company to pay a yardage in rooms.

Times look good for the organization and scales are scarce at present.—United Mine Workers Journal.

Try Bittner's own Special Blend of Coffee.

Oyster shell, heneta grit, charcoal, alfalfa meal and poultry mash at Habel & Phillips.

The last report received was, that she was resting well.

Mr. J. L. Bowlby and daughter, Evelyn left Wednesday morning for Pittsburg, where Mrs. Bowlby did her spring buying, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shober and daughters Elizabeth and Florence, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Welmer at Rockwood Sunday.

Rev. W. A. McClellan of Rockwood, spent Friday with Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McClellan.

Miss Verda Brant and her guest, Miss Margaret Seibert, were the guests of Mrs. Clarence Rowe on Tuesday.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller, left for Elderton, Pa., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Miller's uncle, Mr. C. B. Kimmel. They returned home Sunday.

W. H. Clements is serving as juror this week at County Court at Somerset.

Miss Della Kerney, returned Sunday from Pittsburg, where she was doing her spring millinery shopping.

PROBE LEGISLATION VETOED

Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh has vetoed the Sprout resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate alleged mal-administration in public office. He sent his message to the Senate Monday night, where action upon it was postponed for the present, the motion being made by Senator W. E. Crow of Fayette. This means that no vote will be taken on the veto until a number of senators, who are absent, return, and possibly never.

The Governor was expected to write the veto, even though some of his followers admit that such action is a virtual admission of guilt by him of the charges which have been made against his acts and those of the administration. He seeks to hide behind the pretense that the resolution would not provide for a fair investigation.

The next move up to United States Senator Penrose. He has said there was to be an investigation. There are two ways to bring about an inquiry now, either by the passage of a concurrent resolution, the finances to be raised by private subscription, or else through the medium of the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature. There is more or less opposition among some of the followers of Mr. Penrose to the passage of another resolution. It is not likely that there will be any developments for the present.

BOOSTERS MEET

On Monday evening the Boosters club held a special meeting to make arrangements for the celebration of July Fourth in a proper and befitting manner. The places of a large number of the members were occupied and various suggestions were made and considered and a soliciting committee was appointed and chairman of other committees named necessary for concerted action.

After this business was disposed of Mr. Pickens, traveling passenger agent of the B. & O. R. R., who was present, was called on and entertained the Boosters with a short talk, in which he made it clear that the road stands ready at any time to do anything possible to further the interest of the town or community.

Night Service at B. & O. Depot.

Beginning tonight, a night clerk will be on duty at the B. & O. depot from 12 o'clock. This advantage in accommodation is brought about by the station agent, Mr. Russ, who is always on the lookout for something to benefit the railroad and who well knows that the way to accomplish that is to increase the value of the service to the people.

He was not given a man for this new service but takes one of his clerks off the day force for night work.

The depot will now be open all hours except from 9:30 p. m. to 12 p. m.

VIM

Mrs. Mame Endle of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swindell.

Mrs. Jacob Holl of West Salisbury, spent Tuesday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Wilson Ringler.

Mrs. Hiram Beck of near Bakersville, spent from Saturday to Tuesday at the home of Walter Herring.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Welser on Sunday a girl.

Peter Fike is attending court this week in the capacity of a petit juror.

Mrs. Ellen Pyle and son of Connellsville, is visiting her father, Fremont Fike.

Misses Grace, Margaret and Helen Fike, spent Sunday at the home of Wilson Vought in Elk Lick township.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engle, spent Sunday at the home of Frank Thomas at Coal Run.

Zedekiah Hoar and family of Meyersdale, spent Sunday at the home of his brother Asa.

Dr. A. E. Truxal of Meyersdale, spent Tuesday in Vim.

Mrs. E. D. Lee died very suddenly of heart failure on Tuesday morning.

INDIAN MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES, AGENCY AT—

T. W. GURLEY'S

SPORTING GOODS STORE. SEE THEM BEFORE BUYING.

Large red salt salmon 15c per lb at Habel & Phillips.

SALISBURY SIFTINGS

School Entertainment

On Friday afternoon the school rooms were the scene of fine programs and patriotic colors. The little folks acquitted themselves admirably, while the High school capped the climax of the whole afternoon. A quaint little play was rendered by six or eight girls, the scene of which was a tea party at Mrs. Washington's, and then the debate. The question was: Resolved that war is not justifiable. The affirmative was defended by Elizabeth Johnston and Robert Maust, while the negative was defended by Anna Speicher and Wm. Livengood Jr. Both sides displayed many brilliant points and it took the judges an unusually long time to make their decision. It was finally decided in favor of the affirmative. While the judges were holding their little party, little Prema Speicher, who is not yet old enough to attend school but was a visitor, recited a poem of thirty-three stanzas, and was given with the utmost sincerity and in a manner that would have given credit to a much older person.

Locals.

Messrs. Mathews and Little of Oakland, Md., spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Arminta Call, is visiting at the home of her brother, Frank Farnar.

Rev. Romesburg, wife and daughter, of Garrett, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Romesburg's brother, Lars Thomas.

Miss Margaret Glatfelter of Berlin, spent the week with her parents.

Prof. O. O. Saylor, spent the week-end in Frostburg.

Mrs. B. F. Waltz, is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Raymond and baby, of Pittsburg are visiting friends in town.

Prof. J. C. Beahm of Connellsville, spent the week-end at his home in town, filling the local pulpit of the church of the Brethren as well as at Garrett and Beachdale.

Rev. B. F. Waltz, spent several days in Hoovesville conducting a Bible Institute.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hanna of Rockwood, are visiting the former's brother, Mr. N. B. Hanna.

Miss Bess Miller of Friends is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Haselbarth.

Mrs. B. F. Waltz and little son Paul, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. C. Beahm.

Miss Margaret Glatfelter, entertained Miss Elizabeth Reitz and Messrs. Mathews and Little of Oakland, at a sumptuous dinner on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Beahm and John Peck of Fort Hill, spent from Saturday until Sunday at the former's home. Mr. Peck took dinner on Sunday at the home of his former college chum, Roy Vaught.

Mrs. H. H. Reitz and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, returned from Pittsburg on Thursday.

The new central girls began work in the new office on Monday evening.

Misses Nellie Statler and Grace Brown, returned on Wednesday from Baltimore, where they have been doing their spring millinery buying.

Misses Helen, Margaret and Grace Fike and Miss Saylor of Meyersdale, Sunday in town with friends.

Mr. Albert Reitz, returned on Wednesday from Pittsburg.

Miss Florence Newman and Mrs. Irvin Engle, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of their brother, Ed. Newman near town. Mr. Newman's little daughter, Lois is somewhat improved at present.

CHANGED HANDS

J. W. Mallory has purchased the interest represented by H. Forrest Shupe in the Meyersdale Hardware and Supply company, and is now in charge of the store. Mr. Mallory comes here from Altoona, and is a live wire business man, of an accommodating disposition, and, no doubt, will hold the trade of this establishment, besides adding many new customers.

Mr. Shupe expects to leave for Chicago in a short time and join his mother, and they will go from there to Southern California where they will probably locate in that land of perpetual sunshine and roses.

Large red salt salmon 15c per lb at Habel & Phillips.

MYSTERY SOLVED

William Wetsel Arrested in Pittsburg and Confesses to the Robberies here and at Rockwood

A few days ago Chief of Police Hare received word that a young man had been arrested in Pittsburg, who had in his possession some railroad pay-checks. The Chief at once got busy and it soon developed that the checks in question were ones taken from Phalar company's safe the night of the several robberies here.

The party arrested was a young man who was reared here named William Wetsel, aged about nineteen years.

The Chief went to Pittsburg at once to bring him back for trial but as there were about forty counts to the indictments already against him in Pittsburg and Allegheny county, he could not be returned here until after the trial on those indictments.

He confessed to breaking into the places here except two or three of them, and the amounts he said he secured agrees with the amounts stated in the Commercial's account of the robberies, except that he says he took a blank at the Keystone Garage, where the loss is reported at \$40, and denies being in Glessner and company's store or the Reformed church.

He had pawned the ring of Mr. Phalar, who went there and identified his property and recovered it, together with the checks which the young man had which were taken from the safe.

He also said he committed the robberies at Rockwood, and declared that he was unaided and alone in both cases.

His father, George Wetsel, worked in the coal mines here for a number of years, and the last few years of his residence here he worked in the brewery. His mother died while living in this vicinity, the remainder of the family removing from here some time since. It was a surprise to the people here who knew the young man that he had been traveling in this tortuous course.

Patrons' Day.

Friday, March 9th, 1917 will be Patrons' Day in the Public Schools of our town. All the people of the town and community and their friends are invited to visit the schools and to inspect the work in the different rooms. It is encouraging to the children to have parents and friends examine their work with that of other children.

Our Patron's Day has been getting better each year. Come help to make this one the best in the history of our schools.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

On Monday Harry M. Martin, a printer, left Johnstown for Meyersdale to work in the Commercial office. When he reached Rockwood he was struck by a train and serious injuries resulted. He was taken to the sanatorium at Markleton, where surgical aid was administered. It was found that his injuries consisted of a depressed fracture of the skull, a broken rib, a puncture of the lungs, a cut in the face, and several severe bruises and abrasions of the body.

Mr. Martin is entirely deaf and the accident was probably due to the fact that he did not hear the approaching train. He has a son, who is thought to be employed at DuBois.

In the Tolls.

C. E. Burkey who from Uniontown, but who is known as "Pistol Pete" and with whose picture many are familiar; as he took extra care to carry and exhibit on all occasions, was in town on Monday. He had been working in a saw mill at Philson, and came into town, and while stopping at the Somerset House, got into an altercation with George Tressler and during the struggle broke the leg of the latter. He was taken in charge by the guardians of the peace and in the evening brought before his honor, the Mayor, charged with disorderly conduct and engaging in a brawl. His honor assessed him \$25 and costs. He was a little shy of money at this time and languishes in the coop, sitting up in one end and meditates on his sins, George Tressler, his victim is an offensive man of near 50 of age. He was taken to the hospital at Connellsville.

Large can of Spingale for 15c at Bittner's Grocery.

Very good table peaches 15c per 3 at Habel & Phillips.