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COMMERCIAL MAKES BIG OFFER TO READERS

\$850 00 in Prizes to be Given Absolutely
Free to Anyone with Ambition.

To-day we publish the first count of the ballots turned in on our big automobile contest and the standing shows that all the candidates are running neck and neck at the first quarter. Who will be in the lead at the half post will be shown in next week's issue. The many candidates are now at work in earnest and they seem to be about equal in their standing and popularity in the community.

The Overland is anybody's thus far as are the other valuable prizes. If you want your friend to get the automobile now is the time for you to give him or her all the help you possibly can. Some one is going to get this Overland and the Commercial will be glad to see anyone get it. What the Commercial wants is to have everyone who lives in or near Meyersdale take the paper. With the improvements contemplated (both in the mechanical end and in the office department) the Commercial will be one of the best weekly newspapers in this section of Pennsylvania.

The subscriber who helps one of the contestants will get the Commercial for as long as he or she subscribes at the rate of less than 3 cents per week. If anyone cannot get three cents worth of reading out of any issue of this paper we will be glad to refund the money. In this contest everybody gets their money's worth. The contestant gets paid well for the work he does; the subscriber gets the worth of his money in the paper; the publisher gets a large list of good substantial readers although the cost to him is rather heavy; and then the advertiser gets the benefits of the large circulation

when he advertises his goods. Thus you can readily see where everyone gets well paid in every way. Everyone wins—nobody loses—except the publisher and he considers the advertising he gets as a good investment, not an unnecessary expense. Are you doing your bit?

The contestants are all members of this community in very good standing and are entitled to have the support of the entire community. They are doing their part—are you doing yours? Why not get together with a number of your friends and seeing what you can do to help your favorite candidate in getting this automobile? You can do wonders if you only will.

A question may arise in your mind as to the methods employed in this contest. If you have read our announcement you can readily see that only the fairest of plans is to be used. We have arranged this contest so that whoever wins will do so on his or her merits. There is no chance for fraud. Every receipt is issued in triplicate and a double check made on every move in the contest, thus eliminating any and all possibilities of fraud or deception either by the management or the contestants. We will gladly go over any part of the plan with anyone who may be in the least way sceptical about the outcome of this contest.

In the end the contestants will choose their own judges who make the final count and award the prizes to the winners. We want subscribers and we want whoever gets the most of these for us to win the automobile. We are doing our bit—are you going to do yours?

THE PRIZES.

The first and big prize is a 1917—Light Four—Overland automobile the retail price of which is \$665 plus the freight which makes the value practically \$700. This machine is a 32 horse power auto. Lite starting and lighting, vacuum gasoline system 106 inch wheelbase, 31X4 inch tires, non-skid rear, Cantilver rear springs. Finish, body, Brewster green with ivory striping; wheels, fenders and trimmings, black. The best car on the market to-day for the money. You will get it free if you will work for it. This car was purchased from R. Reich & Son at the Overland Garage where they will be glad to tell you all about it.

The second and next best prize is a Humanola (manufactured at home by Meyersdale workmen) and a beauty in every way. You may have your choice in Mahogany, Fumed or Golden Oak and Early Finish. Case is forty-seven inches high with large apartment for records. The machine is fitted with a tone modifier, giving any desired expression in playing. It is also fitted with a uni-

versal tone arm, which plays any disc record. Taken all in all this is one of the best machines on the market and more than worth working for. This machine has been bought from the Humanola Talking Machine Co., Inc., of Meyersdale, at whose retail store the machine is on display and where you can find out all about this wonderful home-made machine.

The third and one of the prizes worth having is a \$50 diamond ring. The selection made is a ladies ring of one quarter carat size surrounded by a cluster of five genuine pearls. The winner of this has his or her selection of any \$50 ring in the store. There is a great variety of the most exclusive gems on the market to select from and the winner of this third prize has his or her selection of the entire stock up to the value of \$50. The selection made by the Commercial is on display in the windows of H. M. Cook's store, who will be glad to show you the many other

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STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES

Mrs. Lillian Thompson, Rockwood	93000
Mrs. Susan Phillips, Meyersdale	91100
Jack Dively, Meyersdale, Barber	87500
George W. Collins, Meyersdale	87500
Miss Gertrude Lintz, Meyersdale, Habel & Phillips	33100
Miss Mary Reitz, Elk Lick	33000
W. W. Nicholson, Vim	31250
H. G. Lepley, Route 2, Meyersdale	1000
Miss Irene Rhodes, Garrett	1000
Miss Grace Beal, Sand Patch	1000
Miss Marion Leydig, Glencoe	1000
John A. Gower, Fort Hill	1000
J. G. Dumbold, Somerset	1000
Frances Sembower, Markleton	1000
Vote Schedule	

	Price	Votes
One Year's Subscription	\$1.25	2,250
Two Year's Subscription	\$2.50	6,750
Three Year's Subscription	\$3.75	13,500
Four Year's Subscription	\$5.00	22,500
Five Year's Subscription	\$6.25	36,000

This vote schedule is good until Wednesday, June 20th, after which another drop of ten per cent will prevail for a week. This week, and until June 20, 4000 extra votes will be allowed for each subscription sent in to this office, while next week only 3000 extra votes will be allowed. It is worth working a little extra hard while the most votes are being given.

MEYERSDALE CHAUTAUQUA.

William McKinley and Grover Cleveland Complimented Brooks' Band



A GREAT band. Your concert greatly appreciated" is what William McKinley said after hearing Brooks' Band, Oct. 9, 1896. President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland also tendered unsolicited compliments to Mr. Brooks during their sojourn at the famous Hotel Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Fla., where Brooks' Band was playing at the time.

The old Chicago Times-Herald said more than twenty years ago, "Ellis Brooks is the equal of Sousa as a conductor."

The New York World once said, "Brooks' Band has been the most attractive feature of Nantasket's summer entertainments."

The Minneapolis Journal: "The greatest organization that has ever visited Minneapolis and one of the greatest in the world."

And the Minneapolis Tribune: "Brooks' Second Regimental Band is an organization that has never been excelled by any of its kind in Minneapolis."

The Louisville Courier-Journal: "Major Tyler says that Brooks is the equal of Sousa in his opinion, and we think he is right."

The Cincinnati Enquirer: "The band led by Ellis Brooks is one of the best in the country."

Mr. Brooks is also a composer. John Philip Sousa, Victor Herbert and the Boston Symphony Orchestra have played his compositions and on special occasions have had Mr. Brooks present and personally conduct those organizations in his own compositions.

Brooks and his band give two concerts here the fourth day of the Chautauqua.

On Monday, June 25th, the tent of the Lincoln Chautauqua will be erected in Meyersdale for a week's stay. The time will be well spent. The morning devoted to athletic training of the boys, with a full afternoon's program each day and evening, and on Thursday morning a lecture by Ex-Gov. Hanley, of Indiana, which is worth the full season ticket.

The admission, if sold singly will amount to about \$5.00 but the committee in charge has placed the full course ticket at \$15.00. The dealers in the town have each taken a number of these from whom they may be procured. No one should hesitate to take a number of these tickets as they were all sold last year and everything speaks for a larger sale this year.

The entertainers this year are top-notchers. The musicians the instructors and the lecturers. Ex-Gov. Hanley is one whose services are always in demand and his lecture on Thursday should have an audience that would fill the tent. None would begrudge the price of admission.

Of course everybody is busy just now, but why not take a week off and attend the Chautauqua, at least in the evening. You will be well repaid.

If you wish to see positive results from the Chautauqua boost for the attendance of the whole community. The more men, women and children in the tents each day the more minds will be at work along constructive lines for community betterment. Talk the season ticket and talk it hard. Every person in the borough should have one. Get one now before

all are gone. The merchants have them for your accommodation.

It is not often that a person may see and hear such high priced attractions for the small sum of \$15.00. The DeKoven Quartet alone, to music lovers, is well worth the price of a season ticket, and a varied program every day is presented.

FIRST DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua—Get Acquainted Time—Directed by the Junior Supervisor.

2:30 p. m.—Opening Exercises—By the Superintendent. Delightful Male Quartet Melodies—The DeKoven Male Quartet. Jean MacDonald, entertainer.

8:30 p. m.—Lecture—"Six-Cylinder Living"—Dr. Gordon. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

SECOND DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua.

2:30 p. m.—Delightful Entertainment—Mildred Morrison Company.

3:15 p. m.—Address—Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

7:30 p. m.—Old English Songs in Costume and Other Special Features—Mildred Morrison Company.

8:15 p. m.—Lecture, Illustrated—"America Before the World." Dr. Fisher. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

THIRD DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua. Better Each Day.

2:30 p. m.—Delightful Musicals—Mme. Grace Hall Riheldaffer and Company.

9:30 p. m.—Domestic Science with Dietetic Demonstration—Margaret Hall. Address—"Health and Hygiene," popular and highly instructive—Louise McIntyre. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

7:30 p. m.—Dramatic Recital—Jeanette Kling—A Chautauqua Favorite.

8:30 p. m.—The Artists' Concert—Mme. Riheldaffer and Company—All Star Company of Celebrities. Admission, 25 and 50 cents.

FOURTH DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua.

2:30 p. m.—Popular Concert—Ellis Brooks and His Famous Chicago Band—Vocal Numbers and Readings.

Mme. Lillian Ringsdorf. p. m.—Address—"American Ideals"—Mrs. A. C. Zehner, the Southern Orator. Admission, 25 and 50 cents.

7:30 p. m.—Grand Musical Festival Solos, Duets, Quartets and Novelty numbers—Ellis Brooks and His Band—Assisted by Mme. Ringsdorf. Admission, 25 and 50 cents.

FIFTH DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua.

2:30 p. m.—Some Splendid Music—The Merrie Maids.

3:15 p. m.—Lecture—"The Potter and the Clay"—Pottery Made and Displayed—Smith Damron the Pottery Man.

4:15 p. m.—Special for Women—Exhibit of Porcelain Ware—What to Buy and Why—Question Box—Mr. Damron. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

7:30 p. m.—Snappy Concert and Readings—The Merrie Maids.

8:15 p. m.—Lecture Entertainment Songs and Stories of the Red Man—Albert and Martha Gale. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

SIXTH DAY.

9:30 a. m.—Youths' Chautauqua. Finals in Athletic Tests.

2:30 p. m.—Music and Readings—Chicago Musical Arts Quartet, Assisted by Marguerite Wickes p. m.—Address—"Does It Pay?"—Dr. Lincoln McConnell, America's Most Popular Chautauqua Lecturer. Admission, 15 and 35 cents.

7:00 p. m.—Pageant—"America, Yesterday and Today." Presented by the Young People of the Community—Directed by Pauline Marston.

7:30 p. m.—The Opera "Martha"—In Costume—Chicago Musical Arts Quartet.

8:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Dead Lions" Dr. McConnell. Admission, 25 and 50 cents. Single admissions for this wonderfully rich and big week's program exceed \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youths. Save several dollars by buying season tickets.

Committed Suicide.

Edward, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Broadwater, committed suicide by hanging in the barn at their home in Northampton township on Monday evening.

For some time it had been noticed that he had been brooding over the effects of the European war and the drawing of the U. S. into the conflict, and it is supposed that this had preyed upon his mind until he was led to commit the rash act.

In March, 1916, his father, George Broadwater had committed suicide by hanging, in the barn, in a state of despondency over ill health and this young man chose the same spot for ending his imaginary troubles.

The deplorable event has cast a gloom over the entire community.

Wool wanted, highest cash prices paid. Habel & Phillips

Suspended Publication.

The Mining Journal of Frostburg, Md., has suspended publication because the Editor and one of the hands expect to be called to the colors soon, and owing to the difficulty in securing good help he decided to suspend the paper, but the job department under the charge of W. A. Shoemaker will be kept open.

Woman Found Dead in Bed.

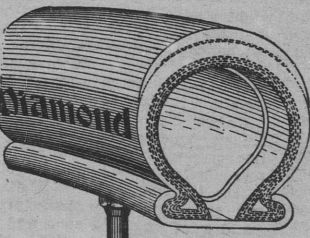
Mrs. William Menges, one of Berlin's most respected residents, was found dead in bed last Saturday morning, death having resulted from heart trouble with which she was attacked during the night. She had gone to bed Friday evening in her usual good health. Her maiden name was Susan Bitner. Surviving are her husband and the following children: Mrs. Frank Meyers, of near Berlin, Clara Menges of Johnstown, Henry and John at home.

Meyersdale Will Celebrate.

Meyersdale will hold an old fashioned Fourth of July celebration this year under the auspices of the Meyersdale Fire Company and the Citizens' Band. The big day will be celebrated at Slicer's Grove where a small admission will be charged, the entire proceeds to go toward buying a chemical engine for the fire department.

A big time is promised everyone who attends. The day will start with a band concert at 9 a. m. and a ball game at 9:30. This will be followed by races of all kinds, dancing and everything that goes in the making of a real good old fashioned time. There will be amusements for everyone and it is to be hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance.

You will miss it if you don't stay at home and spend the day with us. Those living out of town are especially invited to come in and spend the day.



Some bargains in tires for the next 10 days. A lot of blow out patches, all sizes at 37c.

Get one. T. W. GURLEY, Sporting Goods Department.

Get Pratt's poultry remedies, they are guaranteed, at Habel & Phillips. Potatoes, butter and eggs wanted and prices right. At Habel & Phillips