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MURDERER GETS SECOND DEGREE

William Beal, of Coal Run, was charged with murder by the Grand Jury on Wednesday at Somerset, and on Thursday came into court and pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced by Judge Ruppel to serve not less than 14 years nor more than 18 years in the penitentiary.

Beal lived at Coal Run and on Tuesday, July 24th, came to Meyersdale and drank to excess, returned home and had some words with his wife, who, with the children, took refuge from his unmanageable temper in the home of O'Conner Hemming, just across the street. Beal got his revolver and went across after them but was met at the gate by Mr. Hemming and began firing at him. Three shots took effect in his shoulder and back. Four shots were fired, one of which struck the 7 year old daughter of Mr. Hemming and her death resulted in a few minutes.

The officers here were notified and Constable Cramer and Harvey Bittner went to the scene and arrested the man who did the shooting, who was in his home surrounded by an angry crowd of men.

He had previously fired a shot into his breast, the bullet being extracted by Dr. Large when he was brought here.

He was taken to Somerset that evening and committed to the jail where he has since remained, until he was brought before the court and pleaded guilty.

A SHOOTING AFFAIR

Steve Nagy, aged 25, is dead, and Joe Fenya, aged 22, is a prisoner in the Somerset county jail as the result of a shooting affray in Fenya's home in Landstreet, near Hooversville, Monday night. Trouble originated about two months ago, when Steve and Joe's wife departed with about \$500 belonging to Joe. They were brought back and the case settled before Squire Patton of Windber. Mrs. Fenya returned to her husband's home and, seemingly, the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted.

About 10 o'clock Monday Joe went home and, he claims, found Steve there with his wife. Without asking any questions he drew a revolver and shot Steve in the back, resulting in death about 3 o'clock next morning. Joe did not try to get away nor did he resist arrest when two deputy sheriffs from Somerset came to take him into custody. Joe said he is "d-d glad he did it," because he believes Steve came back for the purpose of getting more money and to induce his wife to go away with him again.

YOU WANT ONE?

We neglected to mention last week that we have prepared some very neat, in fact, might say some very beautiful receipts, suitable for framing if desired. If you are in arrears for subscription to the Commercial, the possession of one of these will ease your conscience and go a long way toward simplifying matters between you and St. Peter when you present your "Press Ticket" at the gate.

These nobby little souvenirs can only be procured by applying at this office or by mail if more convenient, when if not already a subscriber, by loosening for \$1.25 which will also entitle you to the Commercial for 52 weeks, if in arrears by paying at least, part of the arrearage.

The supply of this little work of art is limited and no well regulated family should attempt to get along without one. Do not delay but procure one at once.

OFF FOR THE SOUTH

Last Friday Company C, which had been encamped on the Court House lawn since July, received orders to proceed to camp at Augusta, Georgia. The Company, to exhibit their proficiency, was marched on the street and put through difficult evolutions, in which the members acquitted themselves with credit.

A "Comfort Kit" of \$2,520 was presented the commissioned officers to provide for emergencies for the men when occasion required.

Amid a cheering crowd the Company was marched to the depot and embarked for their journey south passing through here at 1:20 A. M.

BIG FAIR ON NEXT WEEK

The Meyersdale Fair always has enjoyed a very liberal patronage and a large attendance but the indications are that, with fair weather this year will exceed all previous exhibitions. The entries are very large this year in all departments except the fruit and here are some fine specimens, but owing to the failure of the apple crop the entries are fewer in number than heretofore.

In the sport department the entries of horses for the races are very large and the best horses are entered for the various events.

The liberal prizes offered has been an incentive to bring in the best in horses, cattle, swine and poultry, and the animals entered for prizes in the different classes will be very large and should attract much attention. Even though not interested in cattle raising, a slight inspection will convince anyone that the industry is forging to the front in the county, and that farmers are taking more care to secure only the best stock on the farms.

The fair management this year have procured extra attractions—that on Friday being the flights of De Lloyd Thompson in his aeroplane.

Our merchants have laid in stocks of seasonable goods that the people who attend the fair may also do their full shopping at the same and avoid another trip to town during this busy season. Patronize our advertisers.

AEROPLANE FOR FRIDAY

De Lloyd Thompson, the master flyer of the world, who will loop the loop, fly upside down and offer other perilous aerial maneuvers at the Meyersdale Fair, September 21st, never looks at his machine before going up for a flight.

"I have the best mechanic in the world," declared Thompson. He was good enough for Lincoln Beachey, who lost his life at the San Francisco Exposition. He looks my machine over always very carefully, and I take his word for it being in spick and span shape. My complete reliance in him in the matter of care of my machine makes him the more careful."

"When I tumble to my death, if I do, I do not want any blame attached to my mechanic, as I know it will be the fault of myself or my machine and not my faithful assistant."

One of Thompson's favorite flying feats is the "death tumble," the dread aerial stunt that was responsible for the death of Beachey. Ascending more than a mile in the illimitable blue, he drops perpendicularly toward the earth at the rate of more than 200 miles an hour. When the awed and shuddering multitude expects him to be dashed to death at its very feet, the great aviator shows how he has conquered the air by coming easily and gracefully out of the drop and again flying to a point of safety in the clouds.

Another of his trick aerial maneuvers is the upside down flight. It almost proved fatal to him last year. He was rushing through space in an inverted position at Spokane, Wash., when one of his ailerons smashed on him. Only the fact that he was up 2,500 feet, a height which enabled him to flop over with his biplane, saved him from being killed. He had to flounder about for more than a mile and a half before getting his unmanageable craft to earth.

After he disappeared from the view of the crowd, the report went out that he had been killed. Dario Resta, his exhibition team-mate, covered the fastest mile he ever recorded in rushing to the spot where he expected to find his maimed or killed partner. To his great delight, when he arrived on the scene of the wrecked machine, he found Thompson carefully inspecting his biplane and wondering if he could get it repaired rapidly in order to go up again and give the spectators the rest of the aerial thrills lost to them by the accident.

Thompson and his mechanic worked all night on the aircraft, and the next day went through with their entire program of sensational and spectacular stunts.

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COMMUNITY BOOSTERS ROUND OUT FIRST YEAR

First Year Has Proven Big Success With Much Accomplished And Many Important Matters Progressing Favorably; Second Year Promises Bigger Things.

The Community Boosters Club of Meyersdale met in their rooms in the Second National Bank building Tuesday night, a goodly number of the members being present. This was the first regular meeting in the second year of the club's existence and in looking back over the accomplishments the first year the members are well pleased with the results achieved. President H. M. Cook, in his remarks of eulogizing the first year's work of the club, spoke of many good things which the organization had done and of numerous other matters which were under way for the welfare of Meyersdale and the community in general. He said, in effect, that of all the commendable features for which the club had been organized perhaps the most important was of getting the business men together to work as one for the good of all—"cementing them together as it were." He said this in itself was its great accomplishment.

Perhaps the most important business of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to see into establishing an emergency room for the accommodation of the general public. The suggestion was made by Dr. Large of the necessity of such a room centrally located wherein first aid necessities such as a bed, cots, bandages, lavatory with hot and cold water and such other things as would be necessary for such a room. The object for having such a room is for the care of those who may be suddenly afflicted or who may suffer an accident making immediate attention necessary. The room would also be used for the convenience of those who might be ill and on their way to a hospital or returning from such an institution on their way to recovery but still in such a condition that a warm room with reclining accommodations would be a great convenience.

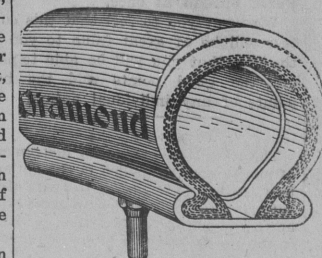
TYPHOID CASES

An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in the eastern section of Somerset. Twenty-five cases have been reported. The disease is thought to have originated at a junk establishment in this section. The dealer, it is claimed, allows old hides to lie around the place. Another possible source is an old pump near the livery stable, which is said to be contaminated. Samples of the water have been submitted for analysis but no report has yet been returned. Two deaths have resulted from the dread disease and a number of the patients are in a serious condition. The disease appears to be in a very mild form.

The Rev. I. Hess Wagner, pastor of the Somerset Lutheran Church, who has been confined to his home by illness the past week, is reported to be improving nicely. He expects to resume his duties about the church in a short time.

SUCCESSFUL RECITAL

The recital given by pupils of Mrs. Della B. Livengood in Amity Hall, Tuesday evening was very successful. The greater part of the program was rendered by Miss Rena Brant, of Garrett. Miss Graves rendered two selections. The historical selections were especially good. A silver offering amounting to \$35 was lifted to be used for Red Cross work.



Some 30 x 3 inch Diamond Tires this week for \$12.00, other sizes at correspondingly low prices. The Werner Non-Glare Lenses in stock—all sizes. T. W. GURLEY.

while they were waiting for a train or a car or for friends or relatives to come and take them in charge. Many favorable talks were made for such a needed convenience in a city of the size of Meyersdale and a motion was unanimously carried that a committee be appointed to look into the matter. The following committee was named: Dr. Large, Dr. Hemminger, Clarence Moore, E. S. Rush and J. M. Gnagey.

Another matter of some importance was brought up by W. S. Livengood, (adv.) who suggested that Centre street needed a good cleaning every Saturday night, stating that on Sunday morning the street was not a very good sight for sore eyes. F. A. Bittner here showed his good spirit by saying he had been in the habit of cleaning up the street in front of his store every Saturday night himself. President H. M. Cook thought this a very easy way out of the difficulty and each business man will be expected to use the broom in front of his own place of business on Saturday night especially. If this could be extended a little farther and include midweek days whenever it is necessary and each business house use the broom, a very decided improvement of our fair city would be in evidence.

Next year's chautauqua was another matter that found immediate response. A number of complaints had been received from different sources that entertaining the Firemen's convention and the chautauqua would make rather a heavy expense for the borough but when it was proposed that the chautauqua be self-supporting as far as finances was concerned and as the reports from the community in general was that the chautauqua was a necessity the chautauqua will see that we have this most important educational entertainment next year.

KILLS PETS

Some dogs are admitted nuisances. One young man has a broken heart over the loss of a pet rabbit which some dog had the temerity to devour. Someone is very evidently going to lose a pet dog as a result, as is shown by a notice published elsewhere in this paper. Moral—Don't starve your dogs and they won't eat your neighbor's pets.

Bijou Theatre
Two Big Days Only
THE CRISIS
Secure Your Tickets Early
On Sale at Box Office and Thomas' Drug Store
Matinee 25c and 50c
Night 35, 75, \$1

BURGESS CANDIDATES

Meyersdale has three popular candidates for Burgess; viz, J. F. Reich, H. M. Cook and Fred Hare. Of these two will be nominated, one Republican and one Democrat, after which a contest will be on for the election. Of the two first named candidates, we can say that either is qualified, that the affairs of the Borough would be safe with either, one of them having served a very satisfactory term.

Fred Hare has been connected with the police department for eight years, four of which were served as Chief. He also served as Truant Officer, and as Health Officer. He resigned as Chief of Police August first, effective September first, to accept a more lucrative position. He has been a member of the Fire Department for fifteen years. In all of these positions he has always maintained a clean record. He has always treated all with whom he had business dealings in a courteous manner, performing his various duties firmly but not arrogantly.

These positions have been but training for efficiency should he be elected Burgess.

Mr. Hare is a young man of good habits and has the interests of the Burgess at heart, and by reason of his excellent qualities is deservedly popular and will poll quite a large vote for the nomination and if nominated will poll a very large vote. He numbers among his friends many who are active enthusiastic workers.

KILLS SPOUSE ON VISIT HOME

Daniel Edwards, colored, Saturday morning shot and instantly killed his wife while at the home of the latter's mother in Ralphton. Edwards, it is said, had trouble some time ago at his home in Johnstown, which resulted in a separation of the couple.

Mrs. Edwards went to Ralphton to visit with her mother. Edwards came here several weeks ago and obtained employment in the mines of the Quakemahoning Coal Co. On Saturday, it is alleged, he went to the place where his wife was staying and asked her to come back and live with him. Upon her refusal to do so, he pulled a revolver and shot her through the heart.

Leaving immediately after the shooting Edwards went in the direction of Listie. The authorities are on his trail and it is expected that his arrest will be effected shortly.

SECOND LIBERTY LOAN

The Secretary of the Treasury is sending us quite an amount of copy which he expects us to run free gratis for nothing regarding the Second Liberty Loan.

When the Liberty Loan was being sold in the name of Patriotism, we expended all the patriotism we had in running their copy and in writing copy of our own, but when we learned that the daily papers were paid for their patriotic efforts by the government our patriotism in that line sunk to a very low stage, and we greatly fear that it will have to be revived on a cash basis, or we will devote our time and attention to securing good, live news as heretofore for our readers instead of playing second fiddle to dailies for paid articles. Wouldn't you do the same?

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Register Shaver since our last report:
Nepher Hirus Paint Borough
Margaret Remel Paint Borough
Michael Glades Windber
Anna Lazarchek Garfield, N. Y.
Joseph Barnhart Garrett
Susie Hagman Garrett
Virgil Lowry Bedford
Gertrude Porter Meyersdale
Herman Grant Lepley Elk Lick
Mary Agnes Tennefoss Elk Lick

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Somebody's dog came upon my premises and killed a pet rabbit and I give fair notice that I will shoot any dog that comes upon my premises unaccompanied by the trainer, keeper or owner.

H. C. McKinley.

MANY CASES UP IN COURT

The regular session of Criminal Court convened in Somerset last Monday. The usual routine business took place, when the following cases were disposed of:

Harry Fresh, charged with an offense against morality; Sherman Miller and Samuel Shaulis, charged with aggravated assault and battery, by Joseph Reese; Robt. Hay, charged with assault and battery by F. H. Zeigler; Philip Cotchen and Joseph Andrews, charged with blackmail, by J. C. Bentley, of Boswell. Henry Metz, charged with rape; Joseph Roberts, charged with a serious offense against morality.

The following cases were not processed. Roy Shaulis, offense against morality; Edward Friedline, offense against morality; James Labor, operating a motor vehicle when intoxicated; John McMahon and Howard Kelley, peddling; Joseph Fenya, assault and battery.

Continuance were announced in the following cases: Boyd Trimble, offense against morality; Walter Stott, offense against morality.

Pleas of guilty entered by these defendants: J. R. Gardner, operating motor vehicle when intoxicated; Steve Nyste, aggravated assault and battery.

Among the cases heard in court this week pleas of guilty were entered by these defendants: Robert Terry larceny; Annie Soranco, selling liquor without a license; George Fleagle, receiving stolen goods, paroled; Oran F. Saylor, charged with offense against morality. Frank J. Brogan, assault and battery and surety of the peace, paroled.

The following cases were ignored by the grand jury: Valenine Toth, assault and surety of the peace, Philip Cochen and Joseph Andrews, blackmail; Max Mamolin, larceny; Harry Jacobs, assault; John Molner, adultery; J. H. Tilford, Sodomy; Steve Nagy, pointing fire arms and carrying concealed weapons; Mike Kashinski, larceny.

The following cases were settled: O. M. Llewellyn, larceny; William Russell Rosenberg, John Walker and Chester Herring, charged with offenses against morality.

Decisions were handed down in the following cases: Charles Burkholder, larceny, not guilty; Uriah Sylon, larceny, not guilty, prosecutor, Tom Daniels, pay costs; Williams Williams abuse of confidence, not guilty, prosecutor, Edward H. Shaulis, pay costs; Benton Anderson, larceny, not guilty, Angelo DeGrazia, larceny, not guilty defendant and prosecutor, George L. Silva, each pay half the costs; Jim Jones, carrying concealed weapons, sentenced to three months in jail.

Joseph Casese, charged with an offense against morality, was directed to pay the sum of \$1 each week for seven years.

Continuances were announced in the following cases: Norman L. Shaulis, statutory rape and an offense against morality; Henry Reiter, bigamy and adultery; Fred Elsworth, larceny; Merle Gindlesperger, Chas. Eisentrout, Walter Scott, Everett Pyle, offenses against morality; R. L. Byrd, practicing medicine and surgery without a license; Harry Showman, larceny; John Ewanick, assault and battery; Steve Chavut, adultery; John Horyath, assault and battery; Joe Kosatch, aggravated assault and battery; Verna Himmer, assault and battery and surety. Grace Eppley, assault and battery and surety.

VISITORS

On Monday, about noon a delegation of about a dozen autos drove into town occupied by strange men. The Burgess was besought to interview them as to their intention and inform them of our helpless condition, about fifty of our men being now in Augusta and a few were drafted and were on their way south.

However, they were seen to be friendly with Mr. Mason, of the Dull Mercantile Co., and also were a very gentlemanly bunch, a few more fearless soon learned that they were members of the Consolidation Coal Company from West Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky, and were on a visit of inspection of their properties in the states named, as well as those in this state.

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