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DRY FEDERATION MEETING AT SOMERSET

Minutes of the Second Permanent Organization Meeting of the Dry Federation of Somerset County.

Meeting held in the assembly room of the Court House, November 15th, 1917, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., pursuant to request of State Organization.

Notice having been sent out to all the county committeemen, executive committee, ministers of the several churches and others interested in temperance, and notices by publications and public announcement throughout the churches of the County, the meeting was held as aforesaid, which was attended by representatives of the different bodies. All temperance organizations of the County were represented in the audience and nearly all churches.

After an explanation by the Chairman, John S. Miller, of the objects and purposes of the Federation, a general discussion was entered into by many present as to the advisability of making permanent this organization, when by a unanimous vote it was decided that the organization should be completed and made permanent, and the following officers and committeemen were elected: John S. Miller, chairman; Rev. E. F. Rice and John Johnson, vice-presidents; Dr. G. B. Hough, secretary; Rev. McCarney, of Fridens, treasurer; W. F. Livingood, Meyersdale, Fred Groff, of Berlin, Prof. H. B. Speicher, of Garrett, J. W. Barclay, of Bakersville, and Dr. C. B. Hough, of Somerset, Pa., executive committee.

The meeting then resolved itself into a round table talk, in which ways and means were discussed for carrying out a successful campaign in the near future.

The meeting then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock in the evening, at the same place, where after a report by the chairman and a solo by Miss Elizabeth Knepper, of Brothersvalley township, John R. Harris, D. D., of Pittsburgh, State Superintendent of the Federation, was introduced and gave an intensely interesting address. He reiterated and verified the objects and purposes of the Dry Federation as had been done during the previous session by John S. Miller, chairman, stating that the object and purpose of the Federation was to help and assist all presentation of existing temperance organizations and all organizations having as their purpose the destruction of the liquor traffic and asking all organizations and societies to co-operate in making Pennsylvania dry, and further averring that it is not the purpose of the Federation to antagonize or destroy any organization that has as a common purpose the elimination of the booze evil.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the officers and executive committee met in session with the State Superintendent and went over some of the details of the organization and plans for its future work.

MAKERS OF WORTHLESS SCALE TREATMENT FINED

Claims that the insertion of a white capsule and a brown capsule, containing potassium cyanide and other substances, in the bark of fruit trees, will kill scale on the trees, led to a fine of \$100 in the Federal courts upon the makers of the "Fertilizing Scale Treatment," who pleaded guilty to the charge of misbranding and adulteration. This fine was imposed in the case of the United States vs. Albert D. Kleckner, Maybelle B. Kleckner, and Emma Kleckner (Fertilizing Scale Co.), Allentown, Pa., brought under the insecticide act of 1910 at the instance of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Eastern District Court, Pennsylvania.

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FAYETTE INTERESTED IN THE COMMERCIAL

Local Fayette County of the Socialist Party at its regular monthly meeting for November when all the locals of the county were represented by one or more delegates, decided to initiate a campaign to boost the circulation of The Meyersdale Commercial in that county and to co-operate with the Somerset County workers in establishing a paper of, by and for the workers in the 23rd Congressional district, which includes Fayette, Greene and Somerset Counties.

This will be cheering news to the loyal workers in Somerset County, who have started the good work, and who can now see their efforts rewarded to the extent that they now have a paper that represents their interests, both politically and economically.

The cooperation of the Fayette workers will add considerably to the power and influence of our paper in the district as well as place it in such a position that its success as a business venture will no longer remain in the doubtful column.

In union there is strength, and may this union of the 23rd Congressional district be of long duration and fruitful in the service of labor's great and noble cause.

SAND PATCH TUNNEL MAY BE CLOSED

A landslide has started to fill in the cut at the west entrance to Sand Patch tunnel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which, division of officials fear, may close the tunnel completely and block traffic for some time, if it cannot be got under control quickly.

Superintendent M. H. Broughton and Division Engineer A. P. Williams, of Connellsville, were at Sand Patch yesterday afternoon, and Mr. P. Petri, Division Engineer from Pittsburgh, came to Meyersdale last evening on Duquesne to confer with Messrs. Broughton and Williams on the situation.

Steam shovels are being despatched to the scene of trouble by the officials in an endeavor to keep the line open to traffic.

AJAX HOCKING PERMITTED TO RAISE PRICE

The federal government has granted to the Ajax-Hocking Coal Company permission to charge \$3.45 per ton for coal produced at the mines of that company, which is one dollar per ton in excess of the standard price established by the government to apply to mines in the bituminous field. It was definitely shown that the Ajax-Hocking people could not produce coal at the mine at the price fixed by the government which reason is advanced to explain the action of the government in this case.

DAN W. WELLER GETS COMMISSION

Monday Clerk of Courts Dan W. Weller received his commission from the Interior Department at Washington as Commissioner of Explosives for Somerset county, under the law which went into effect a few days ago regulating the sale of powder and dynamite.

Every dealer in explosives is required to take out a license under the law, and no unlicensed person is allowed to have explosives of the character mentioned in his possession, under a heavy penalty.

PARTY HIKES

The following persons went on a hike to the forest beyond the Joseph Lint home, Monday evening: Misses Florence Boyer, Esther Conrad, Esther Austin, Helen Boucher, Irene Blume, Mr. and Mrs. Park Weimer, Howard Will and William T. Lint. At 10:30 o'clock a lunch was served by the hosts, William Lint and Howard Will.

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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Editor Frank M. Forney, who was an election commissioner to receive the votes of the soldiers at Camp Lee, has returned home.

Mr. Forney's trip south was one of the greatest interest to himself and his friends, who have been plying him with all sorts of queries since his arrival home. He visited several battle fields of the Civil War on his way to Camp Lee, which he describes as a place of surprising wonder to a civilian visitor.

In going through Washington and Baltimore Mr. Forney got an impression of the Government's war preparations. In both Washington and Baltimore large buildings are being constructed for war headquarters and warehouses for the furnishing and equipment of the armies that Uncle Sam is organizing. The war spirit is running high in Washington, where patriotism is exhibited under high tension.

After the big snow and several succeeding snow squalls and rains we have been enjoying more than a week of excellent weather, during which Somerset county farmers, many of them, are harvesting their potatoes and doing very essential farm work before the inevitable closed winter sets in. Also the excellent weather has been a bonanza for the highway people, who have been improving "every shining hour" on the road to Brotherton and the highway leading from Somerset toward Jennertown, which latter has received a new top-dressing of limestone shale and new application of hot "tarvia" fluid, by "precipitation," and subsequently rolled in.

It is probable that the application of the "tarvia" fluid in cold weather will not make quite so "homogeneous" a mixture as if the "precipitation" were conducted in the summer; but work is going forward with more than usual speed nevertheless.

One heating retortful of the "tarvia" fluid never got on to the Brotherton road because it got too hot. In fact, the "tarvia" became ignited after it was transferred into the portable "tarvia" distributor, which is a small tractor engine that travels back and forth between the road and the Somerset B. & O. station.

The blaze from the burning "tarvia" solution shot high in the air, and the great camouflage of smoke that ascended skyward was truly a formidable sight to behold. The fire whistle called out the firemen with the great truck, and many people were called away from their Sunday dinners only to find out that the fire was no longer burning for want of combustible "tarvia" in the portable melting retort when they reached the scene of the conflagration.

The pupils of the Somerset Public Schools have joined the campaign of economy. During the past week each teacher placed a box in her room called a "Self Denial Box," and as a boy or girl denied themselves candy, chewing gum, the movies, etc., they placed the money in the box. Friday evening when the money for the week was turned in to the treasurer, Miss Clara Shoemaker, the teachers were agreeably surprised to find that a total of \$21.73 had been collected. This did not include the \$5.64 which the pupils of Miss Bill's room had collected for the Soldiers' Christmas Packages.

This idea of saving is very commendable and the good work will be kept up at least until Christmas. It has not yet been definitely settled just where this money will go, but in all probability either to the Red Cross or to help care for a poor Belgian or Rumanian child.

tor for the remainder of the current conference year, ending September 10th, next. The young man has had some practice as a pulpit exponent on various occasions in his home county.

Following are the wills which have been probated during the past week, in the office of Charles I. Shaver, Clerk of the Orphans' Court:

The will of Mary E. Berket, late of Somerset Borough, was probated November, 13, 1917. Her estate is to be divided equally among her following children: Mrs. Susan Hulton, Maggie Berket and William D. Berket. William D. Berket was appointed executor. The will was dated April 30, 1915, and witnessed by C. R. Hay and Mary E. Sullivan.

Milton and Elmer Walker have purchased the timber on the William Hanna farm in Milford township from John W. Hanna, who purchased the farm at trustee's sale on November 10. The timber is mostly virgin forest of high grade whit oak covering about sixty acres.

John Hostetler, well-known citizen, died at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Baker, in Donegal township, on Wednesday evening, November 7, aged 72 years and 4 months, after suffering an illness of six weeks from complication of ailments incident to his advanced age.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was given Claude Deal by a number of his friends on Tuesday evening. The evening was spent with music and games. Delicious refreshments were served.

THANKSGIVING MAIL

The following holiday hours will be observed Thanksgiving Day at the local Post Office: Stamp, General Delivery, City and Rural Carriers' windows open from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.

Lobby open from 7:00 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. Mails dispatched to all trains.

J. T. Shipley, P. M.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Although Mr. R. M. Swisher has sent out bills to subscribers in arrears, money for subscriptions should NOT be paid to him now, as he is no longer in charge. All subscription money should be brought to the Commercial Office, or, if forwarded by mail, should be made payable to The Commercial and not to individuals.

Eber K. Cockley, Editor and Proprietor

COMING NEXT WEEK



ELISABETH RISDON AND HENRYAINLEY IN "THE MANX-MAN"

Every inch of film used in George Loane Tucker's screen version of Hall Caine's greatest novel, "The Manx-Man," the attraction at the Auditorium Wednesday, December 5th, was taken on the Isle of Man among the exact scenes in which the author of the book made his characters live. Hall Caine himself assisted in making "The Manx-Man" into a picture.

Howard Will, who is a sailor on the Pennsylvania, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. G. Will.

PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

For School Directors Convention at Somerset, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10 to 12 Devotional Exercises.

President's Address.

Enrollment of Directors.

Election of Officers.

Miscellaneous Business.

Reports of Delegates to State Convention, H. H. Shumaker,

J. E. Custer, H. D. Pyle.

"The Selection of Teachers.

The Tenure of Office," H. B.

Schrock, J. H. Hentz, F. F.

Petry, G. W. Tannehill.

Query Box.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 to 4:00

Address Prof. C. D. Koch.

"The Point of View of the Business Man," Prof. C. D.

Koch, State High School Inspector.

"How May Country Children

be Given Equal Advantages

With Those of Cities and

Boroughs?" W. W. Cupp,

R. W. Lohr, N. F. Meyers,

D. Compton.

Query Box.

"The Influence of the Boy Scout Movement on the Public Schools," Chas. F. Uhl,

Esq., Dr. G. F. Speicher, F.

H. Meyers, J. C. Lichliter.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 to 9:30

Concert—Somerset High School Orchestra.

Address—"Tendencies in Modern Education," Prof. C. D.

Koch.

Address—"The Study of Agriculture: Its Relation to the Development of the Boy,"

C. C. McDowell, Extension Representative.

"What the World is Doing for the Health of School Children," Dr. W. H. H. Schrock,

Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, Dr.

C. B. Korns.

Wednesday, November 28

9 to 12

The Solution of the Rural

School Problems by the

Community," M. S. Maust,

L. L. Yoder, J. S. Rhoads, A.

P. Kimmel.

"The Course of Study—Re-

Stated," Prof. C. D. Koch.

"Supplementary Reading for

the Different Grades. How

shall it be Procured?" J. E.

Weaver, W. B. Putman, J.

B. W. Stuft, F. G. Fryburg.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1 to 2:30

"The School Board's Problems"

R. R. Straub, Dr. A. M. Up-

house, J. H. Bender, J. J.

Reiman, P. A. Kreger, J.

W. Wegley, E. C. Ober.

"The School Director; His

Work; His Compensation,"

H. D. Naugle, L. M. Walker,

D. G. Stuft, V. C. Muller,

L. H. Musser.

"What Equipment Should be

Furnished by Directors?"

C. J. Newman, Howard

Powell, Dr. J. B. Gardner,

Milton Hillegas, H. L. Seese.

M. R. MILNE, D. D. S.