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## SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL

Although three cases of smallpox have developed in Meyersdale, ours is not the only community where this scourge has made an appearance. In Berlin a case has been discovered, and its source is said to be the same one from which the first case developed here. Through associating with a party in Grantsville who was in the early stages of the disease, these two victims are believed to have contracted it, and carried it to their home towns.

Also in Cumberland, Md., a large number of cases have developed, and other points over the State line are centres of infection. Adjoining the Keystone State are Ohio and New Jersey with a large number of cases on record. According to latest reports from the Health Department at Harrisburg, Allegheny county has two cases, Bedford three, Blair one, Cambria two, Centre four, Clearfield twelve, Clinton five, Dauphin two, Erie one, Perry one, and Snyder four.

Dr. Dixon, the State Health Commissioner, in a statement given out at Harrisburg, calls upon the public to do its part in stamping out the smallpox epidemic by seeing that no case where an infection is even slightly suspected escapes the attention of competent medical authorities. Physicians are expected to do their part by acting where smallpox may be a possibility, with all the precaution possible. School directors and teachers are requested to strictly enforce the law which requires that children must be vaccinated before they are allowed to attend school.

Dr. C. P. Large, representing the State Health Department in Somerset county, asked for a statement for publication, said he could do no more than endorse Dr. Dixon's statement, strongly urged the importance of vaccination as a preventive measure, and apparently is satisfied, that the epidemic is checked and under control in Meyersdale.

The public schools, all places of amusement, churches and the Sunday Schools are closed for a period of two weeks.

Every effort is being put forth by the local medical authorities to master the situation and they should have the hearty support of every citizen in all legitimate efforts in that direction.

## SWISHER TAKES OFFENSE

Mr. R. M. Swisher regards as offensive the statement in last week's Commercial about his having sent out notices to subscribers who are in arrears, claiming that he has sent out no such notices since he retired as Editor. The statement contained no reference to the time he sent out his notices but some subscribers seemed to be under the impression that since they had received a notice from Mr. Swisher that he was the man to receive their subscription money. It was to correct such erroneous impressions in the minds of our subscribers that the notice was inserted in last week's issue of The Commercial.

No offense was intended, either towards Mr. R. M. Swisher or the subscriber who is now in arrears.—E. K. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel, Mrs. George Benford, Misses Lydia Beal and Gertrude Lintz motored to Cumberland, Sunday.

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

respectfully announces that commencing with December 1st he will adhere STRICTLY to the CASH SYSTEM.

Hocking Block, Nov. 20, 1917

## SUFFRAGISTS ENTHUSIASTIC AT CONVENTION

The annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, held at Pittsburgh last week, was the most important in the history of this organization, for the victory in New York has put the Suffrage movement on an entirely new footing—the footing of the racer on the last lap with victory in sight.

Mrs. Chapman Catt, the National President, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, veteran honorary president, were both on the program, and enthusiastic applause greeted their every appearance. Mrs. Catt laid before a secret session of delegates the plans for the final drive on Congress for the federal amendment for woman suffrage, for which she feels the psychological moment has now arrived.

On the occasion of the presentation of a resolution deprecating the methods of the picketers at Washington, Dr. Shaw gave a memorable address, showing clearly the harm that these mistaken tactics have done the cause.

The sessions of the Convention, both business and social, were marked by the utmost enthusiasm. Suffragists everywhere are filled with new hope as is shown by the ease with which the funds for the coming year's work were raised.

Mrs. J. O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, was elected President of the State Association.

Miss Lucy Scull, Miss Sally Zimmerman and Mrs. E. E. Kiernan, all three from Somerset, were the delegates representing Somerset county at the Convention.

## IRA BEACHLEY RUN DOWN BY AUTO

Last Wednesday evening at about six o'clock, Ira Beachley, the well known merchant of Beachdale, was run down in the road near his home and painfully injured by an automobile belonging to, and driven by, the Scheller brothers of Berlin, who were on their way home from their lumber and saw mill operations near Beachdale.

The Scheller boys, who are said to be very careful drivers, saw Mr. Beachley ahead of the car in the road and sounded their horn. Mr. Beachley, who is blind, stepped to one side of the road, but before the car passed, it is said, he walked out in front of it and was struck and knocked down. Several ribs were fractured, his collar bone was cracked and one ear was almost torn from his head.

The Schellers deeply deplore the sad occurrence, and did everything in their power to make the injured man comfortable until medical attention could be secured for him. At last reports his condition was not alarming, but because of his advanced age rapid improvement cannot be expected.

## NOTICE

Article 'N' of the School Code is as follows:—All principals or other persons in charge of schools are hereby required to refuse the admission of any child to the schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician setting forth that such child has been successfully vaccinated, or that it has previously had small-pox. This applies to teachers and to janitors as well as to pupils.

The above article has recently been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and will be rigidly enforced at the reopening of our schools.

By Order of the Board.  
W. H. Kretchman,  
Sup. Prin.

## SPELLING BEE

An old fashioned "Spelling Bee" will be held at the Handwork school, in Summit township on Friday evening, November 30, 1917. Everybody is invited to attend.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Clarence H. Kennell has filed a libel in divorce against his wife Effie G. Kennell, of Southampton township, alleging desertion.

John G. Foley, of Johnstown, has filed a bill in equity in which he asks for the appointment of a receiver for the management of the Windber Opera House Company, of which Daniel Kough, of Windber, is a co-partner with the plaintiff Foley, alleging irregularities and unfair treatment on the part of defendant Kough.

The remains of Virgil R. Wooley, who was recently drowned in the Monongahela river, near Brownsville were brought to Somerset Friday morning. Funeral services Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Lowry of West Main street. Interment in the Husband cemetery.

The Annual School Directors' Institute of Somerset County convened in the assembly room of the Somerset court at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, with Homer D. Pyle, of Middlecreek township presiding. Over one hundred directors were in attendance at the three daily sessions which closed Wednesday evening. The program was highly entertaining and instructive throughout.

John R. and William A. Miller, of Paint township, have filed a bill in equity in the Somerset Court asking for the preliminary and permanent injunctions against D. L. and George Bisel, of Meyersdale, to restrain defendants from driving a drift coal mine into a tract or deposit of coal owned by plaintiffs in Summit township adjoining lands of A. L. Bittner, Samuel J. Miller and others, containing eight acres and one hundred and ten perches and interfering with the mining of plaintiffs' coal thru their own mine drift.

The late Miss Eleanor Keck, of Somerset, divided by will an estate estimated to be worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to her relatives, nearly all of whom reside in Germany, a country at war with U. S. In the meantime, the executor named in the will, the late W. Park Kooser, has died and ex-Judge Francis J. Kooser has been appointed his successor. Since it is impossible for Judge Kooser to communicate with the legatees while the war continues he has asked the Somerset Court for authority to invest their funds in U. S. Liberty bonds.

## ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

TO the Business and Professional Man:

In line with the steady increase shown in The Commercial's circulation under new management, and in order to accommodate such prospective advertisers as do not feel justified in running large display advertisements at regular intervals and to attract them to become steady customers, the following announcement is now made.

Effective December 6th, The Meyersdale Commercial will institute a distinctly new department in advertising, to be known as "THE COMMERCIAL'S UP-TO-DATE BUSINESS GUIDE AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY," in which will be listed the business name, location, telephone number and a brief general description of goods carried in stock, or of professional services available to the public; for which the charge of fifty (50) cents per month will be made, but no single ad listed will contain more than seven lines in type similar to that used in setting up this announcement. Out of town advertisements will be classified so that all from any single town or community will come under one main heading which will be similar in style to the type used in the heading to this announcement.

May I not expect a liberal and reasonably generous response from communities where The Commercial now enjoys a fairly large circulation, as in Garrett, Hollsopple, Hooversville, Berlin, Somerset, Rockwood, Sand Patch, Salisbury, Boynton, and in the country surrounding Meyersdale?

Eber K. Cockley,

Editor and Proprietor.

## WILLS PROBATED

The will of Elizabeth Woods late of Conemaugh township, was probated November 22, 1917. She bequeathed all her property, real and personal, to her husband, John E. Woods. John E. Woods and Harry J. Spory were appointed executors. The will was dated January 27, 1915, and witnessed by James G. Kaufman and Kore Kaufman.

The will of Sarah E. Carroll, late of Windber, was probated November 23, 1917. She bequeathed all her property to her daughters, Araminta Vanhorn and Eva Carroll Simons, and her son Grove Carroll. Eva Carroll Simons was appointed executrix. The will was dated May 28, 1917, and witnessed by Ida B. McKenzie and W. J. Vickroy.

The will of Noah Biesecker, late of Quemahoning township, was probated November 21, 1917. He bequeathed \$3,000 to the Somerset Trust Company at Somerset, \$5,000 to his nephew F. W. Biesecker and all the remainder of his estate to his grand-daughter Elizabeth Biesecker. F. W. Biesecker was appointed executor. The will was dated January 28, 1901, and witnessed by John Biesecker and Josiah Svanck.

Letters of Administration. Letters of administration have recently been issued as follows:

E. Cook, estate of Ella M. Bauman, late of Meyersdale Borough.

C. W. Walker, estate of Harvey Fritz, late of Somerset Borough.

Charles I. Shaver, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, has issued marriage licenses to the following parties during the past week:

Frank Sherman Durst and Bessie Fern Warnick, both of Grantsville, Md.; Palmer D. Wills and Lillian C. Lint, both of Somerset township; Robert R. Singo and Henrietta E. Miller, both of Middlecreek township; John H. Woodmancy, of Bidwell, and Mayabelle Woodmancy, of Confluence; George G. Grazier, M. D., of Johnstown, and Kathryn S. Cassler, of Hollsopple; Edwin Kobb, of Springs, and Elva Grace Gellert, of Elk Lick; John Gole, of Brothersvalley township, and Emma S. Meyers, of Summit township; Norman Emert and Florence Miller, both of Lincoln township; John K. Pritts and Tilda E. Guyan, both of Somerset.

## NEW STRETCH OF STATE ROAD

Governor Brumbaugh has approved the new stretch of State highway between Meyersdale and Garrett, for which Highway Commissioner Frank B. Black had contracted with R. B. Taylor and Co. before his resignation from office. Thus another link in the cross-county chain of highway sections, between Lincoln and National roads, is assured of construction for next summer. In fact there is every promise that the Taylor corporation will begin grading the new highway stretch almost immediately, if weather conditions are not too severe, because the Taylors have already a great steam shovel and other grading equipment on the ground preparatory to actual excavation work, which can be prosecuted by machinery through the winter months almost as successfully as during the warmer seasons of the year.

The Garrett - Meyersdale highway will encounter some considerable grading and filling to assure a modern and practicable roadway of high standing, involving the construction of a subway under the Baltimore and Ohio tracks west of Meyersdale and eliminating a very dangerous grade crossing there.

The road already passes underneath the Western Maryland railroad west of Meyersdale through a large and splendidly built tunnel, where no further subway construction will be necessary.

## A NEW HOME MISSION ENTERPRISE

A mission enterprise of the United Brethren Church at Ralphton is perhaps setting the pace along the line of progressive church activities in Somerset County. Y. M. C. A. work will be conducted in conjunction with the usual services of the congregation. The Rev. C. C. Kratzer, recently graduated from the theological department of Lebanon Valley College and who is specially trained in athletics, gymnastics and social entertainment features, will act in the dual capacity of pastor and Y. M. C. A. Secretary of the congregation's unique community project. Conference Superintendent J. S. Fulton, of Johnstown, was at Ralphton several days this week to help launch the church association campaign. It is understood that the Quemahoning Coal Co. which has extensive mining operations at Ralphton, is supporting the movement financially, one item of which being an annual contribution of \$1,000 toward the pastor's salary. The coal company will also contribute liberally for the erection of suitable buildings. Report is current that the company contemplates establishing similar community plants in its other mining towns.

## TROLLEY DID NOT RUN

The trolley car between Salisbury and Garrett did not run all day Tuesday, nor up until one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rumors were circulated broadcast to the effect that the absence of the car was due to the smallpox quarantine, but this was not the case. Repairs necessary to the boilers in the power house at Boynton caused the power to be shut off, which explains the car's absence.

The public sale of personal property on the Bissel farm, near Compton's Mill, in Elk Lick township, was about the biggest sale ever staged in that neighborhood. The day was perfect and the attendance was very large. Mr. Bissel, the wealthy Pittsburgher, who has owned this plantation of nearly three hundred acres for the past thirty years, recently sold it to Druggist E. H. Miller, of Salisbury for \$20,000, who in turn sold the farm to John Wingert for \$16,500, reserving the timber for a future sale.

## CUPID'S CORNER

Miss Elizabeth E. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller and Robert R. Singo, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Willis Singo, both of Middlecreek township, were married at Lavansville, by the Rev. H. M. Petrea.

Miss Kathryn S. Cassler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cassler, of Hollsopple, and Geo. C. Grazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Grazier, of Johnstown, were married at Stoyestown, by the Rev. Frank Wetzel.

Mrs. Minnie Enos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Blair, and Harry Smull, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smull, both of Boswell, were married at Somerser, by Charles I. Shaver, Clerk of the Orphans Court.

Miss Florence Elizabeth Dull daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Dull, and Everett Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Urias Musser, both of Rockwood, were married at Rockwood, by Dr. John Erler.

Olga Rae Millhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Millhouse, and Luke Thomas Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Glover, both of Rockwood, were married at Rockwood by the Rev. C. D. Knapp.

Miss Annie Hercula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hercula, and Andy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Miller, both of Macdonaldton, were married at Macdonaldton, by the Rev. F. J. McCarthy.

Miss Margie V. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Miller, of Somerset, and Frank W. Tipton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tipton, of Friends, were married at Lavansville, by the Rev. H. M. Petrea.

Mrs. Selma Gustafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gustafson, and Ott Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swanson, both of Windber, were married at Sipesville, by H. P. Kraft, Justice of the Peace.

## State College Announces Farmers' Week Program

The annual Farmers' Week at the Pennsylvania State College will be held this year on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—December 26, 27, 28 and 29. Although the period has been reduced to four days the program indicates that a large amount of practical information is in store for those who attend.

Lectures and demonstrations will be given in all phases of agriculture, including vegetable gardening and floriculture. A special home economics program has been arranged for the women who attend and also for the boys' and girls' club members.

Lecture periods, each one hour in length, will begin each day at 8:30 a. m. and last until 5:00 p. m. Double periods will be used when necessary for practicums and demonstrations. Evening programs will be general, and largely social or recreational.

Educational exhibits will be staged by various departments of the school of agriculture. Printed programs will be available for distribution December 1st.

The following Somerset boys who are in training at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., are enjoying a ten-day furlough with their parents and friends:—Walter Jones, Elmer Caddell and Stewart Brant.



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