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## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Levi C. Williams, who recently left his farm in Jefferson township in charge of one of his sons and removed to Somerset to retire from the more strenuous of human pursuits, has been conscripted by County Superintendent D. W. Seibert to teach the Plank Road School in Somerset township. 'Squire Williams was a very successful teacher during the seventies and eighties, a graduate of the famous New Centre Normal School that produced so many famous teachers in the past century. He didn't like the idea of returning to school work after a vacation of more than a score of years; but the county superintendent urged it was his patriotic duty to teach and the 'Squire didn't want to be a slacker, so he consented to teach.

Somerset Court adjourned Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. In the case of the commonwealth against Joseph Fenyea, charged with the murder of Steve Nagay, the defendant plead guilty to murder in the second degree. He was sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for a period of not less than three years nor more than five years.

In the case of the commonwealth against David Jackson, charged with the murder of John Johnson, both colored, at Altohouse, near Garrett, the defendant plead guilty to manslaughter, and will receive a sentence Monday.

The famous turkey case in which Alvin E. Fritz prosecuted Levan Ash on a charge of stealing five turkeys and selling them to a Johnstown produce merchant came to an end this afternoon, when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Because of the wealth and good standing of both litigants the case excited much interest, and the attorneys on both sides of the case fought for their clients as if thousands of dollars were involved.

After the jurors handed in their verdict Judge Ruppel called plaintiff and defendant before him and counseled them to become friends again, whereupon Messrs. Fritz and Ash shook hands and, seemingly, without any mental reservations, 'buried the hatchet.'

Libels in divorce in the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County have been filed as follows, all of which allege desertion as the proximate cause for their application for separation and divorce: Bessie May Chidester, of Addison township, against Eli F. Chidester; Harry Stull, against Minerva Shaffer Stull, of Windber; Steward E. Stahl, against Marian Lichty Stahl, of Somerset; and Catharine Stephenson Bradley, of Somerset township, against Francis J. Bradley.

A decree in divorce was handed down in the case of Blanche M. Hochard versus Milton C. Hochard, both of Somerset.

The December grand jury concurred with the county board of viewers in recommending that a new county bridge be built over Wells creek where the road leading from Shanksville to Listie crosses said stream.

Annie Walker St. Clair, of Jenner township, has filed a libel in divorce in the Somerset Court against Dorsie Lawrence St. Clair, alleging cruel and barbarous treatment.

## SAMUEL EDWARDS CONVICTED OF MURDER

### Last Week's Court Ground Out Long Grist of Criminal Cases.

The jury in the case of Samuel Edwards, the Ralphton Negro, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree for killing his wife last Summer, and he received the death sentence. David Jackson, colored, charged with the murder of John Johnson, another negro at Pine Hill, pleaded guilty of manslaughter, and he was sentenced to Western Penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than three years.

Joseph Fenyea, arraigned for the murder of Steve Nagay, at Lanstreet, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and he was sentenced to Western Penitentiary for not less than three years and not more than five years. A verdict of guilty was returned in the case of Constable Charles Baldwin, of Hooversville, charged with larceny by bailee. John Nick, the prosecutor, a night watchman employed by the Knickerbocker Smokeless Coal Company, alleged that Constable Baldwin failed to return \$1,200 taken from him when he was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Counsel for Constable Baldwin has made a motion for a new trial.

George Custer, charged with larceny, entered a plea of guilty and was directed to pay the prosecution, a fine of \$5 and a term of not less than 18 months nor more than two years in the Western Penitentiary.

The jury in the case of the commonwealth vs. Mike Kashinski, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs. Julius Grakopki was the prosecutor.

The case of the commonwealth vs. Harry Shaffer, charged with larceny, was ignored by the court.

A plea of guilty was entered in the case of the commonwealth vs. Frank Urban, charged with obstructing a process.

A settlement was reached in the case of the commonwealth vs. Anastasia Simoely, charged with aggravated assault and battery.

The jury returned a verdict finding John Ewanick not guilty of the charge of assault and battery and the prosecutor was directed to pay the costs of prosecution.

Steve Chivey was convicted of adultery and was directed to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Henry Ellis, charged with burglary.

The court ordered a continuance in the case of the commonwealth vs. Everett Pyle, charged with an offense against morality. Similar action was taken in the case of Nick Dibias, charged with larceny.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case of the commonwealth vs. Valso Drsky and Janlo Pleslovski, charged with aggravated assault and battery, and the defendants were directed to pay \$50 to the prosecutor, and the costs.

Mrs. Frank Boda, charged with assault and battery, was found not guilty and the costs divided, the defendant to pay two-thirds and the prosecutor one-third.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Andy Repiczki, charged with larceny and the costs of prosecution were equally divided.

Orders taken for Christmas Trees from 50c to \$1.00 at—  
**HABEL & PHILLIPS**

## MAE MARSH AS "POLLY"

In this beautiful photo-spectacle, "Polly of the Circus," which is the first of the remarkable Goldwyn productions to appear at the Auditorium Thursday, December 20th. This famous little star has one of the greatest roles of her entire career on the screen.



Mae Marsh

Goldwyn Pictures Star

## MOOSE HAD BIG TURNOUT

Although the weather outside was very rough and disagreeable, the Pig Roast which was held at the Moose Lodge rooms, on Centre street, last evening drew a large crowd from the vicinity of Meyersdale and the small towns nearby. This splendid social attraction was arranged under the able direction of Mr. Geo. J. Kennedy, who for a number of years has been connected with the Meyersdale Dairy Co. Dr. Bruce Lichty was the toastmaster, and appropriate music for the occasion was furnished by the Livengood Orchestra. One hundred and eighty persons were served at the big banquet tables and everybody present had a splendid time.

## ELECTION NOTICE

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Second National Bank of Meyersdale, Pa., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 8th, at 2:00 P. M., for election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.  
J. H. Bowman, Cashier.

## 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 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.

## FRANK PIERCE FATALLY INJURED AT GARRETT

Frank Pierce, the well known blacksmith, was fatally injured at the Baltimore and Ohio depot in Garrett shortly after six o'clock on Monday evening. Mr. Pierce, who has been employed at the Southside mine near Garrett, intended to come to his home here on train No. 16, which was running over an hour late. While crossing the tracks in front of the station to get over on the other side to catch his train, a light engine, number 4119, running backwards on the westbound track, struck Mr. Pierce and knocked him down, his right leg being run over and amputated just below the knee, and several bad cuts were found in his head also.

Dr. R. T. Pollard was summoned immediately and he accompanied Mr. Pierce through to Cumberland on train No. 16, where a hospital ambulance was waiting to meet the train and take the injured man to one of the hospitals there for attention.

Mr. Pierce, perhaps because of his advanced age, 50 years, was not able to withstand the shock, and he died in the hospital at 8:45 the same evening.

The deceased was widely known and well liked in this community, and the bereaved relatives and friends have the sympathy of all in this hour of sorrow.

## Evelyn Nesbit and Her Son, Russel Thaw, in "REDEMPTION"

Convincing proof of the tremendous impression created by the latest photoplay "Redemption" lies in the fact that it packed the Cohan Theatre, New York, to the doors for weeks. No play produced in years has met with such universal acclaim as marks "Redemption." There was not a single dissenter amongst the critics of the daily papers.

This latest work will be seen in this city at the Auditorium Tuesday evening, December 18th. Music by the Orchestra. Two shows, first show at 7 P. M., admission lower floor 25c, balcony 15c and 25c.

The story is based on the former life of Evelyn Nesbit, yet is distinctly away from it, and it is worked out so beautifully that one would hardly realize it is her life.

Her little son, Russell Thaw, and her husband, Jack Clifford are brought into the picture.

Russell Thaw is a precocious youth who has an especial appeal to women, and Jack Clifford does a modern dance with Miss Nesbit with excellent effect.

Evelyn Nesbit has always been considered a beautiful woman, and those seeing her on the screen will agree with the verdict. Clear photoplay, beautiful settings and an excellent supporting cast, due to the skill of Julius Steger and his associate director, Joseph A. Dolden, make "Redemption" the great picture that it is.

This production comes from Johnstown, Pa., playing the Cambria Theatre for three days, matinee and night, the management of the Auditorium has gone to a big expense to secure this attraction.

## W. M. NEW EQUIPMENT NOW IN SERVICE

The new all-steel cars that the Western Maryland Railway ordered months ago, but the delivery of which was held up on account of war conditions, have commenced to arrive, and are now in daily service between Baltimore and Pittsburgh on trains numbers 2 and 3.

The first train with these new cars left Baltimore Thursday, December 6th, and Pittsburgh Friday, December 7th.

Good loose Coffee 17c per lb., better ones at 20c & 25c per lb., at  
**HABEL & PHILLIPS**

## CUPID'S CORNER

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

George Huston and Freda Pearl Zimmerman, both of Hooversville; Royal Knepper and Blanch Yoder, both of Stoneycreek township; Newton H. Thomas, of Holsopple, and Mary A. Livingston, of Conemaugh; Harper May, of Boswell, and Edith May Adams of Jenner township; Richard C. Baldwin, of 110 Reg., 28th Division U. S. Army, and Leona C. Bevan, of Turtle Creek; Nile Dalbegg and Elizabeth Gustason, both of Windber.

## MARRIED

Mrs. Leona C. Bevan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rhodes, of Turtle Creek and Richard C. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Baldwin, of the U. S. Army were married at Somerset, by Charles J. Harrison, Justice of the Peace.

Miss Elizabeth Gustason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gustason, and Nile Dalberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sven Dalberg, both of Windber, were married at Windber, by W. J. Vickroy, Justice of the Peace.

Miss Maggie B. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, and Richard M. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, both of Stoneycreek township, were married at Somerset, by the Rev. Hiram Kink.

Miss May Berkebile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berkebile, of Quemahoning township, and Jordan Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Young, of Shade township, were married at Hooversville, by the Rev. G. A. Sparks.

Mrs. Mayabelle Woodmancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weyand, of Confluence, and John H. Woodmancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Woodmancy, of Bidwell, were married at Confluence, by the Rev. W. M. Bracken.

Miss Goldie Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Daniels, of Ohio Pyle, and Albert J. Faidley, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Faidley, of Markleton, were married at Maple Summit, by Albert McNair, Justice of the Peace.

Miss Silvia Hutzell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hutzell, of Summit township, and Harvey Lazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lazier, of Larimer township, were married at Meyersdale, by W. H. Hay, Justice of the Peace.

## MODERN WOODMEN AT HOLSOPPLE

District Deputy U. S. Werner, of Rockwood, instituted a local Modern Woodmen of America Camp at Hollsopple, Pa., Saturday evening last. The new lodge was launched with a charter membership of thirty. The following officers were elected: Past Consul, Harry Zimmerman, Hooversville; Venerable Consul, Fred S. Schmucker, Hollsopple; Worthy Advisor, Horatio E. Meyers, Hollsopple; Banker, Clarence R. Baker, Hollsopple; Camp Clerk, Daniel B. Spangler, Hollsopple; Escort, Peter T. Gindlesberger, Davidsville; Watchman, Willis Shumaker, Hooversville; Sentry, Silas Lehman Hooversville; Trustees, William P. Shoff and H. E. Meyers, both of Hollsopple, and Luther Lehman, of Hooversville.

The new order at Hollsopple was organized under favorable auspices. Prominent citizens are enrolled on its roster, and rapid growth is assured.

## 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



See our fine line of Holiday Jewelry before making a selection for Xmas.

**T. W. GURLEY**