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## Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Santo Lucente and son, Frank and daughter, Palma, have returned from Philadelphia, Pa., where they had gone by motor taking along with them their daughter, Miss Mary Lucente and Miss Georgia Reich Miss Horchler, of Salisbury, who are entered in the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music for a six weeks course.

The Rev. H. A. Carpenter has returned to his home in Hyndman, Pa., after closing his evangelistic meetings which were held at the First Christian Church.

Lloyd Cook, of Meyers Avenue, has returned to his home after visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cook, of Hyndman, Pa.

Rev. B. A. Black and son, James, left on last Wednesday morning by motor to visit relatives and friends in Alexandria, Huntington Co. James will remain for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stotler, of Broadway, returned the past Thursday from a visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stotler, in York, Pa.

Homer Reiber who is employed as lineman by the Western Union Telegraph Co., with headquarters at Everett, Pa., spent the past Saturday and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Reiber, of Sherman st.

John Reiber an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio R. Co. was summoned home on last Thursday due to the serious illness of his wife. Later reports are favorable to the condition of Mrs. Reiber.

Mrs. Ina Hendershot and young daughter, Loretta, of Grant street, left on last Friday for Pittsburgh, where she will visit with relatives and friends. From Pittsburgh Mrs. Hendershot and daughter will visit in Youngstown, Ohio and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meyers, of Grant street, returned the past Sunday from Pittsburgh, Pa., where they will visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Comes accompanied the party to Pittsburgh, she having spent the past few weeks at the Meyers home here.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Carroll of Johnstown, Pa., and Dr. Carl Evans of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the latter part of last week visiting their friend, Mrs. Gertrude Brown of this place.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Main Street had as her guests the past week Mrs. C. Conrad Compton of Donora, Pa., and Mrs. John Handler and her grandson Dickey of Monessen, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Habel have returned from a western trip which carried them as far as the state of Iowa.

The Misses Helen Saylor, Evelyn Austin, Grace Bowman, Mary Schrock left on the past Monday morning for California State Normal where they are enrolled for the summer course at that place to resume their studies in teachers work.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Seese and son William of Johnstown were the guests of Mrs. Seese's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deeter Sunday last.

Howard Gress, instructor in the Altoona High School is spending the vacation at the home of his father, Burgess Valentine Gress of Salisbury street.

Mrs. H. E. Bittner returned on Sunday from a visit to relatives at Vanderbilt, Pa.

Edgar Berkley and family of Seward, Pa., spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harvey J. Bittner of Main street.

Lamar Shelbair, who is employed as foreman at White Plains, N. Y., at a bus garage spent several days with his family here.

Richard Horning and son William, recently returned from a trip to Baltimore, Atlantic City and Philadelphia. They also visited James Horning, who is manager of an American Chain Store in Philadelphia.

Miss Esther Staer and brother George Staer of High Street left on the past Tuesday for Homestead, Pa., where they will visit at the home of their brother, Francis Staer.

J. F. Poorbaugh, wife and daughter of Lincoln, Nebraska, is visiting relatives and friends in Somerset County. Mr. Poorbaugh was born and grew to manhood in Northampton Township, but has made his home in Nebraska for more than 30 years.

## DR. HIRAM KING RETIRED MINISTER DIES AT SOMERSET

**Veteran of Civil War in His 90th Year; Served as Reformed Pastor 56 Years—Funeral on Tuesday.**

The Rev. Dr. Hiram King, one of the oldest retired ministers in Pennsylvania, and a veteran of the Civil War, died at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning at his residence in Somerset. Death was attributed to infirmities incident to age. Dr. King was in his 90th year.

Dr. King had served as a minister of the Reformed denomination for 56 years. He was born near Cochran's Mills, Armstrong County, on July 17, 1839. He was a son of Thomas and Catherine King and the youngest of a family of 10 children, six sons and four daughters.

On August 28, 1841, Dr. King was baptized by the Rev. William Weinel, one of the pioneer Reformed ministers of Western Pennsylvania. The King family lived on a farm near South Bend, Armstrong County, and Dr. King grew up in the rural districts and he received his primary education in the public schools there. On May 16, 1857, Dr. King was confirmed, a member of St. Jacob's Reformed Church, near South Bend, by the Rev. Frederick Wise.

On July 30, 1856, Dr. King was married to Miss Sarah Frantz, also of South Bend. When the Governor of Pennsylvania called for volunteers to protect Western Pennsylvania and adjoining territory against threatened raids by the Confederate Army after the Battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863, Dr. King enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Militia. These companies were stationed for the most part in the State of Ohio. The emergency having passed, these forces were discharged at the end of 90 days of service. In September, 1864, Dr. King again laid aside his work and his studies and enlisted in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and served until the close of the war. His regiment was stationed mainly in forts along the borders of the conflict. In June, 1865, Dr. King was honorably discharged from the army.

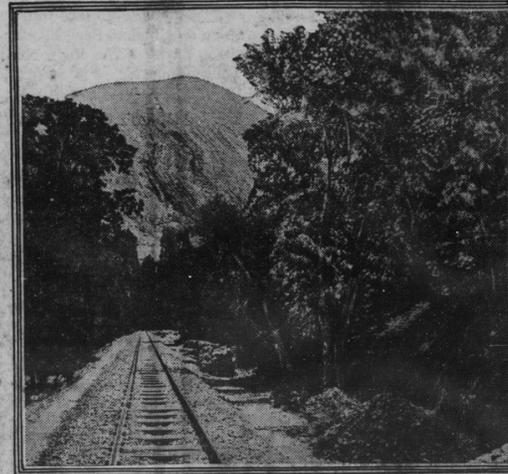
By that time Dr. King's family had increased, there being four children born—Ida Catherine, Arthur Adolphus, Laura Eugenie and Irene Rosetta. From time to time Dr. King attended subscription schools in the community, sessions of Elder Ridge and Elderton academies, and occasionally studied privately under ministers and teachers. In 1868 he entered the junior class of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster from which he graduated in 1870 with a high standing in his class.

Dr. King then entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, spending one year at Mercersburg and two years at Lancaster, to which place the seminary had been removed. He graduated from the seminary in 1873. Having received a call from the Bellefonte charge, Eastern Synod, Dr. King was licensed to preach and was ordained to the ministry by the West Susquehanna Classis and installed as pastor at Bellefonte. He was stationed at Bellefonte from 1873 to 1879, and during his pastorate there he was instrumental in the organization of a Reformed congregation in Lock Haven. After resigning from the Bellefonte charge Dr. King spent the next two years in temporary mission work at Ridgely, Md.; Allegheny City and DuBois, Pa.

In 1881 Dr. King became the pastor of the Somerset Reformed Church, Pittsburgh Synod, and served the charge for 32 years. The charge was composed of two congregations—Somerset and Lavansville, the latter place near Somerset. In 1886 two other congregations, Shanksville and Glade, were added to the Somerset charge. Dr. King served these charges 13 years without any conveyance, making frequent long journeys on foot. In 1904 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Dr. King by his alma mater, Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. King continued to serve the Somerset charge until 1913, when he resigned and retired from a regular pastorate.

Dr. King did not cease to exercise the functions of the ministry upon his retirement, serving for 14 years as chaplain of the Somerset County Home. He conducted services for the inmates and employees regularly

## IN the LEBANON



Scene in the Lebanon Country.

## ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF G. A. R. AND SONS OF UNION VETERANS RECENTLY HELD AT GETTYSBURG

**Interesting Description of Gettysburg Encampment on Historic Site of the Decisive Battle of the Civil War—Gigantic Parade Extends Over Four Mile Route—Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, of the U. S. Army Among Distinguished Visitors.**

The 63rd annual encampment of the G. A. R. Dept. Penna. and the 49th encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept. Pa., was held at Gettysburg, Pa., June 15 to 22nd.

The fast thinning ranks of the Union Army that fought the battle on the hills and fields around the little town of Gettysburg was a fraction of the crowd present. Augmenting the dwindling ranks of the Grand Army of Republic were the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans Armed Reserve.

Headquarters of the G. A. R. was established at the Hotel Gettysburg. Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans were at the Eagle Hotel. The Sons of Veterans Reserve camped on the "Wheatfield," that section of the battlefield which was the whirlpool of the 2nd days battle. This was the most hotly contested part of the battle; it was fought over 6 times on the afternoon of July 2nd, 1863; it was drenched with the blood of 4133 who were killed there.

On this field the Reserve Sons of Veterans pitched their tents. The camp was named Col. E. E. Davis in honor of the Supt. of the Gettysburg battlefield. This camp was opened with devine services Sunday, June 16th.

Three Battalions were encamped under the command of Col. Edwin John Prittie Chief of Staff of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. On Monday, June 17th, 17 members of Meyersdale's Sons of Veterans Reserve Co. 4th Regt. left for the encampment. They were brigaded with Co. E under Capt. G. M. Strauss, of Williamsport. 2nd Battalion under Maj. J. W. Post.

Following was the daily routine of camp life.

DRILL CALLS	
First Call.....	5:45 A. M.
Reveille.....	6:00 A. M.

every two weeks. He also served as chaplain of R. P. Cummings Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for the past 40 years.

During his ministry, Dr. King was a number of times President of Classis and also served one term as President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Dr. King's wife, Sarah (Frantz) King, preceded him to the grave in 1913 in her 77th year. He is survived by three children—Arthur Adolphus King, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Laura Eugenie Ferner and Mrs. Irene Rosetta Platt, both of Somerset.

Funeral services were held at the King residence at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. George L. Roth, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal and the Rev. Frank Wetzel. Interment in the Union Cemetery.

## SUSTAINS FRACTURED COLLAR BONE WHEN STRUCK BY TRUCK

**Katherine Wagner, 5, Runs in Front of Delivery Truck—Removed to Hospital Where Fracture is Reduced.**

On last Saturday afternoon about four o'clock a very sad and unfortunate accident occurred when Katherine Wagner, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dove Wagner, of lower High street was hit by the McKenzie & Co. delivery truck which was driven by Robert Gauntz. The accident occurred in front of Casey's Cafe.

Robert Gauntz the driver of the truck was coming down Center street when the little girl who had gone into Casey's Cafe to buy some candy and having made her purchase came out of the store, she naturally started to run across the street to her aunt, Miss Millie Wagner. The driver of the truck, not being able to see the little one coming out from between parked cars, was upon her before he could bring the truck to a stop which was going at a very moderate speed. The little sufferer was picked up by Clyde Kunkel, Manager of Wes Kunkel's Billiard Parlors, being assisted by the driver, Robert Gauntz, and she was immediately rushed to The Hazel McGilvery Hospital where surgical aid was at once given to the little girl.

The little one received a fractured collarbone. The girl was in extremely great pain when the collarbone was set. The injured party was brought to the home of her parents on lower High street the past Monday where she is getting along as well as can be expected.

## Over Eating Fatal To

### Python in Indiana

Even a snake must watch its calories, it was proven by the death of Anderson, Indiana, on the past Saturday, when a large python snake owned by O. F. Stribble, of San Antonio, Texas, said to be worth \$10,000.00 died from over eating. The reptile which was 32 feet long, weighed 400 pounds. The reptile had consumed 27 chickens during the last week of its life.

One of our cynical bachelor friends says that June may be the month when wedding bells ring but it is to be remembered that it is also the month which brings the poison ivy.

One thing that it doesn't seem to pay to sell second handed is Uncle Sam's postage stamps.

precision of regular troops. This was the first Reserve encampment since 1917, 3 Battalions were present, the reserve is now growing and next year it is hoped to be larger.

The coming of night the men being tired after such a big day wrapped themselves in their blankets and went to sleep on the ground, that ground which was consecrated with the blood of their fathers and grandfathers.

The business sessions of the Sons and G. A. R. were held in the St. Francis Exaviers Hall of the Church which was a hospital during the battle. Dept. officers were elected and other important business transacted.

A new project is now under way, the establishment of a National Home for aged Sons of Veterans. This will be acted upon at the National encampment which will be held Sept. 1929 at Portland, Me.

The officers of the local H. C. McKinley Camp S. of V. met the new Dept. of Pa. G. A. R. Commander, Mr. Phil Engelskirger and Mr. S. P. Towne, Adj. Gen'l, who gave them counsel and good advice on conducting the business and welfare of their camp. The boys all had a good time meeting with the Boys of 61.

The Reserve Companies policed the town and assisted the G. A. R. Veterans across the streets. Everyone conducted themselves with proper decorum.

Next year the state encampment will be held in New Castle, Pa. The Sons of Veterans there have had \$5000 ready the past 10 years to entertain the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans. On to New Castle 1930!

## SALISBURY MAN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN LADDERS FALL

**Charles May Rendered Unconscious When Precipitated to Ground While Painting James Harding Dwelling—Sustains Fractures and Bruises.**

On Thursday, June 20, while Charles May, of Salisbury, was painting a gable end of James Harding's residence, his scaffold, consisting of three ladders gave way, with the result that Mr. May came down with the ladder and was found on top of them in an unconscious condition. It is estimated that he fell about 27 feet.

Dr. Hoke was summoned at once and by the time the doctor arrived, Mr. May had regained consciousness. He was removed to his home and later an X-ray picture revealed fractures of the ball of the radius bone of the left arm. His right hand and right arm suffered from severe sprains, so that it is very difficult and painful to use these members at this time.

A severe bump above his right eye, probably occasioned by his head hitting some part of the building in his descent is thought to have rendered him unconscious before reaching the ground.

At this writing Mr. May is getting along fine. The Commercial wishes him a speedy recovery.

Mr. James Harding who was standing near was barely missed by one of the ladders when the scaffold collapsed.

## Niverton Miner Badly Frightened As He Drops Into "Fiery Furnace"

On Wednesday, June 19 while Earnest Durst, of Elk Lick Township was busily engaged at his work of mining coal, the bottom on which he was standing gave way and dropped with him into a burning cavity below. Some other men who were at work on the job helped him out of his precarious position. He escaped without receiving any burns. Mr. Durst was very much frightened, otherwise he was reported not hurt.

Mr. Durst is engaged by the Bird Brothers who are removing a four foot seam of coal at Niverton after uncovering the same. The big vein under neath has been on fire for many years, which has burned out much of the coal, leaving cavities which at times allow the upper surface to drop. Such a drop or fall occurred while Mr. Durst was on top.

## Reads With Flashlight Making World's Record



Elinor Smith, 11 year old girl fyer who set a new world's record for women this week by remaining aloft 26 hours, 21 minutes and 32 seconds. In breaking the previous mark by more than four hours Miss Smith flew all night. At 11 o'clock the lights of her plane gave out. Using her flashlight torch she relieved the terrific strain of the night by reading "Tom Sawyer."

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## Elaborate Services Mark Celebration of Silver Anniversary

**Meyersdale Congregation Observes Completion of Father Brady's Twenty-five Years of Service in the Priesthood—Many Visiting Priests Attend Services—Father Brady Presented With Purse.**

The very Rev. John J. Brady, beloved pastor of S. S. Philip and James Catholic Church of Meyersdale very fittingly observed his 25th year in the Priesthood on Sunday, June, 23rd. The services began at 11 A. M. with a Solemn High Mass, with the Very Rev. John J. Brady as Celebrant. Rt. Rev. John J. McCort, D. D., Bishop of Altoona, Presided. Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. N. Codori, L. L. D., P. R., V. G., Pastor of Saint Gualberts Church of Johnstown, Pa., preached the sermon, and in his usual eloquent manner spoke of the boyhood days of Father Brady and of his intimate friendship he has contracted with Very Rev. J. J. Brady. He also spoke of the fine sterling qualities of which Father Brady is the possessor and of the great love he has always had for his little children.

Rt. Rev. John J. McCort D. D., Bishop of The Altoona Diocese, was the next speaker and also gave a wonderful talk on "Charity and Love," love for one another, not only among Catholics but of all creeds and all peoples. He spoke most beautifully on the word "Charity," and the fine descriptive pictures on that subject which he so vividly painted in the minds of his listeners cannot be easily erased.

The following were in attendance at the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Solemn High Mass of Very Rev. John J. Brady:

Rt. Rev. John J. McCort, D. D., Bishop of Altoona; Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. N. Codori, L. L. D., P. R., V. G., Pastor of St. Gualberts Church, Johnstown, Pa.; Rt. Rev. Hugh O'Neil, P. R., Ebensburg, Pa.; Rt. Rev. James Sess, P. R., Loretto, Pa.; Rev. Dr. Philip Behan, Johnstown, Pa.; Rev. Florence McCarty, Bakerton, Pa.; Rev. Frank Cocoran, Lilly, Pa.; Rev. James Graven, Cresson, Pa.; Rev. Howard Miller, West Salisbury, Pa.; Rev. James Urganus, Hooversville, Pa.; Very Rev. James Quinn, St. Patrick's Church, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. Joseph Nolan, Frostburg, Md.; Rev. Geo. Tragrassor, Mt. Savage, Md.; Rev. John Barrett, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Father Thomas, O. M. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. Father Francis, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. Father Philip, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. Father Clarence, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. Anthony Scarpatti, Westminster, Md.; Rev. John Brennan, Midland, Md.; Rev. Joseph Carr, St. Michaels, Pa.; Rev. Gerald Finan, Frostburg, Md.; Rev. Charles Falen, Washington, D. C.

Immediately following the services a very delicious lunch was served to all out of town guests attending the services, in the Parish Hall which was served by the ladies of the Church.

On Sunday evening immediately after Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church the members of the congregation and the friends of Father Brady repaired to the Parish Hall where a fine program of musical acts and other numbers were carried out, and at which time the presentation of the purse as presented to Very Rev. John J. Brady. The program which was rendered at the Hall was as follows:

Joseph F. Reich, was President and Chairman of the Committees, George Logue, Treasurer, and Philip Reich was Secretary. At the beginning of the program Joseph F. Reich requested the audience to arise and sing "America." The audience was accompanied by John Sherman, Jr., and his sister, Miss Evelyn Sherman who played the piano. John Sherman played the violin.

The next number was presented by the Sherman Duo and they received hearty applause. The second number on the program was presented by Miss Betty Lou Lacavera and Charles Fallon, Jr., who displayed their wares very capably on the Bu-

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