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### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

#### Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

#### A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

The "Courier" Representative Sees Many Chances for Improvement.

In making the rounds looking for news the COURIER representative sees many evils existing in the borough, which should be remedied.

One of the worst features is that when the business men adjacent to the paved streets take great pains in cleaning the same, and placing the dirt in piles ready for the Street Commissioner to have removed, but instead of disposing of it in some manner, it lays there until the heavy winds, which are quite frequent here, blows the dirt and filth over the streets again, with the exceptions of that which is carried into the manholes of the sewers, and these piles of dirt are also left on the streets to be carried right back into the receptacles. This system should be greatly improved.

Another bad feature in the make-up of our town is the many dilapidated sidewalks adjacent to the streets paved. One that calls the attention of many is the sidewalk in front of the public building, the postoffice. This one, above all, should be the best in the town, but instead, it is the most dilapidated of the lot. Then there are several more old wooden walks on Magee avenue which should be replaced with more substantial ones. Fifth avenue also needs a few more brick walks to compel it to take on a metropolitan air.

It is an easy matter to cite many more evils, but in giving the above for the citizens to ponder over, the COURIER will rest on the subject until next week.

#### Our Congressional Entertainers.

The Washington, (D. C.) Evening Star of Tuesday, May 10th, contained the following: Representative Throp entertained a party of distinguished guests at dinner on Monday. Those present were: Postmaster General Smith, Senator Bate, of Tennessee, Senator Foraker, Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, Representatives Cannon, Bostell and Graf, of Illinois, Grosvenor and Dick, of Ohio, Grout of Vermont, Richardson, of Tennessee, the democrat leader, Page Morris of Minnesota, Moody, of Massachusetts, Benton, of Missouri, Dismore of Arkansas, Latimer, of South Carolina, Levy, of New York, Littlefield, of Maine, and McAleer, of Pennsylvania.

#### Track Hands Receive More Wages.

Several hundred track repair hands employed on the mountain district of the Pennsylvania Railroad are affected by an order that went into effect a day or so ago, granting them an increase in their wages from \$1.12 to \$1.56 per day. This advance is probable granted with the desire that more men may be secured for this class of work, and that the class of workmen will be improved. A railroad man states that the scarcity of labor had been rapidly approaching a critical point, some of the sections having only three or four men at work on them.

#### Wreck Disastrous.

L. M. Delozier, conductor of the Spangler branch coal train leaving here at 6:45 a. m., met with a painful injury at Spangler Saturday. He had jumped from the engine to attend to some railroad business, and by the time he had got through the rear end of the train had passed several car lengths, and Mr. Delozier made a dash for the train. In some manner he stumbled and fell, dislocating his right wrist and a finger on the left hand. The injury will compel him to take a vacation of several days.

#### Rib Broken.

F. S. Yingling, who is employed at the clay works, met with an accident two weeks ago last Friday in which he had a rib broken. He did not know that he was so severely injured and kept right on with his duties. Last Thursday it commenced to pain him considerably, and he called on Dr. Murray, who pronounced it a broken rib. Frank is now taking the rest he should have had for the past two weeks.

#### Building an Addition.

G. J. Fitzpatrick has the foundation completed for the erection of a two-story addition to his building on Magee avenue, 20x28 feet. The increasing trade Mr. Fitzpatrick is enjoying compels him make more room for his restaurant and store business. He expects to have same completed in a month.

#### A MUSICAL

To be Given in the School Building Tuesday Evening.

A musical entertainment will be given in the assembly room of the Public school building, May 22nd. There are very few people who are not passionately fond of music. Such a variety of instrumental and vocal music will be rendered as will satisfy the various tastes of the audience. Several humorous mixed quartets will be given that will amuse and delight you. Then there will be classical selections that will satisfy the more cultured lovers of music. Mrs. Hasson will sing two choice solos. Miss Pickering and Mrs. Hasson will render that most excellent duet, "Cheerfulness." In short the vocal part of the program will consist of Mixed and Male Quartets, duets, solos, and a chorus. Do you like good reciting? You know that Miss Earley possesses rare talent and that she always pleases. She will give two of her best selections. Other recitations will be given by members of the school.

A great feature of the program will be the playing of Prof. Druckenmiller, of Johnstown who is a master of music. Those who know of Prof. Druckenmiller's playing will be delighted to hear that he is going to be with us and that he will render three or four selections. Persons who have never heard a real master of music should not fail to be present on this occasion; those who have will be glad to hear another. This feature of the program is well worth the price of admission. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Benefit of piano fund.

#### South Fork's Prosperity.

At South Fork Thursday night the organization of the South Fork Brick Company was effected, and it was announced that a charter will be applied for, the capital stock being \$50,000. The incorporators are: W. J. Steiner, President; Edward A. Barry, Secretary-Treasurer and manager; N. A. Lohr, Hon. John M. Rose and Harvey C. Steiner, directors. Mr. Lohr for a long time has been manager of the extensive fire brick plant of the Haws company, Johnstown. The new plant will have a capacity of about 30,000 bricks a day, and will use the clay that is now the property of the Steiners, of South Fork, which will be transferred to the South Fork Brick Company in a few days. The mills will be built in the valley on the south fork of the Conemaugh and will be thoroughly equipped with new machinery. It is stated that the original intention was to conduct the plant at Johnstown but the coal mining town of South Fork came to the front with better efforts.

#### Died in an Eastern Hospital.

Miss Catharine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Jenkins, of this place, died in an Eastern hospital, Tuesday last week, after a long illness of consumption. When quite young Miss Jenkins fell off a rocking chair and injured her spine, and at the age of 17 years the young lady was taken to a hospital, where she has been 13 years, thus making her 30 years of age at the time of her death. The remains were brought to Patton for burial Saturday evening, and were laid to rest in the Fair View cemetery Sunday afternoon after services at the home. Miss Jenkins was a patient sufferer and bore her misfortunes with much fortitude. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

#### Contracted for the Clock.

On Thursday the trustees of St. Benedict's church of this place entered into a contract with the Howard Watch Co. for a large four-dial town clock which is to be placed in the tower of St. Benedict's church, says the Carrolltown News. This clock will prove to be a great convenience to the people of this community. The work of preparing the tower for the clock will begin in a few days and will be completed as rapidly as possible.

#### Unlucky Thirteen.

The Johnstown Tribune says that the superstitious may find some food for their pet fancies in the fact that Sunday evening's fatal accident at New Florence occurred on the passing of train No. 12, on the 13th day of the month, and in its 13th hour; it will also be noticed that Mr. Fersching was twelve 13 years old, and he lived 13 minutes after the doctor arrived.

#### Finches Drive Bears Out.

Four bears were driven out of the woods by fierce flocks of six miles south of Wellsboro, Pa., last week. The fire warden, with a company of men, was engaged in fighting fire when the bears were discovered. They turned their attention from the fire to the bears, with the result that three young bears were captured, but the mother bear got away.

#### LIFE SAVED BY WHEELER.

Noble Old Commander Tramped Beside Him Many Miles.

A tribute to the gentle heart of General Joe Wheeler came in a letter from John Witherow, a private in the Seventeenth infantry, to his parents at Coalport. The letter is written from Bayombong, where Witherow is recovering from a wound in the knee received in a campaign near Panique. The writer tells with gratitude how "General Joe" saved his life. Witherow was obliged to march with his column to Camaling, the expedition having no ambulances to carry the wounded. He staggered along bravely for a time, but the wound weakened him greatly. Finally, in despair, he was about to drop along the swampy trail, when General Wheeler rode up. Seeing the exhausted soldier, the general leaped from the saddle and made the boy mount in his place.

Then the gray old leader trudged ahead knee deep through the swamp, 9 miles to Camaling, while the wounded private rode his horse.

#### ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of Unclaimed Letters for Week Ending May 12.

The following is a list of advertised letters remaining in the Patton Post-office, Saturday May 12, 1900. To obtain any of these letters the applicant should call for "advertised letters" if not called for within two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office: Karl Anderson, Miss Jennie Adams, E. P. Ferguson, Miss Mary Hunter, Frank Johnson, Ella Krom, Miss Alice Lowmyre, L. L. Millard, Thos. Newell, Mrs. Ella Penberthy, Lizzie Ross.

#### E. WILL GREENE, Postmaster.

#### Paces the Best Armor.

Word from Washington says a prominent officer of the U. S. Navy has invented a shell that will penetrate any armor manufactured, either abroad or at home. At the Indian Head testing grounds yesterday one of the shells, fired from a six-inch naval rifle with smokeless powder, plugged a clean hole through a Harvey steel armor four-inch thick. Some armor of Krupp armor submitted for test, and therefore supposed to be of the best quality, the new shell penetrated almost as bullets fired from a Krupp gun. The difference being that the Krupp armor plates split from the point of impact. While the secret of the shell's manufacture is being jealously guarded by the Navy Department, some facts so startling in their importance were laid before the Senate that a secret legislative session was held one day last week at the close of the regular one.

#### Knocked the Prop Out.

John Machoke, a Sonman miner refused to listen to the advice of his fellow-workmen and insisted on being allowed to knock a prop from under the roof. He was remonstrated time and again and cautioned of the danger, but he declared to the workmen that he was not afraid of anything. In this he erred, and the funeral took place at Sonman Saturday afternoon. The prop, which the fellow-workmen of Machoke declared supported not less than five tons of slate and loose earth, was knocked from its position by Machoke Friday. Instantly there was a fall of earth and slate that completely covered the unfortunate miner, and when fellow-workmen released him by shoveling away four or five tons of earth, he was dead. Machoke leaves a wife and family in the old country. It was his intention to send for them in a short time.

#### An Elmhurst Printer Dead.

Edward J. Luther, whose serious illness from typhoid fever was referred to in these columns some time ago, died at the home of his parents in Elmhurst Thursday last week at 5 o'clock. He was in his 28th year and had lived at the county seat most of his life, learning the trade of a printer there, but being employed at the time he contracted his illness on the Herald of Bradford. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Luther, and, in addition to his parents, is survived by a sister, Miss Maud. He was a very worthy young man, and exceedingly popular in his circle of acquaintances. The funeral took place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with services in the Holy Name Catholic church at Elmhurst.

#### Last.

A gold bracelet and lock between the residence of E. Will Greene and Good building, or in Good Hall, Friday evening. Finder will please return same to this office or Mable Robinson.

### YEARLY REPORT SUBMITTED

#### Epworth League Done Much Good Work.

#### A NET GAIN OF \$70.37

Over Last Year's Report—Many New Members are Enrolled.

On the occasion of the Epworth League Anniversary held in the Methodist Episcopal church held at Patton on Sunday evening, May 13th, the following report was submitted by the retiring president, M. B. Cowher: He opened his remarks by saying that he was forced to the conclusion, while thinking over the report, that the work of a live Epworth League, and its influence for good, cannot be told. It must be experienced to be appreciated. And, after a brief reference to the noble work of the organization, exhorting all Christian people to become members of same and workers for the cause, he proceeded with his report of each department in consecutive order.

#### Report on Spiritual Work.

Renel Somerville, First V. P. It affords me very great pleasure to report on the growth and spiritual development of the Patton chapter of the Epworth League at the close of the year, ending May 13th, 1900. The absence of necessary information prevents us from giving a detailed report, but generally speaking, the year last passed has been one of strong spiritual development. A strong revival spirit has prevailed during the entire year, with most marked developments during the winter revival period, at which time many, young and old, embraced the opportunity of seeking the Saviour while He might be found, knelt at the foot of the Cross, and received the blessed assurance that all was well with their souls. Many of these converts have entered their names on the rolls of our League, and are showing the world by their outward lives that they have taken up their respective Crosses, and are endeavoring to do their Master's will.

A number of new names have been added to our rolls by reason of promotions from the Juniors. These have proven themselves gallant soldiers of the Cross, upon whom the older members may lean in later years. The Sunday school and Epworth League have been traveling hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder in their war against ignorance, wickedness, idleness and a host of other evils that influence and retard the spiritual growth of the young. Their co-laborers have proven advantageous to each other and we cannot impress too strongly the importance of every boy and girl, and even the older boys and girls, learning the beautiful truths taught in the Sunday school and the practical lessons drawn from the discussion of the various subjects in the devotional meetings of the Epworth League.

During the year we have had some 52 devotional meetings, all of which were well attended, and in which many beautiful thoughts have been uttered and practical lessons taught. The success of the devotional meetings has been due to the careful consideration given to the subjects for discussion, as well as the prayerful attention to which they have been listened during the year.

The head of this department is greatly indebted to the leaders appointed for their earnest and laborious efforts in making each meeting a success. And too much praise cannot be given to those, who, from time to time, under the most trying circumstances, have participated in making the meetings interesting to an appreciative audience. While we crave no individual honor, yet we can but flatter ourselves in belonging to the magnificent array of young men and women organized in a body, having for their motto, "Look Up! Lift Up!" and who go forward having always in view the highest ideals of life, even as the wise men of the East had in view the Star of Bethlehem.

We look with just pride on what our League has done the last year, but when we gaze on the boundless universe and see the possibilities and opportunities neglected, we can but say in the language of the poet:

"Oh! all sad words of tongue and pen,  
The saddest are those that have been said."

As the retiring officers step down and out, and place the Ship of State within the hands of a new crew, it is with no feeling of hesitation we surrender our respective offices, for we know the incoming officers to be true and tried seamen; that the craft has been safely

launched, and is officered and manned by a crew who will know no mutiny. We feel, that with the Holy Bible as their chart, and faith, hope and charity as their compass, they will have a safe voyage. We wish you many God speeds.

#### Mercy and Help Department.

Miss Minnie Spottwood, Sec. V. P. The service rendered by this Department could best be told by the sick and unfortunate. It does not come out so conspicuously as other branches of work, as it is done largely by silent work, but a great blessing it is to the church. The report is as follows: Twelve visits were made to families in interest of League work. Seventy-five visits to the sick and flowers sent 18 times. Delicacies have been sent to the sick by members of the League, under direction of this department, every week during the year. Provisions were furnished to families in need during the months of June, July, December and April. Eight dollars and twenty-five cents were raised by members of this committee to help families in poor circumstances. Clothing was donated at five different times. The chairman of this department reports having attended prayer meeting held by the League every week during the year with five exceptions.

#### Literary Department.

W. W. Stratiff, Third V. P. It affords us great pleasure to report on the Literary Department of Patton Chapter of the Epworth League at this, the close of the year, ending May 13th, 1900, and to outline in brief the work done during that period. It is with a just degree of pride we survey the many pleasant evenings in literary and social amusements during our incumbence in office, and, as we pause before surrendering our sacred trust to the incoming officers, our hearts swell with gratitude to the many persons who have assisted us in making the several entertainments sources of education, recreation and amusement.

During the last year it has been our pleasure to give six entertainments, the merit of which you are the best judge. In them we have endeavored to bring before the public a variety of talent such as could be pleased the most fastidious mind. In these entertainments we have endeavored to afford amusement and recreation of a high intellectual character, and have derived therefrom, in voluntary contributions, the substantial showing of nearly \$100. We leave in the hands of the treasurer, after paying all expenses, the magnificent sum of \$75.

At this period we desire to thank those who have so ably assisted us in carrying out the programs of the various entertainments, as well as the general public, which has contributed so liberally and cheerfully on all occasions.

#### Social Department.

Mrs. C. C. Greeninger, Fourth V. P. In one particular have I observed the work of this department with much appreciation. Strangers, as they come to town, are looked up by members of this committee and invited to church, and it is due to this department largely that we have so many traveling men and strangers with us from time to time. The hotels of the town are canvassed every Sunday morning, and a grand work it is to welcome the strangers. Decoration is also the work of this department and I feel warranted in saying that our church has never before been so beautifully arrayed with flowers and various decorations, as it has been our privilege to behold on several occasions during the year past.

#### Treasurer.

Frank McClure, shows that we have cash on hand at this date even \$75, all bills and expenses during the year paid. Included in this amount is \$4.63, which was in the hands of the treasurer at the time we became officers one year ago, an increase of \$70.37. The source of this neat profit we credit to the Department of Literary work, which was so successfully superintended by our third vice president, Bro. Stratiff.

#### Secretary.

Miss Lizzie Brewer. We can only say for our secretary that we have always found her able and willing to give any desired information from the records which she has kept in a most accurate and creditable style.

#### Organist.

Miss Mattie Gonsaulis. As an evidence of her faithful and satisfactory service it is only necessary to say that on the evening of the election of officers held last week there was no other name considered, and her re-election was unanimous.

#### For Sale.

A 4-year-old driving mare. Well broke for single or double driving. No reasonable offer refused. P. P. Young, 2217