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SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Version of the Pig Story.

It is said that a story never gets old by being retold, and the observer has noticed that what goes into circulation does not get away until it loses its luster to its author. A most interesting perversion of real facts came to notice a few days ago through the Philadelphia Times, who sent us a clipping from the New York of the 19th ultimo. The story reads:—
"A man named Truax, a farmer living near Conneaut, Fulton county, had a pig stolen last spring. This pig was declared by his owner, H. Mallot, of having been brought suit against him for it. One day he looked in a Malaga, and although the occurrence was all grown porkers, Truax found one he declared was his. He was tried on Wednesday and brought into court. Truax was clearly identified, falling to his knees, and pleading guilty. The judge instructed the jury to a verdict of not guilty. The amount of \$46, were on the county."

OUR HUNTERS.

Scott Unger and his brother Maynard, of Ayr township, each succeeded in killing a fine wild turkey last week. W. Scott Brant, has killed six nice ones this season. He was lucky enough to bring two fine ones down with one shot.
Daniel Treite, of Ayr township, shot a thirteen pound wild turkey, on Saturday last. It was a beautiful gobbler and quite a crowd of sportsmen young and old took a long look at it as he passed through town.
Ed. Simpson, fourteen year old son of B. F. Simpson, of Thompson township, was taking a hunt all to himself last Saturday, when he suddenly came on a flock of wild turkeys. It keeps an old hunter busy not to lose his head under such circumstances; but when it is one's first experience, it is not easy to guess just what will happen. But Ed leveled his gun on the flock, blazed away, then threw his gun, and ran toward the turkeys. He found that he had wounded a very large one, and when he got hold of it, there was quite a tussle to settle the question whether Ed should get away with the gobbler or the gobbler get away with Ed; but Ed succeeded in capturing the bird, finding his gun and getting home with his prize, much to his own satisfaction and that of his mother.
PARALYSIS.
Last Sunday evening between five and six o'clock Mrs. John Booth of Tod township was at the spring-house attending to her evening work there, when she felt a dizziness coming over her and in a few moments fell over. The family carried her to the house and Dr. Dalbey was called when it was found that she had suffered a stroke of paralysis, the entire left side of her body being afflicted. On Monday evening it was reported in town that she had died, this we are glad to state was not true, and we are informed that she is improving and we trust may be spared to live many years yet.
In this connection we will state that our old friend A. G. Grissinger who was so badly paralyzed, and who lay entirely helpless for five or six weeks, is now able to walk about with the aid of a cane. Mr. Grissinger's many friends will be glad to learn of his improvement.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes, to be held in this county this winter, by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by a local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are of interest to all our farmers, open to all. The expense of conducting them is borne by the State. Applications are allowed or the adding of any business. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. Arrange your business so to attend and take part in exercises. All classes of citizens welcome, and interesting programs have been prepared.
The county chairman is Mr. W. C. Mason, of McConnellsburg, who is glad to send programs or invitations to any one who will make request.
The State Speakers who will be here are: Gabriel Helster, Esq., J. H. Esq., and L. W. Lighty.
The institutes will be held at the following dates and places: McConnellsburg, December 6; Needmore, December 11; Warfordsburg, December 8.
Out to these meetings and bring your families and friends.

MRS. LAURA SIPES.

News was received here on Friday evening of the death of Mrs. Laura Sipes, of McConnellsburg. She was 60 years of age and had been suffering from a long illness. She was buried on Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Weimer, of near Clearville, and her remains were placed in the family burying ground on the property. Mrs. Sipes was a devoted wife and mother and was survived by her husband and two children.

THE WALNUT STREET SPOOK.

From the best authority we learn that Walnut street has a veritable ghost. It is none of your common ghosts that flit around graveyards at unaccustomed hours, and make no noise and wear vapory clothes. The Walnut street spirit is somewhat of a sport. He drives four pale horses which are attached to a stylish black coach. He keeps his unearthly team in Benjamin Shimer's stable, and as the court house clock tells the hour of twelve he emerges amidst rolling thunder and flashes of lightning. A draped coffin is displayed as he wheels his outfit up along a fiery cloud, into a brilliant galaxy, and then dashes madly toward the Aurora Borealis. Every story, be it spook, or otherwise, should have a moral, and the moral of this one is that the Walnut street kids should be in their beds before 9 o'clock, and that some other ones had better guard well their actions or they will fetch up in jail.

A SCHOOL CLOCK.

The public schools of Bedford are now run by electricity. Read what the "Gazette" says about a clock that the school directors have just had placed in the principal's office:
"It is connected with electric bells throughout the school building and will ring them any minute of the day. It calls the school in the morning; it rings the tardy bell; it rings the warning bell for recess; it gives the signal to march out at recesses; it gives the warning signal for dismissal at noon; it rings again for the children to march out. It does the same thing in the afternoon.
"It gives the signal for the change of classes; it calls to time teachers who are tempted to overrun the recess period; it reduces the work of the school to a system; it turns off the current in the evening and on again in the morning. It turns it off Friday evening and on again Monday morning."
The attention of our McConnellsburg board, who are ever on the alert to take advantage of a good thing, is called to the above. In addition to the many good things the Bedford clock can do, we suggest that ours have a bell to ring for directors to make monthly visits to the school as the law directs, one to ring for parents to go in occasionally and, by their presence encourage both teacher and pupils, and one to ring for truant pupils who do not always get into school. Then, some clever inventor may win the everlasting gratitude of the boys and girls, who will add to the clock that now does so much of the principal's work, an attachment that will make the multiplication table a little easier; that will help out with the knotty problems in arithmetic, algebra, and geometry; that will throw light on that "old Latin lesson," and that will put 100 on every review paper. That's the clock for the McConnellsburg school. No; we don't want a school clock with a patent spanker attachment.

LOST A FINGER.

On Tuesday a sixteen-year-old son of Benjamin Garland, of Belfast township, was cleaning his gun preparatory to knocking the eyes out of a big gobbler. In some way the ramrod, with the wiper attached, became fast in the barrel of the gun. The young man thought of at least one way to dislodge the stubborn obstacle, and that was, to put a charge of powder in through the pivot and shoot it out. This he did, and he loosened the ramrod, but he spoiled the gun badly, besides blowing off the end of the second finger of his left hand. Dr. Swartzwelder was called, and he amputated the finger at the second joint.

A BIG ONE.

When H. W. Mellott, of near Knobsville was digging his sweet potatoes a few days ago, he ran against something unusual in one of the hills, and after digging the earth away around it and prying pretty hard, out tumbled a mammoth sweet potato. Through curiosity he rolled it on the scales, and it just weighed 47,250 grains. If anyone doubts the truth of this statement Mr. Mellott has the potato at his home and will be glad to show it. His wife will not begin to use off it until nearer the holidays.

LODGE OFFICERS.

- The officers of the various Subordinate Lodges I. O. O. F. of this county were installed into their respective offices for the semi-annual term, beginning October 1, 1899, as follows:
Fort Littleton, No. 484—
N. G., F. C. Bare;
V. G., S. R. Fraker;
Secy., D. K. Bare;
Treas., M. S. Wilt;
Rep. to G. L., G. W. Fraker.
Harrisonville, No. 710—
N. G., L. N. Hoekensmith;
V. G., N. E. M. Hoover;
Secy., Geo. F. Metzler;
Treas., Hiram Cleveland;
Rep. to G. L., Hiram Cleveland.
McConnellsburg, No. 744—
N. G., Geo. A. Comer; V. G., G. A. Ott;
Secy., B. W. Peck;
Treas., Dr. A. D. Dalbey;
Rep. to G. L., H. A. Comer.
Warfordsburg, No. 601—
N. G., J. W. Lake;
V. G., W. E. Baker;
Secy., H. K. Markley;
Treas., W. B. Ranck;
Rep. to G. L., C. M. Dixon.
Wells Tannery, No. 607—
N. G., Harry Spangler;
V. G., J. E. Woodcock;
Secy., Harry M. Truax;
Treas., Harvey Wishart;
Rep. to G. L., James McDonough.
Waterfall, No. 773—
N. G., E. W. McLaughlin;
V. G., Geo. J. Edwards;
Secy., Jesse O. McClain;
Treas., Samuel Houpp;
Rep. to G. L., Jesse O. McClain.
S. L. BUCKLEY, D. D. G. M., Fort Littleton, Penna.

CHESNUT-LAIDIG.

The institute lecturer must henceforth look for another chestnut. He cannot longer amuse his audiences here by poking fun at our worthy County Superintendent for living an old bachelor when Fulton county has so much available material for planting new homes. Clem always accepted the jollying with the quiet satisfaction of knowing that they wouldn't always have that joke on him. Last week the gentleman, in his own characteristic way, went ahead with his official work. On Wednesday he visited some of the schools in McConnellsburg, and toward evening carelessly left for Hustontown. In the evening, Rev. G. P. Sarvis was seen driving away from his home, and there was nothing remarkable about that; but, in some way, it happened that Mr. Sarvis, our Superintendent, and a few near friends of the interested parties, met at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. David Laidig, in Taylor township, and in a few moments were fortunate enough to witness the ceremony that made husband and wife, Clem Chesnut and Miss Etta M. Laidig, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Laidig. He will at once take his bride into his comfortable home at Hustontown. The NEWS joins their many other friends in extending congratulations.

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Harold and Ralph, two sons of Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin, of Union township, this county, were both plowing the mighty deep during the past few weeks. Harold as 1st sergeant of a company in the 32d Regiment, U. S. Infantry, on his way across the Pacific to Manila, and Ralph on the Atlantic, aboard the U. S. cruiser Saratoga. About the same time each touched an island and wrote a letter home in which Harold spoke of gathering and eating tropical fruits at Honolulu, and Ralph told of eating tropical fruits gathered at Madeira.

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On Monday evening Admiral Dewey announced to some of his more intimate friends in Washington, the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen, of that city.
Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly Chief Signal Officer of the army, who died about ten years ago, and is a sister of John R. McLean, Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio.
Mrs. Hazen has no children, and since her husband's death has made her home with her mother. She is a woman of large means, about 40 years of age, and popular in the best social circles of Washington.
The date of the wedding has not been fixed.

Found Ganister.

Col. H. C. Demming, of Harrisburg, well known to the citizens of this county as the short hand reporter in our courts, has been prospecting for a long time over the mountains of Franklin county in search of mineral and valuable products. He has discovered a valuable deposit of ganister rock in the western part of the county and already has orders for large quantities of it. Whether he will develop it depends upon railroad transportation arrangements. The rock is used for making vitrified and fireproof brick and is rare and valuable. Col. Demming has discovered other valuable deposits which it may pay to market.

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THOMPSON.

Our protracted meeting at Zion is still in progress. Our public schools this winter are in fine trim. Teachers, pupils and patrons seem to be in perfect harmony. This is as it should be to bring about best results.

Miss Emma Pittman is visiting relatives in Martinsburg, W. Va. Miss Amy Wolford has returned to her home in Martinsburg, after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Jacob Hess spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hess. Mrs. B. E. Gordon was in McConnellsburg last Tuesday.

Misses Issa and Beckie Hewitt have returned to Baltimore. Mrs. A. F. Little, of McConnellsburg spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Cattlett.

B. F. Simpson has built a new corn crib, and Scott Johnson is putting up a new blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Lizzie Pittman is still critically ill. Lake Garland, of Belfast is also very sick. Doctors Swartzwelder and Fisher are their attending physicians.

PERSONAL.

D. B. MUMMA of Laidig called to exchange greetings while in town Monday.
Mrs. JOHN V. STOUTERAGE of this place has been seriously ill for several days.

GEORGE W. PARK, of Libonia, was visiting the family of C. Martin last Friday.
JAY SLOAN returned home Tuesday evening from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia.

BENNETT SIMPSON, of Thompson township, was a business visitor to the county seat.
MR. AND MRS. A. W. BROWN, of Clear Ridge, spent last Friday at McConnellsburg.

ANDREW NEUROTH, of Mercersburg, spent Sunday of this week with the family of Isaac Hull.
JACOB HYKES and wife were visiting near Roxbury, Franklin county, the latter part of last week.

HOWARD DENISAR, of Taylor township, dropped into the News office while in town Monday.
ANDREW HOOVER, of West Dublin, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. A. Stoner of this place.

MISS ANNE DOYLE, of Chambersburg, is now making a visit among her many McConnellsburg friends.
MRS. H. S. WISHART, of Harrisonville, came over with the Doctor Wednesday morning, and spent the day in town.

SCOTT G. W. WAGNER, of Todd township, dropped in to see us on Saturday last, and made the brief time he was with us quite pleasant.
CHARLES GRISS, of this place, has obtained employment at Park's seed establishment at Libonia, and will go to work there next Monday.

DYSON FRAKER, one of Fort Littleton's substantial citizens, was in town on Saturday, and did not forget to pay his respects to the NEWS office.
D. SCOTT DENISAR, one of Dublin township's efficient supervisors, accompanied by his wife spent last Friday among friends at the county seat.

MISS LIZZIE HULL, of this place, spent last week with the family of Andrew Neuroth of Mercersburg. She was accompanied home by Willie and Eva Neuroth.
MISS MINNIE REISSNER and her brother Ed, students of the C. V. S. N. S., Shippensburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reissner, of this place.

MR. AND MRS. AMOS HIXSON, of Brush Creek township, spent several days in town the past week, called here by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. John V. Stouterage.
U. W. KLINE was in town Tuesday morning. What seemed to be worrying him most was the fact that he had seen, while coming over, two nice flocks of wild turkeys and didn't have his gun along.

MRS. WALTER CROPLEY, of Egan, Moody county, S. D., and Mrs. Mason Wheatstone, of Kaslerville, Franklin county, were spending the past week with their aunt, Miss A. J. Irwin and other friends in this place.
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REV. H. N. FREEMAN and wife of McAlevy's Fort, Huntingdon county, Pa., after a visit of several weeks in Washington, D. C., Hagerstown, Mercersburg, Sylvan and in this place, left for their home on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Freeman preached in the United Presbyterian church on last Sabbath to the satisfaction of a good congregation. Mrs. Freeman (nee Miss Taggart) is much appreciated by her many friends in the Cove.

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