

FULTON COUNTY NEWS:

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In 1890 they owned 3.23 per cent of the acres assessed 64 per cent of the buildings, and they did not comprise more than 37 per cent of the population.

Taking lands and buildings together the colored people in Virginia were assessed in 1892 72 per cent of all similar property and in 1898 for 3.62 per cent.

There is a relative gain of nearly one-third in six years and it is that the colored race in Virginia has made satisfactory progress in accumulating property.

But the figures show a difference in the rate of increase in the city and country. Formerly the real estate holdings of the colored people are declining relatively while in the country they are increasing.

The census of 1890 showed that there were more colored men owning property in the cities than in the districts. Now it is the reverse.

This fact is made evident by comparing the State report of 1898 with the State report of 1892, or with the national returns of 1890.

In all towns particularly the use in the real estate holdings of the colored people is marked by an increase.

THE CHINESE NEW-YEAR.

"The New-year's festival of the Chinese, said to be the most complete holiday season kept by any nation of the earth, is celebrated wherever a single Chinaman is found, whether in Pekin or New York," writes Belle M. Brain in January "Woman's Home Companion," discussing "New Year's Customs in the Orient."

"Buildings of every description are elaborately decorated. Flowers are in great demand, the favorite being the Chinese narcissus. The prospect of happiness for the year is believed to be in proportion to the number of flower-stalks produced from a single bulb."

"During the closing days of the old year Chinese streets present a busy and animated scene. Shops are thronged with customers eagerly laying in large quantities of food, clothing and New-Year's gifts. Debtors and creditors are seen hurrying to and fro, endeavoring to settle their accounts, for according to a most commendable custom all debts must be paid or settled in some satisfactory manner before the New Year dawns.

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Doctor—I will leave you this medicine to be taken after each meal. Mike—And will yez be kind enough to leave the meal, too, docther?

CLEAR RIDGE.

We have had quite a cool breeze this week. Makes us think about winter.

On the arrival of the first snow storm here—December 24th—some of our boys concluded to do a little snow balling, which resulted in one having to carry a bandaged eye.

T. W. Huston lost a nice calf on Sunday. It was kicked by a horse.

Mrs. Henry Huston, of Hustontown, was the guest of Calvin Baker's last Thursday.

Morgan Cline of Fort Littleton was seen in our town on Christmas.

Misses Anna and Etta Fields spent Sunday with T. E. Fleming's family.

Miss Lizzie Stevens is spending a short visit in Tyrone.

C. S. Wilson and wife, of Maddensville, spent Sunday with friends in this place; also Mack Kerlin spent Christmas with his father.

Miss Minnie Grove attended the Christmas entertainment at Knobsville.

Clem Chesnut called on school No. 6 a few minutes on Thursday.

Rev. Roberts preached at this place on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Lucinda Cromwell, of Three Springs, spent last Wednesday with Calvin Baker's.

Mrs. Clay Cornelius is on the sick list; also Mrs. Taylor Ramsey has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Minnie Grove, who has been living with her aunts, Mrs. French and Cutchall of Three Springs, spent the holidays with her parents.

Nevn Laidig made a flying trip to Richmond last week.

Miss Sadie Fields spent Sunday with friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure, of Salvia, were guests of N. Laidig, one day last week.

James Henry and wife were visitors to our town Christmas.

Lucy Ranck of Hustontown spent Christmas at Clear Ridge.

Frank Madden and wife were the guests of her father, Calvin Baker, Christmas.

James Stevens and daughter were in town Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Stevens made a trip to McConnellsburg last week, accompanied by her daughter Ollie, and niece Bertha Wilson, of Or-bisonia.

James Alexander and nephew Mervin Stewart, of Roxbury are the guests of John W. Mowers.

Miss Della Bedford and Mr. Spade; also, Emma Bedford and Isaac Bolinger were the guests of S. L. Bedford Tuesday night.

Messrs. Harry Wilson, David Wilson and Grant Anderson who had been working in Pittsburg, and who came home to spend Christmas, returned on Monday.

Mr. Shearer of Strasburg, spent Christmas with John A. Henry.

The lumber is flying. Mr. Cornelius has seven teams hauling to Three Springs. They are taking advantage of the good roads.

Our Christmas entertainment was well attended.

N. B. Henry is boasting of killing the largest hog. It cleaned 450 pounds.

We want everybody to be ready for 1900.

Our minister is in good cheer for the new year. We wish his meeting a great success.

Wedding bells must ring. Miss Mattie Stinson and R. McDonough of Maddensville, on Tuesday evening were joined in holy matrimony at Three Springs by Rev. Shaffer. We wish the couple a long, happy, and successful life.

Spell This.

Some of you who think you are well up in spelling just to try to spell the words in this little sentence: "It is agreeable to witness the unparalleled ecstasy of two harassed peddlers endeavoring to gauge the symmetry of two peeled pears." Read it over to your friends and see how many of them can spell every word correctly. The sentence contains many of the real puzzlers of the spelling book.

"Wherein does man differ from the lower animals?" asked the professor. And the youth answered without hesitation, "He can ride a bicycle."

THE DEATH OF MR. MOODY.

The whole Christian world has been made to sorrow on account of the death of Mr. Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, which occurred on Friday, December 22. He had been lying ill at his home in Northfield, Mass., for some weeks, and Christian people had been praying that, if it were God's will, he might recover. But it was not to be so, and he has been called to higher service. He is blessed. He rests from his labors. His works do and will follow him.

Mr. Moody has held the place for many years as perhaps the most prominent and widely effective evangelist in the world. For something like thirty years he has filled a large place in the work of the church. During these years he has been wonderfully led by God's Spirit. He has been wise and sagacious in his plans; powerful and persuasive in his preaching of the Gospel; influential as a leader and safe as a teacher. He has commended himself to ministers and to people, and has been a tower of strength in the evangelist Church.

During the first half of his life he was in business, but he was gaining mental and spiritual fitness for the great life work into which God directed him. We have known him and have heard him almost every year since the time when he was beginning his religious work in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago. While always impressed by his spiritual fervor and by his true evangelical faith, we have greatly admired him for his possession and exercise of sound common sense. All his natural abilities were quickened and sanctified by God's Spirit, and the result was a most uncommon man, such as this generation may not look upon again.

Mr. Moody was only sixty-two years of age at the time of his death. It was not a long life, and yet he did a great life-work. Few men have done as much. We may well thank God that he permitted him to live so long.

His last public appearance was on Thursday, November 16, in Kansas City, when he addressed a great congregation of fifteen thousand people, making a wonderful impression. Many regarded it as one of the most tender and powerful sermons of his life. He has gone from earth, but his works will follow him. Being dead, he yet speaketh. His memory and his words and influence will continue to be a power for God, and for the salvation of souls.

EIGHT THOUSAND A YEAR.

A millionaire in San Francisco, being a helpless invalid, hired a woman, who was a professional nurse, to take care of him. She, of course, had her living and whatever she needed for personal expenses from time to time, but no fixed salary. The man lingered for three years, and when he died she brought a claim against his estate for \$24,000. She alleged that, over and above all that she had received, her services were worth \$8,000 a year, or more than \$20 a day. Would she have ever dreamed of making such a claim if the invalid had not been a millionaire? The incident reminds me of an old story. A king stopped for luncheon at a rural tavern in his kingdom. He ordered merely three boiled eggs with bread and coffee. When the landlord presented the bill for \$300 the king said: "Why, eggs must be very scarce out here, if they are worth \$100 apiece." And the reply was: "No, Your Majesty, eggs are plentiful, but kings are scarce."

"Doctor," said the grateful patient, seizing the physician's hand, "I shall never forget that to you I owe my life." "You exaggerate," returned the doctor mildly. "You owe me for fifteen visits. That is the point which I hope you will not fail to remember."

A Hagerstown trucker has a score of men helping him to harvest and market a big celery crop. His crop is an unusually large one and of perfect quality. He has handled hundreds of bunches and the actual weight alone has run up into tons.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The Methodist Episcopal church has 60 organizations in Japan, with 3,021 members, an increase of 25 over last year.

A Buddhist priest of 12 years' standing has professed conversion in the salvation Army at Ceylon and has handed over his robes to the army.

The Italian minister of public instruction proposes to introduce an arbor day each year for the planting of trees on Italy's waste lands.

The Sunday School association has now seven different meetings every week in New York city for teachers, at which the lesson for the ensuing Sunday is taught.

The Free Church of Scotland Temperance society has reached its jubilee year, with a membership of 72,740, including 800 missionaries and colonial ministers.

There is a big row at the Eastern Indiana normal university over the initiation of Clarence Deaton into the mysteries of class societies. Wagon axle grease was smeared all over his body after his clothing had been torn off in shreds. An electric battery was then applied. The shock was so great that his sense of hearing has been destroyed.

The University of Chicago has adopted a system of concessions calculated to draw students from foreign countries. So far it has been applied only to Japan. On the principle that one native tongue is as good as another, the university will accept a unit of study in Japanese for the same amount of work in English. Chinese, the classic for the Japanese, will be accepted in lieu of Greek.

Under the law which gave Cornell university a certain amount of government land, the university is obliged to give one free scholarship to each assembly district in the state every year. When this law was passed there were 128 assembly districts in the state, which meant that there were 512 free students in the university all the time, as each scholarship was for the entire four years.

The Safest Part of a Train.

A party of travelers in a train were talking over their traveling experience and the danger of accidents, and finally the question arose as to the safest part of the train. Failing to settle the question among themselves, they called on the guard, and one of them said to him:

"Guard, we have been discussing the matter of the safest part of the train and want to know your opinion."

"Want to know the safest part, eh?" replied the guard.

"Yes' that's it."

"Well," continued the guard, "I've been on the line for 15 years and have been turned over embankments, 'busted' up tunnels, dumped off of bridges, telescoped in collisions, blown off the line by cyclones, run into open switches and had other unpleasant incidental diversions of a kindred nature, and I should say, gentlemen, that the safest part of the train was that part which happened to be in the works for repairs at the time of the accident."—London Telegraph.

The dwelling house of John M. Stever, of Trough Creek Valley, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday a-week. Mr. Stever succeeded in saving most of his personal effects but his tenant saved nothing of consequence. The flames originated between the ceiling and roof of an out-kitchen and spread very rapidly. There was no insurance.

TERMS OF COURT.

The first term of the Courts of Fulton county in the year shall commence on the Tuesday following the second Monday of January, at 10 o'clock A. M. The second term commenced on the third Monday of March, at 2 o'clock P. M. The third term on the Tuesday next following the second Monday of June, at 10 o'clock A. M. The fourth term on the first Monday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

President Judge—Hon. S. McC. Swopo. Associate Judges—Lemuel Kirk, Peter Mor-ton, Prothonotary, &c.—Frank P. Lynch. District Attorney—George B. Daniels. Treasurer—Theo Sipes. Sheriff—Daniel Sipeets. Deputy Sheriff—James Romel. Jury Commissioners—David Rotz, Samuel H. Hookensmith. Auditors—John S. Harris, D. H. Myers, A. J. Lamberson. Commissioners—L. W. Cunningham, Albert B. Blankard, Clerk—S. W. Kirk. Coroner—Thomas Kirk. County Surveyor—Jonas Lato. County Superintendent—Clem Chesnut. Attorneys—W. Scott Alexander, J. Nelson, Geo. Thomas F. Stone, E. M. Johnston, M. R. Shaffer, Geo. B. Daniels, John P. Sipes.

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A Word about SHOES

We have two lines of Ladies' and Children's Shoes that we will stand against anything anywhere, price considered, for fit, and wear, and appearance. A general line, including Men's, Boys', Ladies' and Misses', that will stand against any line, we don't care who produces them, or their price.

We are selling a very fair Children's Shoe, 8-12 at 65c. A first-rate Oil Grain Shoe for women at 95c. Men's Boots as low as \$1.50. A very good one.

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