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"HE LEADETH ME."

Written for THE NEWS by Laura S. In pastures green? Not always! Sometimes He Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me...

BARN BURNED.

The barn of the Upper Path Valley Presbyterian parsonage, the church of which charge is located at Spring Run, Franklin county, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday evening, 15th ult.

The fire originated about four o'clock, likely from a spark from the saw mill engine about 200 yards distant.

A large crowd of people assembled and did all possible to save the property. It was with great difficulty that the parsonage, a fine, large brick building, and the home of Mrs. Barclay close by, were saved.

Rev. Dobbin's horse was not in the barn and all the vehicles were saved, but about two tons of hay, 50 bushels of corn and some oats were burned. The building was covered by insurance.

Specific Against Alcoholism.

It is reported from Paris that Dr. Sappeller and Dr. Thebault officially announced to the Academy of Medicine at a recent meeting that in collaboration with M. Broca, the chemist, they had discovered and experimented with serum constituting a specific against alcoholism.

If a doctor takes his own prescriptions could he be called a faith curist?

The next National Democratic Convention will be held at Kansas City July 4th.

Kentucky has more government than any other state—and doesn't seem to have enough, even then.

FROM THE KLONDYKE.

Franklin County Boy Walked Five Hundred Miles.

From the Valley Spirit. A resident of the Klondyke was a visitor to the Valley Spirit today in the person of John N. Foust, who is a son of John A. Foust, Culbertson Row, who was with him in town. Mr. Foust left Skaguay on the last day of 1899, and reached his father's home a few days since. He left home nine years ago and resided in Monmouth, Illinois, for six years and then removed to the gold region where he has been for the past three years. Two of these were spent in Dawson city, the other along the coast of Alaska. Mr. Foust worked in the mines part of his time as a laborer, working at the rate of one dollar per hour. Last fall the pay of miners was reduced to seventy-five cents an hour. He worked a claim of his own, part of the time and was successful. He brought with him a number of nuggets of gold, a few of which he exhibited in the Spirit office. The largest three were worth about \$18 each and what he had with him here were worth about \$110.

He is much pleased with the country and his appearance is evidence of his statement that it is healthy. He said during his first year in Dawson there was typhoid fever but the improvements in sanitary conditions had largely dispelled this disease.

The mining is done largely in the winter when the earth is dug and brought to the surface by windlass and dumped on heaps. In the summer the gold is separated through sluice boxes and the miner gets the returns of his winter's mining. The summer lasts from May to August and during this season potatoes, lettuce, cabbage and nearly all kinds of vegetables are raised. The farming country lies along the creek and river bottoms and is rich alluvial soil. This is covered with a heavy moss, the ground underneath being frozen to a considerable depth. When this is removed the earth thaws out rapidly and the planting is done.

The crops grow readily and the yield is good. No fruits or grain are cultivated on account of the short season. The timber on these bottoms is very good but on the higher lands and mountains it is poor. While at Dawson he never saw night as the sun only gets out of sight once in twenty-four hours, then disappears behind the mountains. He worked in the Eldorado mines which are the richest, and in the Bonanza creek mines which come second. Dawson, which is a British town, has a population of 5700. According to the census last fall 4600 are Americans, 600 Canadians and the remainder of other nationalities. He walked from Dawson to Skaguay, a distance of 500 miles. During his three years' absence he did not see any one whom he had known before he left the states.

Mr. Foust will return the latter part of March and will go to Cape Nome in the Behring Sea, which is now claimed to be the richest mining section of all that country.

THE FRICK COMPANY WINS.

In an opinion handed down by Justice Kirkpatrick in the United States Court of Appeals, the finding of the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia in the case of the Geiser Co. vs. Frick Co., Waynesboro, in which the verdict was for the Geiser Co., is reversed and the Circuit Court ordered to dismiss the bill. In 1896 the Geiser company brought suit against its rival in business claiming that its patent rights were being infringed on by the Frick company.

It appears that while F. L. Landis was in the employ of the Geiser company he invented a threshing machine called the New Peerless. Afterwards he entered the employ of the Frick company and invented another machine called the Landis Eclipse. The Geiser company claimed the latter machine was an infringement on the former and brought suit, winning their case in the Philadelphia court, Frick Co. being restrained from making the machine. The case was appealed by the Frick company with the result set forth as above.

ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Below will be found the result of the township elections, the names of the persons elected only being given, the initial letter following the name indicating the party.

Ayr.—Judge of election, David A. Nelson d; school directors, Geo. W. Humbert d, John Stinger d; supervisors, Wm. E. Ott d, John S. Harr d; auditors, Conrad Glazier d, G. E. Clouser d; overseer of the poor, Edward Richards d; township clerk, A. L. Lamberson d; treasurer, Jacob Clouser d; justice of the peace, Tobias Glazier d.

Belfast.—Judge of election, Benj. Bedford d; school directors, Bennet Truax r, J. P. Peck d; supervisors, J. L. Garland d, H. H. Mellott d; auditor, Lemuel Garland d; overseers of the poor, Logue Hess d, G. G. Mellott d; township clerk, Geo. W. Mellott d; justice of the peace, Bart Smith b.

Bethel.—Judge of election, A. D. Garland d; school directors, A. M. Bivens d, Job L. Hill d; supervisors, Lincoln Slayman r, Reuben J. Layton d; auditor, Thos. McCullough d; overseer of poor, J. C. Fisher d; clerk, G. W. Hess d; justices of the peace, Wm. P. Gordon d, Jop L. Garland d. Brush Creek.—Judge of election, M. M. Barton r; school directors, A. W. Duvall r, Mason Barton r; supervisors, J. R. Jackson r, Cornelius Diehl d; auditor O. A. Barton and N. W. Mellott a tie; overseer, J. Barton r; clerk, W. P. Barton r; justice of the peace, Schell Lashley r.

Dublin.—Judge of election, Joseph Cunningham d; directors, W. L. Fields d, Clifton Sipes d; supervisors, Samuel Curfman d, Dennis Hess d; auditor, Samuel Sherman d; clerk, L. C. Kelly d; justice of peace, Calvin Baker d.

Licking Creek.—Judge of election, Jos. Sipes d; directors, John Davis d, I. W. Schooley d; supervisors, Thos. Hockensmith d, Harry Mumma d; auditors, Cecil Sipes d; overseers of poor, Alex. Skipper r, Nathan Mellott d; clerk, John Ewing d; justices of peace, H. S. Daniels r, Geo. A. Harris d.

McConnellsburg.—Judge of election, T. J. Comer d; school directors, John A. Irwin r, C. B. Stevens d; auditor, S. W. Kirk d; overseer of poor, R. N. Shimer r; burgess, Paul Wagner r; councilmen, M. W. Nace r, S. M. Robinson d, J. W. Rummel d; high constable, Sam Glass d.

Taylor.—Judge of election, J. H. Fields d; school directors, Isaac Baker r, W. R. Berkstreser d; supervisors, John Hess d, S. H. Hockensmith d; auditor, W. F. Laidig d; overseer, J. F. Bolinger d; clerk, H. R. Lamberson d; justices of peace, Jonas Lake d, S. C. Gracey d.

Tod.—Judge of election, S. R. Cromer r; school directors, J. S. Nelson d, Samuel Rotz, Nick Piniff and J. W. Gunnells a tie; clerk, Daniel Peffer d; justice of peace, D. E. Fore d; supervisors, Michael Helman r; John A. Hamil d; auditor, C. Spann th, r.

Wells.—Judge of election, Joseph H. Gracey d; school directors, R. B. Campbell d, E. A. Horton d; supervisors, J. B. McClain d, W. L. Sprowl d; auditors, J. A. McDonough d, W. R. Keith d; overseer, G. A. Stewart r; clerk, F. G. Mills d.

Thompson.—Judge of election, John H. Gordon d; school directors, D. T. Humbert d; Thomas Truax r; supervisors, G. W. Snider d, Conrad Wink d; auditor, W. R. Myers d; overseer, Wm. Sigel d; clerk, W. C. Peck d; treasurer, John M. Wiater d.

Union.—Judge of election, A. Scheterompf r; school directors, John Stahle r, Chas. Boden r, supervisors, Chas. Feoff r, George Sigel d; auditors, C. A. Ritz r; overseer, W. L. McKibbin r; clerk, J. A. Whitfield r; justice of peace, E. A. Whitfield r.

A local bank in New York state borrows money at 4 per cent, and lends it at 5 per cent. Two of its depositors, once friends, are now sworn enemies because of a quarrel arising out of a friendly dispute as to the per cent. of the bank's profits. One held that it made a net profit of 25 per cent., the four cents on each dollar being all of its own money it had involved and hence being the true basis. His friend contended that the dollar was the basis and only 1 per cent the profit. Will not some of our school boys settle the question?

A CURIOUS PENSION BILL.

House bill No. 5811, introduced by Mr. Bowersock, granting a pension to Charles E. Jones, of Paola, Kansas, is a fine example of the shamelessness which now prevails in Congress in urging pensions. The bill, which is a curiosity, is worth quoting in full;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and is hereby authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles E. Jones, late photographer for the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry Volunteers, said pension to be at the rate of \$30 per month.

Mr. Bowersock should be made to explain this bill. Congressmen have now got to log-rolling with the roll of honor in a sufficiently scandalous manner, as is well known. A number of them will vote for unworthy schemes provided their particular schemes likewise receive favor. The practice is common enough, but this bill has a worse appearance than even log-rolling. There was no Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry in the Spanish war, nor is there any now in service. In Bates' "History of Pennsylvania Soldiers in the Civil War," which was compiled from the official records at Harrisburg, and is considered authentic, the name of Charles E. Jones does not appear as ever having had any connection with the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry in the War of the Rebellion.

There was a Jones in nearly every company, but no Charles E. Jones. Charles E. Jones, it seems, is a myth as far as the history of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry is concerned, as it fails to record his exploits, and, as the regiments in those days were not in the habit of hiring official photographers, the office of "photographer for the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry Volunteers" looks like the creation of a disordered brain. Congressmen are ready to vote for anything in prying open the Treasury, but we think that this bill is mystifying enough to call for inquiry, and we commend it to the attention of the Pension Office for investigation.—Public Ledger.

Sending American Poultry to England.

Of late years, England has been running short of poultry, and she is looking to the United States and Canada for additional supplies. Exports from both countries have been steadily increasing of late, and the past year the quantity sent over, especially from the United States, was the greatest on record. In 1898 shipments showed a big increase over the previous year, and included one straight shipment of twenty carloads from Illinois, the stock being shipped to Montreal and then down to Boston, and on steamer, favorable freight rates having attracted it over the route. The orders for 1899 were even greater than they were the previous year, dealers in several markets having received orders of more or less importance, while large orders were placed in the West. Altogether these orders foot up to about 6,000,000 pounds, which is equal to 60,000 boxes, 3000 tons or 200 carloads. English representatives are taking small lots continually from the seaboard markets, and the season's exports may be considerably more, possibly up near the 10,000,000 pound mark, as further large orders are expected.

PLEASANT GROVE.

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Brother Baugher is a young man of more than ordinary ability and possessed of much spiritual power. May he live long to do good.

Rev. Troutman, the church's regular pastor, assisted part of the time.

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SCHOOL REPORTS.

Buffalo—A. M. Hixson. Report for the first month ending February 19th. Enrollment, 25, every day—Ella Barton, Sadie Barton, Lida Barton, Bertha Simpson, Lulu Mills, Ida Hixson, Cora Clevering, Russell Akers, Will Hixson, Earl Hixson, Ross Barton, Bruce Barton, Fred McGraw, Walter McGraw, Clyde McGraw, and Caera Hixson. Nineteen days—Ross Jackson and Sebort Barton.

Center—Lillian M. Fisher.

Fifth month ending February 15th. Pupils who attended every day—Pleasant Snyder, Aura Fisher, Pearle Fisher, Lillian Yonker, Clara Gordon, Lillian Brewer, Bethuel Powell, Willie Tayman, Roy Tayman, Ellis Peck, Elwood Yeakle, Clifford Gordon, Cletus Snyder, and Mark Yonker. Those attended 19 days—Reba Brewer, Olive Peck, Winnie Slacker, Francis Gordon, Geo. Tayman, and Maynard Brewer. Eighteen days—Sadie Forner, Etta Breakall, and Willard Snyder. Number enrolled during month, 34. Average attendance during month—males, 13; females, 15. Per cent. of attendance during month—males, 83; females, 83.

CHESNUT VALLEY.

E. A. Weaver, who has had employment in this Valley for the past three months, has now returned to his home at Fayetteville, Franklin county.

James Shepherd and Henry Aldridge, who has been boarding at the "Simpson House," and hauling telephone poles from there to Hancock, have now gone to Mercersburg where they have received employment. They expect to resume their work again in Fulton soon as the roads are in better condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hess on the 19th of February, left for Washington state where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Truxel, of Mississippi, took dinner at the Simpson House one day last week.

Howard Pittman who has been ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved.

Roy M. Daniels was the guest of B. R. Simpson last Saturday and Sunday.

J. F. Aldridge was in our Valley one day last week.

Supt. Chesnut visited our schools in Thompson a few days ago.

LICKING CREEK.

Martin Sipes and Frank Oakman, both of Buck Valley, spent several days in Licking Creek township recently.

The bride and groom [what bride and groom?] spent Friday night at Jos. Deshong's.

Quite a number of saw logs are being hauled since the snow.

George Harris is still ill. We hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Mrs. Florence Wink is spending some time with Eliza Kline, who is seriously ill.

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CRYSTAL SPRING.

Another old soldier mustered out from the toils of this life to the enjoyment of that peaceful home above prepared for all who are faithful. On Saturday evening, February 16th, Isaac Kaufman, of near Gapsville, Bedford county, passed quietly away. He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife, several children, and a host of friends. The deceased was a consistent member of the Christian church. In the death of Mr. Kaufman, the church loses an ever active member, and the community a good citizen. Interment at Memorial cemetery on Monday 19th.

Quite a number of our citizens are busy hauling logs on the little snow, as it is the first snow we have had this winter that assisted much in the business.

Mrs. E. H. Lodge contemplates building a new house this spring.

H. N. Barton and A. M. Hixson each sold a horse last week. This shows a little better demand for horses.

Nelson Simpson is housed up the past few days with a "gathered" face.

M. J. Hixson is suffering from another boil. This makes an even one dozen in the last four months.

Mrs. J. C. Barton, who has been on the sick list, we are pleased to learn is convalescing.

LOWER THOMPSON.

Winter is here. Master Earl, little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wink, was severely burned last Thursday week.

Mrs. Wink, while doing her morning work, left Jessie and Earl in the room. Jessie was cutting paper and Earl was putting the cut paper in the stove, when his clothes caught fire. Jessie gave the alarm, but before the mother reached them from the kitchen, the front of Earl's dress was all burned, and his face, right arm from wrist to elbow, and both hands in places, were burned severely. His body was protected by his flannel underwear.

Miss Rhoda Lake has an attack of neuralgia.

Mrs. Chas. W. Peck and Mrs. G. W. Fisher were visiting at C. J. Wink's last Thursday afternoon a week.

L. Z. Shaw, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Wm. Vantz, Mrs. G. W. Fisher, and brother, W. L. Shaw.

W. W. Peck, of Covalt, has gone to Pittsburg.

Charles Manning, of near Hancock, has purchased Isaac Culler's farm.

Miss Sue Souders has returned home from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Andrews, of Warfordsburg.

Squire G. W. Fisher is sawing for J. A. Keefer, of Dickey's Mountains. Mr. Keefer expects to build a barn.

I. P. Hendershot, of the Corner, was visiting the family of Squire Fisher, last Wednesday.

Prof. Chesnut visited our schools week before last.

BIG COVE.

A number of people attended the funeral of Mrs. Maud Pine of the Gap, Franklin county, which took place on Monday. She was best known in the Cove as Maud Myers. She leaves a husband and two little girls.

Miss Nannie Mellott, one of our hard working teachers, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Charlie Bender of McConnellsburg.

We are glad to note that Mrs. William Summers, who has been very ill lately is slowly recovering. She at first had measles which resulted in pneumonia.

Rev. S. B. Houston and family are getting along as well as can be expected under their trying circumstances. The neighbors are kind and doing all for them that lies within their power.

Reed Downs, of Franklin Mills, was visiting Philip and John Ott, jr., last week.

H. O. Wible highly values the privilege of voting as is clearly seen when after teaching school all-day, he walked from Rock Hill to the voting place in Todd township in order to cast his vote.

When a man wants to keep something out of the papers, he discovers, for the first time, that reporters occasionally tell the truth.

DICKETTS

We had a girl in this town's fellow with the his choice of B. F. Hess weeks in the treatment of sore scalp, and has tried could hear of getting worse.

Mrs. Mary Bonner Spring 16th of February that the ground snow in that.

On Thursday ult., when a girl from school, and brother, Hess came home attempting to the dam at the breast of the who were the current was the water was a great roar into pool—a fall of The boys are but the current them, and, in leaped out and ing themselves some timbers boat with little a gie went over to the scething, Dennis Everitt, priors of the his own life, re cold flood, unan ger to which himself, and ha of being able to out. By promp action, the child and thus what a dreadful calamity.

DUBLIN Every thing not been snow time this winter. Some of our received a number Mr. Heffellings B. Stevens was at Scott Green's Edward Stead Heeter have relingdon. They good time.

Irvin Miller were the guests gardner recently. The champions are Edward and Mr. John Wanta Mary Miller Rev. W. J. S February 20, 19 happy couple last

LAUREL Walter Shaw with his parents Andrew Shives B. F. Shives's Swales, of our community sold spectacles for persons. Miss Netta sick list at present. The attendance has been lower the count of the m At last account Shives who went treatment, is gett ly.

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An ice cream at John Gordon's Valentines seen plenty this year. the one you got