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DEATH RECORD.

WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.

Samuel M. Truax.

After a lingering illness, the death of this notice was taken at the scenes of earth last Saturday at the age of 53 years, 11 months and 8 days.

He was married to Rebecca Truax, daughter of the late Thomas Truax and his wife Mrs. Margaret Truax of Belfast township.

He was of his immediate family a son to his wife who has been an invalid for six years, one son, who is married and lives at the home of his parents.

His parents, the late John Truax, lived to the advanced ages of 87 and 84 respectively, and there were five sisters and two brothers, namely, Daniel Truax, deceased; Wm. T., Belfast township.

Sarah, wife of Joseph Fisher, Kaskiesville, Pa.; Susie, wife of Caleb Mellott, Dublin township; Parthenia, wife of S. Mellott, and Mary, wife of Joseph Truax, and Martha, widow of Joseph Strait, all of Belfast township.

Interment at the Sideling Hill Baptist church Monday. Funeral services conducted by Elder James Palmer.

Mrs. Mary Grissinger.

Mrs. Mary Grissinger died at home at New Grenada, May 10, 1899, aged 78 years and 6 months.

April 13, 1843, she was married to Mr. Samuel F. Grissinger, from whom she thereafter went to the place near Waterfall, where they remained until 1869, when they moved to the present place at New Grenada, where the remaining thirty-one years of her life were spent.

Twenty years ago, she united with the Bethel Church of God, during that long period has exemplified a most beautiful Christian character.

She and her husband nine children were born, seven of whom with her husband survive, namely, Rev. W. J., of Goldensville, Pa.; James L., of New Grenada; Maggie, wife of O. E. Cook, Broadtop; Ella, wife of John Greifeldt, Altoona; Rebecca, wife of James F. McClain, New Grenada; Belle, wife of C. H. E. Sumner, New Grenada.

Interment at Bethel cemetery, New Grenada, on Wednesday, funeral services conducted by Rev. Bickel.

Mrs. Rachel Taylor.

Mrs. Rachel Ann Munson Taylor died at her home in Minden, Kearney county, Nebraska on the 22nd of March, aged 59 years, 5 months and 16 days.

She was a daughter of Mr. Edward Michaels, who was a brother of Ex-Sheriff Samuel Michaels, deceased, a former resident of this place and father of Mrs. George W. Hays.

She was born in Allegheny county and at the age of six years with her father and the rest of the family, came to Harrisonville, Kearney county where her father, who was a hatter, engaged in business with his brother-in-law, and remained there until 1851 when he moved to Lewisburg, Pa. Three years later, 1854, the father died, and the mother kept the family together.

At the age of seventeen, she connected herself with the M. E. church and remained a consistent and faithful member until the time of her death.

February 23, 1860, she was married to Robert Taylor, and thereafter they moved to Uniontown, Bureau county, Illinois, where they remained a few years and then went to Kearney county, Nebraska, where she and the remainder of her years, with her parents, brothers, and sisters but two survive her, Samuel Taylor, a half brother, at Metol, Madison county, and one sister, Butler county, Iowa. Of the children of her own family, there are living.

IMPROVEMENTS.

James Rummel is having a stone sidewalk put down in front of his residence.

Thomas J. Comerer has just completed a fine stable on his new property on Walnut Street.

Davy Little has just had erected a large oven, and expects in a few days to have a first class bakery in operation. Sammy Glass will be the flour artist.

Mrs. Goldsmith has had the stable on her property opposite the Public School building remodeled and a new roof put on by John Comerer and William Black.

John W. Doyle and brother have their well drilling machine at work putting down a well for Davy Little in the yard just back of his dwelling. The boys are finding lots of rock.

Mrs. M. V. Cromer, who already has one of the most attractive residences in town, has further added to its appearance by having a neat iron fence placed along the yard.

A new fence in front of the yard to the residence of Miss Rebecca Pott, and a covering of nice green sod together with arrangements for flowers, add much to the appearance of the property.

Messrs. Martin M. and William Bender are engaged in the erection of a handsome stable for S. W. Kirk, Esq., on the east end of his lot just opposite the Court House. It will be a nice one when finished.

John Sheets has removed the little express office from the corner of his lot opposite Funk's Hotel to the rear of the lot, and is rapidly getting rid of the debris, preparatory to erecting his new brick residence.

W. S. Clevering has added about a hundred per cent. to the appearance of his fine property on West Water Street by removing that unsightly photograph gallery to the rear side of the yard and taking away the fence. Billy is a hustler. Why not more of our young men take hold of business with a will?

Shimer & Doyle, who are classed among the artistic painters and paper hangers, are engaged in a general overhauling of the Fulton House. The walls are being adorned with new paper of a very pretty design, and the woodwork, both inside and out, is to be painted. When finished this popular house will present a natty appearance.

Squire L. H. Wible has had erected a nobby building just back of his residence. It is 12 by 24 with a slate roof; and, with its several apartments, may be used for a summer kitchen, wash house, wood house, coal house. It is provided with a capacious loft in which may be stored away the odds and ends that a housekeeper never knows just what to do with. Fred Black was the architect.

The Presbyterian congregation will make important improvements and repairs to their church in this place this summer. Among other things a steel ceiling, new carpet, and a new roof. The walls will be frescoed, and the floor of the choir gallery will be dropped to a level with the floor of the main room, and the gallery will be converted into a primary class room for the Sunday school. Messrs. John and Harry Linn began work on the gallery Tuesday morning.

Contractor John Comerer, of this place, went down to Thompson township Tuesday to begin the erection of Mac Litton's big barn. The building is to be a modern structure, 50x80 feet, and weatherboarded with German siding. Fourteen years ago, Mr. Comerer gave Mr. Litton's dwelling house an overhauling; and, now, when the barn is completed, Mr. Litton will have one of the most desirable farm properties in the county.

McCONNELLSBURG SCHOOLS.

Pupils Who Have Been Promoted to a Higher Grade.

High School.

To the Senior Class.—Charles Seville, Harry Seville, Sydney Gittens, Frank Irwin, Harry Grissinger, George Grissinger, Nathan Everts, Nellie Comerer, Agnes Lynch, Emma Sloan, Gertrude Sloan.

To the Junior Class.—Paul Johnston, Henry Watson, Harry Dalbey, Albert Hays, Ross Doyle, Holmes Thompson, Maurice Trout, Hattie Doyle, Grace Shimer, Jessie Dickson, Bessie Irwin, Marden Stoutengale, Lillian Grissinger.

Grammar.

To A. Grade.—John Reisner, Winfield Doyle, Mary Stoutengale, Olive Shimer, Myrtle Snyder, Susie Black, Anna Black, Nellie Sheets, Minnie Dalbey.

To B. Grade.—Laura Wagner, Alice Hays, Nettie Stoutengale, Mabel Jackson, Harry Comerer, Joseph Doyle, Millie Sheets, Walter Lynch.

Intermediate.

To A. Grade.—Nellie Gress, Nellie Dehart, George Summers, Clara Doyle, Mary Kelly, Anna Sheets, Harry Johnston, Scott Dickson.

To B. Grade.—James McQuade, Luther Black, Cora R. Peck, Goldie Mason, Unfield Sipes, Ruth Roettger, Russel Runyan, Nora Watson, Hattie Sloan, Annie Reisner, Earl Taylor, Max Irwin.

To C. Grade.—Murney Rummel, Josephine Runyan, Mary Peck, Maria Dickson Alexander, Daisy Kelly, Rex Irwin, Will Dalbey, Thurman Lynch, Dannie Grissinger, Clifford Grissinger, Clarence Doyle.

Primary.

To A. Grade.—Bessie Gress, Edna Glass, Rose Houpt, Lily Houpt, Nellie McQuade, Oscar Gress, Earle Suders, Walter Black, Edgar Alexander, Reed Grissinger, Alvin Glass, Oram Wible, Arthur Shimer, Harry Snyder, Russell Stevens, Oscar Lynch.

To B. Grade.—Lily Dehart, Bessie Rodday, Naomi Roettger, Mary Baumgardner, Bessie Taylor, Witz Mason, George Reisner, Wilmer Hays, Paul Shimer, Alvin Kelly.

SAMUEL SHIVES'S MURDERERS IN JAIL.

Two of the three suspected murderers of Samuel Shives and four others at Wimer, were arrested at Lilly, on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad as they alighted from a train. Their pockets were full of newspaper stories of the crime attributed to them; and, also, of portraits of themselves taken from newspapers. They were placed in jail at Wimer; but the popular feeling against them became so great that they were dressed in female attire and spirited away from the town, and it is supposed placed in the county jail at Somerset. The jail at Wimer is a small one, and the guard around it was thought to be insufficient to deal with any serious attempts at lynching. The woman at whose house the murders were committed is now under police surveillance. An inmate of the house has given the police an apron, which she says the woman wore the night of the murders. Napoleon, the missing man, had recently taken out a license to marry the woman. He is supposed to be badly wounded.

The tenth annual reunion of the 158th Regiment will be held at Chambersburg, Wednesday, May 16, promises to be of unusual interest to the veterans. At 10 o'clock, a. m., there will be a business meeting. At 12 a bean soup dinner will be served by the Ladies' Grand Army Circle, and in the afternoon addresses will be delivered by Capt. Geo. W. Skinner and Comrade Jno. K. Longneckor.

OUR RAILROAD.

A Representative of the B. & O. Visits McConnellsburg.

Of course, our readers will expect us to say something about our new railroad. We do not know a whole lot about it, but have reason to believe that we shall not have to wait much longer for a realization of our former dreams of Fulton's greatness.

On Sunday, might have been seen along the road from Hancock to McConnellsburg a young fellow riding a bicycle. There was nothing in his appearance to attract attention; and farmers along the road, if they gave him the second thought, would conclude that it was some one from Hancock over on Pennsylvania roads learning to ride his wheel. Well, the wheelman reached McConnellsburg, brushed the dust off his clothes, and modestly introduced himself as H. H. Woods.

Mr. Woods is the Industrial Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, is a most genial gentleman, and thoroughly familiar with the details of railroad construction. His company were sufficiently interested to send him to this county to look the ground over, to confer with some of our people, and, as far as possible, to ascertain whether or not it would pay them to build the road; for the B. & O., like most other people, are not in business merely for their health. While he is affable and entertaining on general subjects, when it came to "railroad" we found him a much better listener than talker.

He was here to gather information. The building of a railroad, even for a short distance like this, involves the expenditure of too much money, to be entered upon without an intelligent investigation. We believe, however, that Mr. Woods went back to Baltimore Tuesday, with a favorable report.

If the B. & O. people are looking for undeveloped territory within easy access, we have it. No section of Pennsylvania contains a greater variety of commercial products than Fulton county. Iron ores abound everywhere in profusion—hematite, fossil, pipe, micaceous and others—but the richest deposits exist right along the line of the proposed road. Lowry's Knob six miles south of McConnellsburg is practically an iron mountain. A shaft of eighty feet was several years ago, sunk through solid ore with no indication of its limit being reached. South of this Knob is the Dickey's Mountain formation extending for miles and contains what is known as the Danville ore measures, and said by experts to be one of the most reliable veins outside the primitive formation in Pennsylvania. This ore is free from sulphur or phosphorus, and generally yields fifty to sixty per cent. of pure iron. Nearby is an abundant supply of good limestone for smelting purposes. In the northern end of the county is an immense field of the richest quality of iron ore.

Large deposits of paint ore, has for many years, been known to exist. Of such excellent quality is it, that the early inhabitants by crushing the surface products in an improvised mortar made out of an old "dutch oven" were able to get enough to paint their barns and other farm buildings.

Within easy reach is an abundance of the finest white glass sand in the world.

Our timber is no mean consideration. For every two acres of cleared land in the county, there exists three acres of woodland. The fact that about a dozen steam saw mills are being operated in the county, would indicate that there is saw timber, and the mountains contain thousands of tons of tan bark, while railroad ties—well, we have never had a market for them, and they could

COMMENCEMENT.

Eight Young People Complete their Studies in the High School.

On Tuesday evening, the graduating class of 1900, of the McConnellsburg High School, held their class exercises in the Court House, and an audience that filled every available foot of space greeted with applause every number of the interesting program.

The class consisted of three ladies and five gentlemen, namely, Jessie Mason, Mabel Kendall, Nellie Hays, William Patterson, Ellis L. Lynch, Parker Skinner, Harry Irwin, and James Patterson; and, the manner in which they acquitted themselves in the rendering of the program, was highly creditable to themselves and to their teacher.

Every number of the program was both interesting and instructive; and, without commenting on each separately, it is enough to say that McConnellsburg feels very proud of the product of her high school.

The address to the class was made by Prof. J. L. Finafrock, of the Mercersburg High School. The quiet dignity of his manner and the earnestness of his address won hearty commendation from our people.

The floral decorations were beautiful. The entire length of the stage to the height of five or six feet was a solid bank of evergreens and flowers. Seated directly in front of this were the eight graduates with their teacher, Prof. Gress at the right, and Secretary of the school board A. U. Nace, Rev. C. M. Smith, and Prof. Finafrock to their left.

Mr. A. U. Nace, in presenting the diplomas, made a short address in which were some very practical suggestions in reference to the care that should be used in promotions.

The exercises were interspersed with selections by the McConnellsburg orchestra assisted by Prof. Kessel of St. Thomas, Mr. Darby of Baltimore and Ed Austin of Saluvia.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

Some reprobate seems to have a spite at the mountains, for he has fired them in about fifteen places since Sunday morning. . . . Quite a number of our young folks attended May Meeting at Sideling Hill on Sunday. . . . The sick are all improving except Mrs. George Akers who is very low; and it is feared she will never be much better. . . . Ernest Hixson and sister Grace are visiting in McConnellsburg. . . . Mrs. Jane Mellott, of Loest Grove, and Mrs. Amos Hixson and daughter, Mrs. Rohm, were among the callers at Thomas Starr's Sunday to see his youngest son, who arrived Saturday. I suppose now the saw mill and planing mill whizz faster than ever. Nothing like having lots of help. . . . Our neighbor T. B. McGraw has returned to West Virginia where he has been selling patents. . . . We have had some heavy frosts for May; but don't think there is much fruit killed.

THOMPSON.

Mr. and Mrs. John May of near Hancock, visited friends in this neighborhood, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Fisher and family attended church on the Ridge Sunday.

Miss Rebecca Bishop and daughter Nellie were at P. P. Shives'; Miss Georgia Truax and Mrs. Henry Walz, at Mr. Sharp's; Misses Annie Eyster and Dossa Hewitt at Mrs. Jennie Everts last Sunday.

Miss Emma Pittman left Tuesday for a visit to her aunts in Kansas.

P. P. Shives came home Saturday evening after having completed Stilwell Johnston's large barn.

PERSONAL.

John B. Sipes and daughter of Laidig were in town last Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Baker, of Clear Ridge, gave the News office a short call Saturday.

Prof. Harry Gress went over to the Scotland Industrial School yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Heiker, of Chambersburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Scott of this place.

Miss Nora Conard of Chambersburg came over Tuesday to be present at Commencement.

Messrs. Wm. Sigel and Dayton Peck, of Conant, spent Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Rev. D. P. Drawbaugh attended Lutheran Conference at Chambersburg the first part of this week.

Mr. Wilson L. Cline, one of Dublin's progressive citizens, was in McConnellsburg Monday.

Tonsorial artist Ed Brake of this place, spent Sunday and Monday with his mother at St. Thomas.

Miss Minnie Fields, of this place, has gone to spend the summer with friends in Bedford county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Anderson, of Dublin Mills, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Unger, of this place.

Messrs. Anthony Mellott and E. W. Swope, of near Sipes Mill, dropped in to see us a few minutes while in town Friday.

Mrs. Maude Austin and Miss Anna Speer of Saluvia spent last Saturday with Mrs. W. Scott Alexander of this place.

Miss Rena Shaffner of Mendenhall, Chester county, is visiting the family of her uncle, M. R. Shaffner, Esq., of this place.

Mr. S. C. Gracy was in town Tuesday. He says he has left the "road" and will give his attention to farming awhile.

Our old time friend George W. Chestnut of Bethel township favored the News office with his presence while in town Friday.

Squire Kerling, of Dublin Mills, paid our sanction a short visit Tuesday. He was accompanied to town by Mr. David Ashton.

William P. Gordon, Esq., of Warfordsburg, and Judge John Daniels, of Franklin Mills, spent Tuesday night at the Fulton House.

Mr. Frank Eltemiller, of Pittsburg, is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Catharine Eltemiller, and other friends of this place.

Mrs. Sam Goldsmith of Polo, Ill., accompanied by their bright little four year-old daughter, Mary Ann, is visiting relatives in town.

Prof. Ernest Gress has been engaged to assist B. N. Palmer in the latter's Normal at Needmore. Mr. Gress will enter upon his duties next Monday.

Francis M. Taylor, of the United States topographical and geographical surveying corps operating at present in Franklin county, spent Sunday with his family in this place.

John Shade of Clearfield brother of Mrs. John Bender, of this place, was obliged to have one of his arms amputated last week, the result of a small scratch in his hand a week or two ago, terminating in blood poison.

Mr. Ernest Hixson, of Baltimore, after visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson, of Brush Creek Valley, spent a few days the past week, accompanied by his sister Miss Grace, with the family of his brother-in-law, John V. Stoutengale of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Myers, and their daughter Beatrice came up to McConnellsburg to witness the High School Commencement exercises Tuesday evening. We are glad to note that Davy is meeting with much success in the tailoring business. His shop affords employment to six assistants all the time.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander will start on next Tuesday morning for St. Louis, Missouri, as one of the lay Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of the United States, which meets on the 17th instant. The Presbyterian Church of McConnellsburg has not had a lay Commissioner to the General Assembly for over fifty years, and our people are to be congratulated that they have been recognized by Presbytery. After the Adjournment of the General Assembly Senator Alexander will spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives in Nebraska.

Roy Rummel entered the News office as an employe on Tuesday. Roy spent several months in the Democrat office.

With one team each, on one of James G. Kendall's farms in Arr township last week, James Woodal, Sr., and Will Summers scored out twenty-four acres of corn ground both ways, equivalent to forty-eight one way. Allowing five furrows to the rod, each of the two men must have traveled over fifty miles a day.