

# The Fulton County News.

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AT GETTYSBURG.

the State Encampment by Dr. W. L. McKibbin.

burg from the 4th to 9th was the Mecca of Loyal The Fulton county was fair. The in- the great battles of with its far reaching many concurring that had the Confed- a divided the death knell of liberty been sounded, and to come have been retarded. of the town was by the citizens through the Hon. Swope, whose address was historic, strong and was the classic of the and the courtesy extend- to the Fulton county was greatly appreciated. will long be remembered. by Ex-Commander Dart, the scholarly advo- of soldier sentiment, met responsive heart throbs of from the vast au- and the unanimity of sent expressed upon the meet at Gettysburg next Encampment, bespeak a purpose to make it a per- annual meeting place. of the topography ground held by the con- forces, and understand- the field had not been se- by either of the great mil- of the two parallel ridges fortified, and held by well seasoned troops, the could only rest with him the defensive battle: in an attempt to de- I firmly believe the per- willary genius of General has not been fully ac-

ing been associated with James Preceptor, C. S. A., of the great military leaders, who com- J. E. B. Stewart's horse and one of Lee's most fighters, he often in his moods described their attack on Gen. Mead's the terrible whipping out from Gen. Gregg, cause- plans to miscarry, in the movement of Gen. showing again the sagaci- the Union commander in for the contingency might arise from flank move-

broken hearts and broken in confusion—but the rear guard—desper- with desperate mea- true to their princi- to their manor born— of a better cause, but as the steel that they car- by their sides—Cavalier of and Puritan of the North by the wage of bat- the problem of inherited in which they were in no responsible—wended their in their native heath.

of the chief attractions of the child of the Scotland S. O. School healthy appearance, bright faces, their proficiency in and calisthenic exercises— much to our entertain- Most notable was the between teachers and Seemingly, they must began with the heart and of the child—to develop that golden attribute of

comrades, let us next upon that sacred who sleep in that silent city with no quaint lettering their names or heroic but there is a pathos in graves that link firmly to the history of our present the great tradition of the and renew our pledges to eternal principles of liberty; while we may never again at ears to the music of the and know that "peace her victory, no less renown- yet— that bind eternal comrades, without surcease, one hour's touch of elbows a thousand years of peace."

## THAT LOCOMOBILE.

There was no little excitement among the boys of our town last Saturday evening, when two gentlemen came into town from the east in a handsome carriage of which it may be said there was "no pullee, no pushee, but it went ahead—just samee." At Funk's Hotel the gentlemen alighted and the strange looking vehicle was safely housed for the night.

It was the first appearance of a horseless, muleless, or steerless pleasure carriage in Fulton county. It was a genuine locomobile, and bears about the same relation to a traction engine that a finely finished surrey would bear to a six horse broadtread road wagon.

This machine, had a finely finished wood body with nicely upholstered seat for two persons to ride comfortably. This body was mounted on four wheels with rubber tire, about the size of and looked like bicycle wheels. Underneath the body was concealed the machinery, which consisted of a small four horse steam engine, a small water tank, and a small tank for gasoline—the gasoline being the fuel used to generate steam. The machine did not weigh over 600 or 700 pounds, and cost \$750.00. For an average run of ten miles, one gallon of gasoline is used for fuel and six or seven gallons of water for steam.

The difference between an automobile and a locomobile is, that the power used to propel the former is generated by electric batteries while the latter is run by a steam, or a gasoline, engine.

The tourists above mentioned were L. H. Carlisle and Ed W. Mealey of the Crawford bicycle works, Hagerstown. They started out Saturday for a run of sixty-five miles over to Bedford, expecting to reach this place for dinner, and Bedford for supper. They made their first twenty-three miles in two hours, and were getting along nicely when they carelessly allowed the water to get too low in the boiler, and the pump refused to work; hence they did not reach McConnellsburg until about five o'clock, p.m. As business required their presence at Hagerstown Monday morning, they staid here Saturday night, went down the Cove to the National Pike Sunday morning, and by that returned to Hagerstown.

These gentlemen are not out so much for their health as to give the machine a test on our roads with a view to building a machine and placing it on the market at a popular price.

## Has This Been Done?

An Act of the Legislature approved May 2, 1899, provides that "the township supervisors and road commissioners of the several townships, shall annually, on the first Monday of April, enter into a contract with one or more taxpayers to remove and take away the loose stones from the main traveled highways in such townships at least once each month, during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October of each year."

The compensation to the persons doing the work is to be credited upon the road tax assessed against them.

Daniel P. Dishong of Pleasant Ridge, was in town Monday. The Squire has been having some hard luck. The latter part of April he was building fence one day and run a splinter in the palm of his left hand. With his pocket knife he removed the splinter, which had penetrated the hand about three-eighths of an inch, and gave the matter no further attention for nearly a week, when inflammation set in pus formed, and the result was a sore hand that cost him a Doctor's bill and several weeks of intense suffering and almost his life.

## WILLIAM J. VARNES.

Another Fulton County Boy Heard From.

Mr. Varnes is a native of Belfast township, a grandson of the late Elder Joseph Correll and a former school teacher. A few years ago he "went west." The following letter will be interesting to his many friends.

"I went to Bucyrus, Ohio, in April, 1895, and passed the teachers' examination there. July 10, 1895, I enlisted in the U. S. Army at Cleveland, Ohio, and was assigned to the Eighth Infantry at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyoming. I passed two examinations for the Railroad Mail Service while at this place, and was transferred upon my own application to Battery 'I,' Third Artillery, at Presidio, San Francisco, California, in May, 1897. I received an appointment of substitute Railway Postal Clerk, March, 27, 1898, obtained my discharge from the U. S. Army, by favor, April 25, 1898, and was appointed Railway Postal Clerk for a probationary term of six months, upon the expiration of which time I was discharged. This discharge was caused by my having reported the clerk-in-charge, with whom I was running, for being under the influence of liquor, and for making me do his work in addition to my own.

"All clerks receive a probationary appointment of six months; and if they prove satisfactory, receive a permanent appointment; but I was unfortunate in this respect. I was a class 1 clerk, and they put me on a class 4 run from Cheyenne to Ogden, just at the time we were receiving great ship loads of mail from Manila. We had to work day and night with only a few days off; but the clerk-in-charge wanted to do the sleeping and wanted me to do the work. He was a class 5 clerk at \$1350.00 a year and was appointed by favor during Cleveland's first administration.

Major Frank W. Hess, Artillery Inspector on the staff of the Commanding General Department of the Columbia, who is president of the board of officers for the examination of enlisted men for promotion to the grade of second lieutenant, is a native of Fulton county, and he says he knows you well. He is a son of the late Jonathan Hess of your town and is a very nice gentleman.

I forget to write you that I re-enlisted at Fort Stevens, Oregon, April 5, 1899, for Battery 'M,' Third Artillery, at which place I am stationed now. Fort Stevens is situated at the mouth of the Columbia, opposite Cape Disappointment. We have here a fine battery of six ten-inch rifles mounted on disappearing carriages, and a battery of eight twelve-inch mortars on spring return carriage; also, two batteries of six-inch rapid firing guns. The ten-inch battery has been named by the Secretary of War, 'Battery Lewis' and the mortar battery, 'Battery Clark.' Just across the river at Fort Columbia, which is garrisoned by a detachment from 'M' Battery, is a battery of six eight-inch steel rifles (the other guns I mentioned are made of steel and are rifled too,) mounted on disappearing carriages and a battery of six six-inch rapid firing guns.

"You can see why there is such an agitation for an increase of the artillery arm of the service. It requires fourteen men to man one of the ten-inch rifles, including eight men for the ammunition detail, twenty-two men in all, and it takes nearly as many to man one of the other guns and this for one rifle only, to say nothing of the extra details at range finders, plotting boards, relocation, telephones, dial telegraphy, and other details. There is only one battery of men on the Columbia, and we have to mount guns and care for them all the time. We have no time for drill. I am a 'first-class' gunner and a gunnery specialist, class, B."

## SPEER—CUTCHALL.

One of the leading social events of the season occurred on Tuesday evening, June 12, 1900, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cutchall in Taylor township. The occasion was the marriage of their daughter, Miss Etta, to W. R. Speer, Saluvia's hustling merchant.

At seven o'clock about twenty-five of the immediate friends of the bridal couple were assembled in the parlor, in that breathless suspense that always precedes that important ceremony. The hush was broken by the soft, sweet strains of Lohengrin from the organ at which Miss Mildred Mathias of Hustontown was presiding. A few moments more and the marital group were in place, presenting a beautiful tableau. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank of Hustontown who used the beautiful and impressive service of the M. E. church.

Miss Etta Cutchall, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. B. C. Lamberson of Hustontown, groomsmen.

The bride looked very pretty in a beautiful white organdie, trimmed with lace and ribbon.

After the customary congratulations had been offered, the guests were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served.

The happy couple will make their home at Saluvia.

A NICE VISIT.

Our good friend Samson J. Mellott, of Belfast township, who has been spending the past month with his daughter Sadie, Mrs. J. W. Turner, returned to this vicinity last week and will spend some time with his son Andrew, who lives just east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner live on Harrison's Island in the Potomac river, a short distance from Leesburg, Virginia. It was Mr. Mellott's first visit to his daughter since her residence there and he is much pleased. The island, he says, comprises five hundred acres all in one farm, level as a floor and soil that is just delightful to work and very productive. Mr. Turner has had charge of this farm for several years. The corn field is so large that it takes just an hour to make one round with the cultivator. Mr. Mellott says it means something when one goes a fishing down there. Mr. Turner set out lines, and had the satisfaction of hauling in forty eels and about fifty nice fish.

Sadie used to live in this place, and she and Mr. Turner were married by Rev. Mr. Grove.

BADLY HURT.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. David Fraker, of Fort Littleton met with an accident which might have cost him his life. He was going down the lane from the Ridge above the Woodlet farm with a three-horse load of bark. When, at the top of a steep descent, he tied the hind wheels and started down, but the chain soon broke, the wagon pushed on the horses which ran to keep out of the way of the wagon, and Mr. Fraker ran to get control of the team. As he caught hold of one of the horses it fell, throwing him and both the front and hind wheel of the wagon on the near side, ran over one of his legs. The wonder is that he was not crushed to death. Under skillful surgical aid he is in a fair way to recover.

The readers of THE NEWS will doubtless read with interest the account of the Rays Hill tragedy in this issue. For this they are indebted to the courtesy of that estimable lady, Mrs. Sallie McG. Shull, the hostess of "The Crossings," who kindly loaned us the "copy." Mrs. Shull has a scrap book in which she pastes local historical, and other interesting articles. We may feel called upon to draw upon her literary storehouse at times.

## THE PHILIPPINES.

Another Letter from Harold McKibbin.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. W. L. McKibbin of Union township, we are permitted to publish the following extract of a letter from her son:

DIANALUPLAN, P. I.,  
April 27, 1900.

"As it is nearly time for the rainy season to set in, I will write again. From present indications, we shall not move from here soon. We have sent in estimates for eight months' supplies, and they are now coming in fast. After the rainy season starts we can't get out of here on account of the water. The natives say the town becomes partly inundated and remains so for three or four months. During this time they have to go along the streets in boats. We felt a slight earthquake here yesterday, which lasted about three or four minutes. The earth seemed to sway like the motion of a vessel on the ocean. Several of the men were quite dizzy and Dr. Ender, our surgeon, was sick from it. We are not doing anything now except making preparations for the rainy season. A small detail was out a few days ago and burnt some Gogoo barracks in the mountains. They, too, are making preparations for the rainy season. We burn all buildings in the mountains where ever we can find them so the natives will have to come into the towns as soon as the rain begins. It is very warm now; yet I do not feel the heat as much as I did in the States. When we suffer most is just after a shower. The sun then comes out so quickly and hot, that if we don't keep our faces and hands dry the sun will blister us where ever there is a drop of perspiration standing. One of the men got a letter from his home asking if it was hothere. He replied, 'If you were to come over and see it melting the solder of the old tin cans in the street, you wouldn't ask such foolish questions. Regards to all.'

H. H. McKIBBIN,  
1st Sergt Co. K, 32d Inf. U. S. V.

SILOAM.

Interesting Children's Day exercises were had at Siloam last Sunday morning. Recitation by a number of little folks. Dialogue by eight boys and girls and Miss Gertie Sipes. Declarations by Harry and James Deshong, Scott Hockensmith, and others. Recitations by Dottie Deshong, Clara Kline, Cora Sipes, Fay Sipes, Etta Hockensmith, Lily Kline, Daisy Sipes, Ethel Schooley, Blanche Sipes, Cora Hockensmith and Linna A. Deshong. Dialogue by Bessie Hampton and Lizzie Mellott. Cecil Sipes was organist. All did their parts well. Every Sunday school ought to have Children's Day services. Addresses were made by Rev. B. Hughes and Joseph Deshong. More parents ought to see to it that their children attend Sunday school.

SPRING HOUSE VALLEY.

Miss Etta Hockensmith who has been spending some time with friends here, has returned home.

Clarence Clevenger and Mr. Shirer, of Mercersburg, spent last Sunday with the former's brothers, Albert Clevenger, of this place.

Mr. William Seiders made a flying trip to Harrisonville last Saturday.

Our Sunday School is getting along nicely.

Quite a number of our young folks spent a very pleasant evening Monday last with Mr. and Mrs. John Souders, the party was composed of Misses Jennie, Ida Woodall, Rosa and Phoebe Paylor, Charley Everts and Geo. Paylor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Paylor and Mrs. John Souders attended the Sunday School Convention at Fort Littleton last week.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

It is out of the question to give anything like a detailed report of the Convention held at Fort Littleton last week. Twenty years ago the County Association was formed, and since that time annual conventions have been held—every township having had at least one, except Tod.

Of the fifty schools in Fulton county less than twenty were represented by delegates. The following schools each contributed one dollar:

Ayr—Rock Hill, Spring House Valley.

Belfast—Ebenezer, Pleasant Grove (25c.)

Bethel—Warfordsburg M. E., Warfordsburg Pres.

Brush Creek—Akersville, McKeendree.

Dublin—Burnt Cabins M. E. (50c.), Presbyterian, Ft. Littleton.

Licking Creek—Siloam, Green Hill, Asbury.

McConnellsburg—M. E., Ref., Pres., U. P., Luth.

Taylor—Fairview, (65c.), Hustontown M. E.

Tod—Knobsville M. E., Nazareth, Bethlehem.

Thompson—Oakley.

Union—B. V. M. E., Fairview.

Wells—W. T. Union, Pine Grove, Valley M. E., U. B., New Grenada.

GARLAND—PECK.

At high noon on Wednesday, June 13, 1900, at the parsonage of the officiating minister, Rev. S. L. Hoffman of the M. E. church at Republic, Ohio, Mr. D. O. Garland and Miss Ella Peck, both of Scipio township, Seneca county, Ohio, were united in marriage.

The bride was attired in a handsome gown of cream crepe, with a satin yoke covered with allover lace net, trimmed with silk fringe.

The groom, Mr. Garland, is a former Fulton county teacher, who after spending three years teaching here, went to Ohio, and liking the people and country, not better, however, than Pennsylvania people, he abandoned teaching and gave his attention to other industrial pursuits. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Peck, of Thompson township, this county, and a very estimable young lady.

The happy couple will go to housekeeping in Seneca county in the near future. Their many Fulton county friends extend congratulations and wish them a long and happy life.

ACCIDENT AT WOODVALE.

On Wednesday morning of last week, an accident happened at Woodvale to Peter, Newton and Samuel Staines, which may cost one of them, at least, his life. Peter was engaged in opening a can of powder with a pick. In some way a spark was generated, and a violent explosion followed, in which the entire body of the unfortunate man was most shockingly burned. It was thought at the time that his recovery was beyond a possibility; but Dr. Campbell, of New Grenada, was summoned at once by telephone, and, at this writing, Peter, as well as the other two, who were near, and badly burned, are in a fair way to recover.

The building in which the explosion occurred was literally blown to pieces, portions of it being thrown a great distance.

Contractor T. B. Stevens of Taylor has just put the finishing touches on Johnny Magsam's new house in the "Magsam Addition." The building is a credit both to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Magsam. Mr. Stevens has under contract several other buildings to be completed this summer.

Assistant Postmaster W. A. Sloan has greatly improved the appearance of his residence at the west end of town by having it repainted.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Clara Kline of McConnellsburg, spent Sunday at her home near Harrisonville.

Robert Everts, one of Thompson's prosperous citizens, was in town Tuesday.

George I. Door, of Union township, dropped in to see us a few minutes Tuesday.

Mr. Jacob Kauffman, of Pleasant Ridge, called at the News office while in town Monday.

William Hershey, one of Taylor's enterprising young farmers, was a pleasant caller Tuesday.

Mr. Levi Crawford, of Buck Valley, did not forget the poor printer while in town Tuesday. Thanks, Levi.

Miss Myrtle Stoutangle of this place is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Carrie Glazier, at Webster Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spangler, of Mercersburg, were guests of the family of Ex-Sheriff Sipes of this place on Tuesday.

Mr. John Scott Alexander, of Ayr township, left for Johnstown, Pa., on Monday last, where he expects to secure employment.

Dr. J. G. Hanks, of Rays Hill, and his brother N. B. Hanks Esq., of Brush Creek, spent a day or two in town this week.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore and his brother-in-law J. C. Mellott were among Tuesday's visitors to the News office.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mook spent Saturday and Sunday last with the families of George Mook and Gerge Everhart on the Logan farm.

Miss Rea Shaffner who had been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shaffner of this place, returned to her home in Chester county, Monday.

Mrs. John Sherman, and daughter, Miss Eldora of Fort Littleton, spent Friday with her nieces, Miss Minnie Mook and Mrs. N. J. Sinnott.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander returned last Friday after a four week's absence attending the Presbyterian Assembly at St. Louis and visiting friends in Nebraska.

Asa Mellott, Ex-Co. Commissioner Isalah Layton, James S. Akers, Ben Morris, and D. A. Garland were Brush Creek representatives at the county capital on Monday.

Mrs. D. J. Mellott and Miss Abbie Mellott visited a number of friends in Franklin county last week. They came home by McConnellsburg and visited Mrs. Mellott's sister, Mrs. Daniel Sheets.

Mrs. P. C. Bealman of Dry Run, spent several days last week, visiting her mother Mrs. Mahala Mellott of Harrisonville. Mrs. Bealman and her sister Mrs. Jas. G. Kline of Harrisonville, spent a few days visiting friends at Needmore.

Baltus Stigers, of Warfordsburg; Wilson Bergstresser, of Waterfall; and Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton, were a trio of men in town this week who have been interested in the flouring mill business in their respective localities during the past half century.

Miss Kate Ranck and Miss Blanche Yonker, after attending the Convention at Littleton last week, went up to Huntington county and spent Sunday with Miss Kate's aunt, Mrs. Eliza Heggie, then returned to McConnellsburg Monday and remained with friends until Wednesday morning, when they left for home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Hoke of Merrill, Iowa, are visiting Mr. Hoke's mother and sister of this place. Mr. Hoke's many friends here will be pleased to hear that he is prospering in his western home. He has been connected with the leading bank of his city for nearly two years and owns a one-fourth interest in the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mook returned on Monday after an extended trip to Adams and Cumberland counties, during which time they took in the G. A. R. Encampment at Gettysburg several days, visited their daughter Miss Anna, at Mt. Holly Springs, also other relatives and friends at Bolling Springs, Carlisle, Shippenburg, etc.

A FULTON COUNTY BOY WINS.

Mr. Gailey G. Chambers, of Big Cove Tannery, grandson of Rev. Lewis Chambers, is home from Dickinson College at Carlisle, for his summer vacation. We congratulate him on having secured for the second time the "McDaniels Prize" of one hundred dollars for superior excellence, or first place in class. He is also winner of the "Secor Prize" of twenty-five dollars for best examination in the year's work on Civil Government. How very gratifying it is to all the friends of youth and education to see one of our young men taking his place in the front rank, in one of the first institutions in the state.