

The Fulton County News.

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PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Ends From the Reporter's Note Book.

Miss Belle Stouteagle, of this place, has been elected teacher at the Mountain Home school, Peters township, Franklin county.

Mr. A. J. Thompson, Editor of the News, accompanied by his sister Minnie, spent last week-end and Sabbath in Philadelphia.

Mr. A. J. Irwin's residence at Clear Ridge has been greatly improved in appearance and convenience, by the application of fresh paint and a porch.

Mrs. Doyle and Shimer are much to the appearance of Mr. Johnston's residence and building by putting on a coat of fresh paint.

A cancer which was removed from the breast of Mrs. Rhoda a few years ago seems to be making its appearance again, and Mrs. Truax a good deal better. It is hoped that in time its growth may be arrested and her health fully restored.

Mr. Reischer, of the firm of Reischer & Father, of this place, a very good looking boy, but the evening he had an attack of toothache, earache and headache, and the liberal poultice made his head look like a Christmas plum pudding. His numerous lady friends made a strong protest against such a handsome countenance in this manner.

Mr. Robert S. Stouteagle, of this place, has been elected to the Washington school in Washington township, Franklin county, the most desirable schools in the county. He was also requested to be a candidate for the school at Upton. Mr. Stouteagle is a great favorite with his friends over the mountain.

Saturday as John W. Laird, of Taylor township, was coming to the gate from George Taylor's horse, instead of the white Mr. Laird shut the door started off at a rapid pace with Mr. Laird's buggy and had torn the shafts away from the buggy. The buggy was driven by Mac Kerlin's, while the shafts, or what remained of them up to Laird post.

Daniel Mock got an ugly cut on his hand last Friday while attempting to catch a sheep. He grabbed the sheep by the ear, and to resent the familiarity of Mr. Mock, the sheep plunged Mr. Mock's hand into a sharp edged piece of wood. Only about a week before Mr. Mock nearly crushed his thumbs with a two-pound hammer while driving a nail.

Most agreeable surprise was experienced in the home of Mrs. Michael Knauft last Saturday afternoon when their daughter Miss Nettie and Mrs. McIntyre, of New York, unexpectedly stepped in.

Nettie who has been in poor health for some time did not feel well for her journey; and, finally, enjoyed the ride in the conveyance from Mer-

CAPTAIN SKINNER APPOINTED.

Captain Geo. W. Skinner, of this county, who, for over eleven years, has been a member of the Soldiers' Orphan School Commission, and for over three years the Treasurer of the Board, was on last Friday unanimously elected to the position of Superintendent of the Industrial School at Scotland, to take effect on July 1st next. As he received the support of all the members of the Board, some of whom are well known anti-Quayites, no political significance can be attached to his election. It has long been well understood in the Soldiers' Orphan School Commission that politics of all kinds shall have no place in the deliberations of that body, so far as appointments or the general policy of the Board is concerned; and that those who accept positions in any of the schools, shall leave their politics outside. From this policy of the Board of Managers, we may infer that Captain Skinner during the time he shall remain in this position will take no part in politics here or elsewhere.

The Captain left Big Cove Tannery Monday for Harrisburg and Chester Springs to close up his accounts as Treasurer of the Board; and while he will take formal charge at Scotland next week, he expects to spend part of July at his home in this county closing up some business matters. It might be added that he does not expect, at least for the present, to give up his legal residence in this county.

JOSHUA MELLOTT.

At noon last Saturday at his home about a mile west of McConnellsburg, Mr. Joshua Mel- lott, a highly respected citizen of this county, passed to his final reward. Mr. Melott was sixty-five years of age on the 27th of last February.

About two years ago he was stricken with paralysis, since which time he has been confined to his home. Two weeks ago he grew much worse until the end came. Mr. Melott was born on the farm now owned by Mr. Milton Melott of Belfast township, and in 1859 was married to Miss Barbara Truax.

Of the six children born to them, three are yet living. Newton, Tod township; Jane, at home with her mother, and Richard, at Millstone, Md.

Four brothers survive him: Thomas, Belfast township; Jacob B., Clearfield; William, Findley, Ohio, and Nathaniel, Big Cove Tannery.

During the past sixteen years he has been a member of the M. E. church at Ebenezer. The deceased was a member of an old and highly respected family. His funeral took place on Sunday, Rev. J. L. Grove, of this place, conducting services at the home, after which his remains were conveyed by undertaker Wm. R. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, to the cemetery at Sidling Hill Baptist church for interment. A sermon was preached at the latter place to a large number of friends and former neighbors of the deceased by Elder C. L. Funk.

Fulton Captures Another Prize.

Miss Mary Hazel Skinner, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. George W. Skinner, returned to her home at Big Cove Tannery on Saturday last, having graduated at St. Joseph's academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, with the highest honors of her class.

She received the Jenkins Gold Medal, valued at fifty dollars, which is given each year by a wealthy Baltimore gentleman to the young lady graduating with the highest honors at that institution. We congratulate our young friend, and feel prouder than ever of Fulton's young people.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:—It afforded me pleasure to be invited to the barn raising at the home of the Hon. Peter Morton, where the laity and profession were well represented, and all seemingly to vie with each other in the effort to make the raising a success. The barn is forty-two by seventy-five feet, and eighteen feet to the square, the frame alone containing twenty-two thousand feet of timber. It is to be fitted with all modern appliances, and will be one of the finest barns in the county.

While there was much hard lifting, the men were equal to the occasion, which partook much of a social gathering. Old and young, of both sexes, enjoying it alike, and the merry laughter of youth with their innocent sport, and the number of ladies present, who always lend dignity and grace, making home pleasant and places like this so agreeable, has left an impression on the writer's mind that I hope will never be effaced.

Many parts of the county was represented. Those from a distance were Wm. Wink, G. W. Morton, David Bishop, D. R. Mellott, and Wm. Wink, of Belfast; Candidate S. W. Kirk, Esq., Esquires G. B. Daniels, John P. Sipes, Hon. W. S. Alexander, Dr. F. K. Stevens and others, of McConnellsburg; Ayr and Tod were fully represented; Union by Dr. W. L. McKibbin.

The carpenters, Messrs. Nathan Henry and son Cab, with their able corps of co-workers, are deserving of much praise and more than passing notice; they are master mechanics with marked executive ability, for there was not a misfit, a jar, or an accident.

The day was beautiful and the entertainment more than the heart could wish, the tables loaded with good things, bespeaking much for Mrs. Morton and her able assistants.

Last but not least, was Mr. D. T. Fields, the "whoop 'em up" of the occasion—first and longest at the table, and last at the lift—and as a first-class right and left hand feeder, took the cake, and nearly everything else within reach. He led us to believe that he had saved up for the occasion, or had been keeping lent all winter.

But laying jest aside, as we go forth laden with the cares of life, let us carry with us that fraternal feeling that illumines the pathway, and grows brighter as the years glide by, and like the arctic light, linger long in the coming light of the next returning day.

SPECTATOR.

FORT LITTLETON.

Misses Frances and Margarette Cromer have been visiting friends at Mercersburg for the past week.

Mr. Harry E. Gordon returned to Johnstown Monday after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gordon.

Mrs. Alexander Mayue left last week for a visit to Hollidaysburg, where her three sons, George, Thomas and Samuel are located.

Mr. Emanuel Locke and wife of Locke's Valley were the guests of David Bare's family, last Saturday evening and Sabbath.

Miss Minnie Woollet spent last week with the family of David Ashton at Maddeusville.

Mrs. Daniel Cromer and son Fred spent a couple of days last week with Mr. Covalt and family of Covalt, Pa.

Hon. Peter Gordon returned last Friday, from a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. Hamil at Fort Loudon.

Mr. David Bare, who has been confined to his room the past ten days is some better.

Miss Alice Fraker has gone to make her home in the family of Charles McGehee of Burnt Cabins.

EMILY HORNER JACKSON.

After a lingering illness, the subject of this notice died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lou Jackson of this place last Thursday. Mrs. Jackson was born on the 11th day of February 1827, consequently had turned upon her seventy-fourth year. On the fifteenth day of July 1852 she was married to Joel Jackson and to them were born three children—James W., Hanson, and Robert James is a painter and resides in Jersey City. Hanson was a telegraph lineman and was among the number who perished in the "Johnstown Flood" in 1889; Robert is a printer, somewhere in the west, perhaps, if living. His mother had not heard from him for several years.

Mrs. Jackson was a woman of excellent character, and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She possessed a refinement of manner and natural culture that won her the esteem of a large circle of friends. Since the death of her husband something over eleven years ago, she has had her home with her daughter-in-law aforesaid. She was interred at the Presbyterian church last Saturday evening.

S. S. CONVENTION.

The following persons were by the late convention at Fort Littleton, elected officers of the Fulton County Sunday-school Association for the ensuing year: President, B. W. Peck; Vice President, George W. Hayes; Recording Secretary, Miss Alice Wishart; Permanent Secretary, M. R. Shafter; Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Mosser.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.
Ayr—Mrs. S. M. Cook.
Belfast—Mrs. Rose Swartzwelder.
Bethel—Reuben Warfield.
Brush Creek—N. B. Hanks.
Dublin—S. L. Buckley.
Licking Creek—Miss Anna Spear.
McConnellsburg—Mrs. S. W. Kirk.
Taylor—Mrs. Clem Chesnut.
Thompson—Joe Lake.
Tod—David Kelso.
Union—Miss Jessie Geinger.
Wells—James Lockard.
Executive Committee: S. L. Buckley, A. U. Nace, Mrs. S. M. Cook.

McConnellsburg was named as the place for holding the Convention of 1901 by a vote of 14, Wells Valley having received 10, and Brush Creek, 5. The time will be fixed by the executive committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Account of L. H. Wible, Treasurer of the Fulton County S. S. Association:
To bal. at last settlement, \$11 36
" amt received at the last convention, 31 50
June 15, 1899, amt received from Secretary Shafter 3 00
Sep. 1, 1899, amt received from S. R. Martin, Cross Roads school, 60 46
Cr.
By printing programs, (B. W. Peck,) 2 50
Balance in hands of Treas., 843 96

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer find them correct as stated.
A. A. RICHARDS,
ANNA B. COVALT,
L. ETNA POLK,
Auditors.

A. A. Richards, Esq., proprietor of the Sumner County Star, Kansas, was one of the assistant secretaries of the Republican National Convention last week. Mr. Richards is a son of Hon. J. T. Richards of Buck Valley. He was a former Fulton county teacher, a graduate of Lafayette College. He went West several years ago, studied law, went into the newspaper business and is now a leading Republican politician of Sumner county.

Watson Lynch went over to Crystal Springs yesterday, to clerk in his Uncle George O. Lynch's store. Watson is a number one young man, and has been in J. Kendall Johnston's store in this place for a long time.

THE TRIAL OF JNO. P. CONRAD.

Remains Stolid and Indifferent to the End—Eats Heartily and Chats Volubly With Friends.

An Incident in his Remarkable Career Before his Downfall.

In another column will be found the particulars of the case of the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike Company vs. John Sheets, proprietor of the McConnellsburg and Mercersburg Mail Line, saw Friday at Chambersburg,—but that is another story. The individual we have to deal with is John P. Conrad, once a peaceable and law-abiding citizen, now an accessory, yea, chief criminal in this heinous defiance of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Rate Card of the C. & B. Turnpike Company in particular. On the dreaded Friday—"Black Friday"—Mr. Conrad arose and dressed himself with more than ordinary care, brushing his blue overalls, polishing his Regals with an unlimited quantity of Prazer's graphite axle-grease and giving those fine touches to his person affected by vain and fastidious men when they pose before the public. We will not follow John's actions during his trip from this place to Chambersburg, suffice it to say that they were characterized with the utmost recklessness and levity.—Arriving at Chambersburg he partook of a hearty meal of pretzels and scrap cheese, eating with a voracity indicating that he felt that this was to be his last meal on earth; but at the same time exhibiting that de quate de cour that has distinguished his every action since this remarkable trial was spoken of.

When Mr. Conrad arose for the terrible ordeal through which he was about to pass a deathlike silence pervaded the vast assembly, and it is said that never in the criminal chronicles of Chambersburg was so much nerve force and control over the emotions as shown by the chief actor in this case noted, and his disregard of judicial dignity and the pomp of power treated with such sublimity. In contradistinction to this sublimely sublimated phase of his character we give the following incident: Several years ago Mr. Conrad resided in Tod township. One day, while assisting in unloading a barrel of cider, recognizing the existence of specific gravity, he did not lend to the work that muscular endeavor that should always attend such labor and the result was that his end of the barrel rolled unresistingly over his half-past 10's. He managed, without the assistance of his cousin Harvey Nelson, who was an interested spectator, to reach his room where he fell in a dead faint. Recovering, after the usual restoratives were resorted to, he remarked firmly but calmly to his wife: "Now, Belle, leave the room, I am going to take off my shoe."

The shoe was removed with due care and on careful examination of the member, not a bruise, not an abrasion, not a discoloration, not even "a little redness," as Cousin Harvey observed, could be detected. We do not think there is anything to laugh at in this, but mention it to illustrate the great change that he had undergone in this brief time. The kind-heartedness and solicitude so beautifully shown for his wife's feelings has given place to a reckless, hardened and defiant spirit that laughs at, mocks at, and makes "snoots" at toll-gate keepers along the great thoroughfare that lies between this place and Mercersburg. We would give all the minor details in the matter, but out of consideration for the delicate sensibilities of his cousin Harvey, we refrain.

While J. Kendall Johnston was in the cellar of his mercantile establishment on Monday, assisting in opening some boxes containing goods for the store, he accidentally ran a nail into his wrist, making an ugly puncture and a painful wound.

FIRE AT CHAMBERSBURG.

Fire that badly damaged the furniture establishment of H. Sierer & Co., Chambersburg, rendered worthless a great amount of valuable furniture and placed in peril adjacent property occurred last Friday night shortly after 11 o'clock. A lighted balloon is said to have caused the fire. Before the alarm was sounded people who had not yet retired saw the balloon sailing from the southern section of town toward the Sierer property. When the balloon got directly over the furniture establishment the lighted sponge dropped onto the northern end of the roof, setting the shingles afire. The paper portion of the balloon dropped onto the southern end of the roof.

The building, a two-story structure on East Queen street, west of south Main, presented a true picture of a night fire in the morning. The northern portion of it, charred and blackened by flame and smoke, is badly damaged and will have to be rebuilt. On the second floor much furniture was burned and a large portion made completely worthless by the streams of water placed on the burning building by the firemen. Couches, chairs, bedsteads, bureaus, stands, bed springs, book cases, smoked and water soaked, thrown about in confusion, tell of the midnight fire and of the efforts of the firemen to extinguish the flames. Luckily, the fire was confined to the upper story of the building, otherwise the damage would have been much greater. As it is the loss will amount to between \$8000 and \$10,000. There is an insurance of \$9000 on the building and furniture.

A new building will be erected at once on the site of the one damaged. During the fire Mr. Henry Sierer, the senior member of the firm, was overcome in the building but was promptly taken to a place of safety. Fortunately many people among the firemen were on their way home from a Royal Arcanum celebration and could respond quickly to the alarm, and succeeded in saving much furniture and other property, which was promptly stored away in the neighboring houses. The firemen were also prompt to arrive on the scene, and by their efforts prevented a spread of the fire.

THE BOTTOM DROPS OUT.

About a week ago the Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike company brought suit against the drivers, of the McConnellsburg Mail Line—John P. Conrad and David E. Little—for evading the toll gate just above town. Instead of driving up the turnpike to the forks of the road they turned in, went up the new street running through Magsam's Extension and then crossed the C. & B. turnpike onto the Mercersburg turnpike. On Friday last the drivers with their attorneys and witnesses made their appearance at the office of Esquire Van T. Haulman, Chambersburg. It became evident that the manager of the turnpike company had "bit off more than he could chew," as he abandoned the case and paid the costs, but made direful threats as to the future.

MRS. MINNIE DODSON.

On Thursday of last week, in Hancock, Md., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Minnie Dodson, aged thirty-three. The deceased is well and pleasantly remembered by many of our townspeople, who recall her visits here during her girlhood days to her sister Mrs. George W. Seylar. A husband and five children mourn the loss of a loving wife and affectionate mother. Her disease was consumption—the result of a severe attack of pneumonia, from which she suffered two years ago.

Mrs. E. D. Crosby of Lowville, N. Y., is visiting her sister Miss Rebecca Pott of this place.

PERSONAL.

Clarence Sloan, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Myers of Dublin were in town Friday morning.

Mrs. John P. Sipes is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rush Minnich in Altoona.

Mr. D. R. Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, spent last Wednesday in McConnellsburg.

Jonathan P. Peck, of Gem, accompanied by his son, Master Wilbur was in town Tuesday.

Ex-County Treasurer John A. Henry of Clear Ridge, was in town bright and early on Monday.

Mr. Jeff Hoekensmith, of Harrisonville, was an early caller at the News office Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. C. Garland of Belfast township was a pleasant caller at this office last Friday morning.

Miss Marion Sloan attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas M. Keyser in Chambersburg last Thursday.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore, dropped into the News office a few minutes while in town Tuesday.

Mrs. D. H. Nace, of Chambersburg, is spending a few weeks among her many McConnellsburg friends.

Miss Sallie McDonald, of Chambersburg, spent a few days in McConnellsburg during the past week.

Dr. N. C. Trout, of Fairfield, Adams county, spent a few days in McConnellsburg during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mellott, and their daughter Maudie, spent last Thursday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin B. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. John Funk, all of Gem, are visiting friends in Waynesboro this week.

Miss Etta Deshong, of Licking Creek township, is spending a couple of weeks with the family of Baltzer Cutchall west of town.

Miss Kate McNeal, sister of Ex-Co. Supt. R. M. McNeal of Harrisburg, spent Saturday and Sunday at the Washington House.

Maurice Trout returned last Friday from Adams county where he had been having a nice visit at the home of his brother, Dr. Nick.

Charles Stech and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Stech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baltzer Decker in Licking Creek township.

Mrs. H. W. Scott, accompanied by her son Frank, of Scranton, spent a few days among friends in Chambersburg during the past week.

Mrs. Effamy Mann, of Needmore, spent several days last week visiting her son P. P. Mann, and other friends and relatives in McConnellsburg.

Mr. Vincent Ash, who has been spending the past year in a Medical College in Philadelphia, returned home last week for his summer vacation.

Mrs. Lottie Over, and her son Edgar Fulton, returned to this place Saturday evening, and expect to spend several weeks at the Washington House.

John Cobick, Ticket Agent of East Broad Top railroad, spent a few days during the past week visiting his sister, Mrs. Samuel Rotz, of Tod township.

Mrs. Anna Nesbit, of this place, after attending the funeral of her brother-in-law, T. M. Keyser in Chambersburg, went on to Waynesboro to visit her parents and sisters.

Mr. William Odell and daughter Miss May of Omaha, and Miss Ella Creigh and Miss May McKinney of Mercersburg spent Monday with Dr. West at the Washington House.

Miss Mary Hoke and her niece Josephine Runyan left Saturday noon for a visit among friends in the towns over the mountain. They attended the Commencement at Shippensburg yesterday.

Miss Minnie Reischer, accompanied by her little sister Annie, went over to Shippensburg last Friday morning to visit friends and to be present at the Normal School Commencement exercises this week.

Miss Mamie S. Clevenger, one of McConnellsburg's handsome and accomplished young ladies, attended the services on Children's Day, last Sunday, at Green Hill. She is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Austin, at Salvia.

Mr. W. H. Shepler, ticket agent of the C. V. R. R., at Carlisle, and his son Dr. R. H. Shepler, were in town from Saturday until Monday. Mr. W. H. Shepler spent his boyhood days in McConnellsburg, but has not visited here for over twenty years. He was heartily greeted by his former playmates.

Mrs. Ahimaz Runyan, of Needmore, and her daughter Mrs. Robert C. Dixon of Pittsburg, accompanied by Miss Runyan's grand-daughter, Miss Verna Hill, of Warfordsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Runyan of this place. Mrs. Dixon's friends will be glad to learn that she has almost fully recovered from the severe attack of fever which she had in Pittsburg last winter.