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GLEANINGS.

of interest from our Neighboring Counties.

the rate the pension list is being now, it will double its size by the time the old list is all dead.

Thursday morning of last week William Roy Shoemaker, eleven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Shoemaker, of Fulton county, was killed at the railroad crossing at that place while climbing over a freight train.

Evening this week Miss Hancock went out to feed chickens, she found them all together as if in great excitement. Investigation revealed a large copperhead snake in the midst. She succeeded in killing the snake.—Hancock Star.

Oil prospectors who are on the Leighty farm, adjoining Newry borough, in Blair county, are highly elated over the prospects for a gusher. At a depth of 600 feet, the drill struck a large quantity of oil.

A Presbyterian congregation at Westport has extended a call to George A. Fulcher, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Cherokee, Kansas. The charge is that of the church at Everett in Sherman's Valley—this place getting one-fourth of the time.

The Orbisonia Dispatch says Benjamin Miller, a farmer, of that Union, recently threshed 40 acres of ground 414 bushels of oats and 390 bushels of corn. Mr. Miller defies any farmer in Huntingdon county to knock out this record. Can't Fulton county farmers do it?

What beat is working this week. His plan is to approach the market, negotiate board for himself and another man and who were to join him one day. By this representation he generally gets the benefit of the board without the demand in advance then required.

A couple of weeks ago, says the Republic, we printed account of a mad dog being in the Cove, biting many horses, sheep and sheep. On Monday of this week a mad cat of that section, biting and killing three or four other cats and a pup, all of them having been killed. His catch was dispatched with a shot and all is again serene in that part.

Mr. Fakir is abroad in the Cove. He drives through the Cove and sells soap at five dollars a box, which sum includes a carpet of forty yards of carpet, and from samples which he takes from the box of soap.

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KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mr. Samuel Henry Demick, son of the late Nathan Demick and Mrs. Catharine Demick, who resides in this place, went to Illinois about thirteen years ago and has since been employed as a farm hand. Being excellent help, he always had a good place and received the best wages paid in the neighborhood. He was home here to visit his mother and friends about three years ago.

Being employed by a farmer living between Elmwood and Yates City, he, on Tuesday morning of last week, started with a load of apples to go to the home of a neighbor, who had a press, to make cider. On his way he noticed a thunder storm coming, and they came up very suddenly in that part of the country, and Samuel drove his team into a barn he was about to pass.

The barns there are not bank barns as ours are, but are built on the level prairie with a pair of large double doors on each side. These, in this case, were standing open; and Samuel, sitting on the wagon, drove in and allowed his team to stand about the middle of the floor. He had been there but a few minutes, when there was a vivid flash and an instantaneous crash of thunder, which startled the team and caused it to pass on through and out of the barn. When the team was caught by some one who happened to be near, Samuel was found lying dead on the load of apples.

The lightning bolt had struck one of the ventilators directly over the place where Samuel was sitting on his wagon, and had passed on to the earth, killing him. There was a blue streak about his forehead, his mustache was singed, and a blue line on one side of his body from his head to his feet.

The barn, from the stroke, burned to the ground with all its contents, including the summer's harvest of hay and grain. This makes the eighth barn burned by lightning in that neighborhood this season.

His remains were at once prepared for burial, and, accompanied by his brothers, Nace and Christopher, who live in the same locality, reached this place on Friday. Funeral took place from the residence of Mrs. Demick on Saturday morning. Interment in the Reformed graveyard. The deceased was aged 35 years, 5 months, and 1 day, and was unmarried. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and the order of Modern Woodmen of America.

Besides the two brothers named above, there survive him another brother, George, who lives in Illinois, and three sisters, Mrs. Ed Shimer, of this place; Mrs. Geo. Cooper, of Milton, and Miss Mary, of Chambersburg.

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WILLIAM H. FÖHNER.

William Henry Föhner, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Licking Creek township, died on Wednesday, August 15, from a complication of diseases. Born April 24, 1822, he was consequently aged 78 years, 3 months and 21 days.

"Billy" Föhner, as he was familiarly known, was a resident of Licking Creek township nearly all his life. His chief occupation in life was buying, selling and trading horses, and he was acknowledged to be possibly the shrewdest judge of horse-flesh in his section of the county. He was a good natured soul, and took a special delight in teasing the children in an innocent way. They all knew and loved old Billy. When asked his politics he would invariably reply, "I am a Jacksonian Democrat."

Surviving him are his wife and these children: Denton, of the vicinity of Fannettsburg; Harvey, of Pleasant Ridge; Mrs. W. H. Fagly, of Pleasant Ridge; Mrs. Conrad Cline, Sipes Mills; Mrs. Emma George, of Bedford, and Mrs. Pennel.

In the Sideling Hill Christian church graveyard will repose in peaceful rest the remains of William Föhner. The funeral took place on Friday, being conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland.

NEW GRENADA.

Rev. I. A. McDonald of Washington, Pa., spent a day in our town renewing old acquaintances. S. A. Nesbit, Esq., was in the valley last week building up the political fences.

James Edwards, of Ocessa, Pa., is visiting friends in the valley. Campaigning at Walnut Grove seems to be the attraction now. Quite a number of our people attended on Sunday.

Typhoid fever has put in an appearance again in our valley. Myrtle and Thomas Sipes are the only victims reported.

Teachers' examination was held last Wednesday. Miss Nora Griffith and Moody Stewart were the only persons examined. There was only one school let. The directors could not agree upon teachers for the balance of the schools.

G. J. Edwards received a paralytic stroke on Sunday morning and at present writing is still in a precarious condition. Hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The New Grenada base ball club which was recently organized is doing fine work; when at the bat you may expect something to happen, and in the field they know how to do their work. They crossed bats with the Swellers on Monday. Score, 27-7, in favor of the home team. The second game was played on Tuesday. Score 24-4. The line up:

NEW GRENADA	SWELLERS
Grissinger c	McNerlan
McClain p	Reffner
McDonough s	Corbin
Mills 1 b	Shore
S. Alloway 2 b	McClain
Witter 3 b	Bergstresser
Markley c f	Poster
E. Alloway r f	Alloway
Wakefield 1 f	Barnett

Mills pitched a good game. McClain was umpire. Wakefield fanned the wind every time.

The Swellers had three players from an Altoona team.

McDonough and Grissinger led in runs each having 5 to credit.

The Swellers made their four runs in the last inning.

New Grenada's feminine enthusiasts helped the boys out in a very audible way. No wonder the visitors could not do a thing but lose their nerve. Refner should have been thrown out of the game in the first inning when he tried to scrap with the umpire. He was entirely too smart for country folks like us, who have never rubbed up against much codfish aristocracy.

JOHN G. JONES.

John G. Jones, who purchased in 1867 the old Cross Keys Hotel, that used to stand on the corner where Reiser's store is now located, died at his residence in Pittsburg Saturday, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

Mr. Jones was born in Perry county, and learned the book-binding business, which he followed until 1846, when he embarked in the draying business. This he continued until 1857, and then he became an agent of the "Five-Day Wagon Line," until that industry was replaced by the railroads. When he sold out his hotel in McConnellsburg he purchased in Chambersburg to Bedford until 1872, when he removed to Pittsburg. He was elected constable of the Fourteenth ward of that city and held the office for twelve consecutive years.

He was a descendant of one of the oldest families in the United States—his father and great-grandfather having been born in Chester county, the latter serving in the Revolutionary War, and afterward on General Washington's staff as an aid. He is survived by his wife and seven children—six sons and one daughter. He was buried in Pittsburg Monday.

Born to Death.

Mrs. Kate Butts, wife of Cromer Butts, of near Richmond, Franklin county, met with her death in a horrible manner on Tuesday evening. Her husband is a charcoal burner, and while Mrs. Butts was out picking blackberries in the afternoon, she noticed that one of his charcoal pits seemed to be on fire, and in her efforts to repair it her clothes caught fire and in an instant were a mass of flames. She was alone and in her death agony she started home, a distance of half a mile. When she reached home the flesh was falling from her body. Her sufferings were intense until relieved by death about 8 o'clock the same evening.

Shot at Snake—Hit a Man.

On Monday evening while William Thomas and Edgar Lamb were returning from Everett on foot they stopped by the road side to eat some berries. Thomas, on reaching through the fence was bitten by a large blacksnake. The snake fastened its fangs in Thomas' hand and wound around his arm. Lamb tried to remove the snake but could not do it. Several boys then appeared with a revolver and one of them shot at the snake but instead of killing it, the bullet lodged in the second finger of Thomas' left hand.

Thomas became sick and with great difficulty reached Bedford. Dr. Gump removed the bullet. It was 32 caliber and had gone half way around the finger bone.

A True Snake Story.

The readers of the Press, when they see them headed as the above, no doubt begin to smile and think now for a whopper, but we want to impress upon the minds of our readers that what we publish below is vouched for by Mr. William H. Spangler, of Wells Tannery, Pa., a reliable gentleman whom his friends believe when he says a thing is so. Mr. Spangler says in 1899 he killed seven and found skins of seventeen blacksnakes. These snakes and skins were found in an old ice house. In 1900 in this same ice house, he has killed twenty-five blacksnakes whose aggregated lengths is 118 feet. He also found sixty three good snake eggs and the shells of forty-six that had been hatched out. The average measurements of these snakes were from four feet and six inches to five feet and seven inches. Evidently their snake-skips know where to find a cool place.

ELIZABETH WATSON.

Etta Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Watson, of this place, died at the parents' residence Tuesday evening at five o'clock. The cause of her death was consumption, with which she had suffered for some time.

Lizzie Watson was born January 27, 1883, and consequently was in her eighteenth year. The dreaded malady which ended her life began to give evidence of its presence in July of last year, and the treatment of skillful physicians could not stay the progress of the disease that was slowly but surely sipping away the vital spark.

On June 12, 1896, she connected herself with the United Presbyterian church, and was in her pew at every service as long as she was able to attend. During the last stages of her sickness she frequently expressed her willingness to leave this world. She was prepared to meet her Master.

She will be buried to-day in the cemetery at Mercersburg, a short service being held at the home before leaving.

Just two years ago to-day her brother, Maurice, departed this life. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

The following teachers have been employed to teach the schools for the season of 1900-01. The school term begins September 17th.

Back Run—Lewis Harris, Jartown—Ella L. Grissinger, Wood Hill—Nancy Mellott, Webster Mills—Stella Bard, Big Cove—Tammy—Jas. Keefer, Laurel Ridge—Gilbert Mellott, Newdownroad—William Patterson, McNeillton—Sam'l Martin, Connor—Blair Truax, Spring House Valley—H. O. White.

TOB.

McGowan's—Frank Henry, Gentry's—Ella L. Polk, Sigott—Charles Rotz, Knobsville—Nora Booth.

TAYLOR.

No. 1—R. B. Cline, No. 2—Homer Cromwell, No. 3—W. S. Greenland, No. 4—Jas Stevens, No. 5—Carrie Gosnell, No. 6—W. G. Wink, No. 7—N. E. M. Hoover, No. 8—Elmer Belman.

KINDLY REMEMBERED.

Mr. D. W. Sharp, of Harrisonville, who was attending Profs. Palmer and Lamberson's Normal school at Needmore, was obliged to quit school on account of ill health. Mr. Sharp was an earnest, honest, and industrious worker during the term and at the suggestion of the teachers, who headed the contribution, presented Mr. Sharp with two fine books costing \$4.50. This is quite a commendation of his efforts and expressive of the sympathy felt for him by his instructors and fellow students. Mr. Sharp has had several severe hemorrhages of the lungs lately, but we understand that at this writing he is somewhat improved. We hope he may continue to get better.

A Mighty Cheap Place to Live.

The best boarding place in the world is in China and India. The army officers and missionaries find it delightful. Personal service is low in price. A waiter may be employed to fan at 4 cents a day and board and lodge themselves. Four men will carry one a day in a reclining chair, board and lodge themselves for 4 cents each. Men and women employed in the house for 2 and 3 cents a day and board themselves.

MRS. ANNA E. WALTZ.

Mrs. Anna E. Waltz, relict of the late Jacob Waltz, died at the residence of her son, Ex-Prothonotary James P. Waltz, Friday morning, August 17, at 3 o'clock from stomach, kidney and heart trouble, after a life of usefulness of eighty years.

Miss Anna E. McEldowney, for that was Mrs. Waltz's maiden name, was born November 23, 1825, in Belfast township, which was then a portion of Bedford county. She was united in marriage with Jacob Waltz in 1842 at her home by Elder Starr of the Baptist church. They then moved to Thompson township, where they resided until the year 1870. Here the seven children that blessed this union were born. They then moved into Franklin county, residing in Warren township five years. Again they moved back to Fulton county, taking up their residence on the Webster farm in the vicinity of Webster Mills. After a residence there of fifteen years, they located at the present home in Tod township, where the husband died in 1897.

Of the family of seven children four survive. They are: James P. and Esther, at home; Margaret, wife of David Gordon, of Thompson township, and Elizabeth, wife of Albert Harr. John, Jacob and Sophia died along in the sixties. Surviving also is one sister, Mrs. Deborah, wife of Otho Sowders, of Tod township, and two brothers, John McEldowney, of Hartford City, Ind., and William McEldowney, of Gen. this county.

Mrs. Waltz was a good Christian woman. For thirty-five years she was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and remained faithful unto the end. She was charitable and exerted every effort to relieve the suffering and distress of those in need. It is said that no one ever asked alms of her and went away empty-handed. This together with her many other good traits made her universally beloved. She was well versed on the current topics of the day, being a great reader and a close student. She could converse intelligently on almost any subject, and, being possessed of a remarkable memory, could relate with accuracy events that transpired long ago.

But her mainstay was her religion. When in the month of May she paid a visit to relatives at Tonoloway her daughter remarked that she stood the trip so well, she said: "The Lord is with me. He sustains me." She was conscious to the last, and recognized those about her.

She had an attack of gripe some two or three years ago, and ever since then was frequently attacked by sudden spells of sickness—now better, and again worse. But these attacks gradually weakened her and helped along other complications, which ended the career of one whom it can truthfully be said: "She will be missed."

Interment was made in the old Union cemetery at Timber Ridge. "Soft be thy earthen pillow and dreamlessly serene thy rest; may charity all thy faults beneath her mantle hide, and sweet-faced, unforgetting love keep more than Roman guard above thy waiting dust. May the last Grand Assize reveal that without spot or blemish thou hast taken up thy abode in the Holy Senate of the Redeemed."

See That You Are Assessed.

Every voter who has not paid taxes within two years must see that he is assessed on or before September 5 and that his taxes are paid on or before October 5, else he cannot vote. Every voter in the land will want to vote on election day. Now is the time to get ready.

September 5th is the last day for the registration of voters.

PERSONAL.

Misses Sadie Deshong, of Owl Creek, called on friends here one day last week.

Dr. George Robinson, of Washington D. C., is visiting his parents and other friends here.

Mrs. John Sheets spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Hanks, at Rays Hill.

Mr. J. McDowell, of Washington, spent a few days during the past week with friends in this place.

Master Russell Runyan, of this place is spending a week with Mrs. Speer's family at Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Barndollar, of Everett, spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart at Wells Tannery.

Miss Mary DeLawder, of Washington, D. C., is visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson of this place.

Misses Susie and Mary Gyer, of Harrisburg, who had been visiting the family of Harvey Unger in this place, have returned home.

C. D. Brode, a prominent merchant of Bedford, accompanied by his wife, who are driving to Winchester, Va., stopped in town on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Hill, daughter of Dr. Hill, of Fort Litleton, who has been attending school at Des Moines, Iowa, has returned home.

Mr. L. M. Robinson, formerly of this county, but who has been in Ohio for some time, is spending a couple of weeks among his old Fulton county friends.

Miss Ethel Hays, who spent a week with the family of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myers, at Hancock, returned home last Saturday evening.

Mrs. S. M. Cook, who has been visiting friends in Franklin county, is home again. During part of the time she was away she was quite ill.

Mr. Frank Bailey of Mercersburg was in attendance at the funeral of his grand-daughter, the child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodall last week.

Miss Mollie Seylar, of the U. S. Pension Office, Pittsburg, is spending her summer vacation with her sister Mrs. S. M. Cook, near Webster Mills.

Mr. S. M. Clevenger, of Needmore, visited McConnellsburg Tuesday. Mr. Clevenger came up to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaz Runyan, who had been visiting friends in Shippensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wilhelm and little daughter, Virginia, who had been visiting Mrs. Wilhelm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes in this place, returned to their home in Homestead Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Morrow, of Allegheny City, are making a few weeks' visit to their brothers and sister in the Cove. Mr. Morrow has not been here for thirteen years. They were accompanied from Lehigh by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDowell.

Mrs. Belle Wolf, the accomplished editor of the Shippensburg Chronicle and one of the most successful newspaper publishers in the Cumberland Valley, and the popular landlady of the Sherman House at Shippensburg, spent a few days during the past week at the home of the Misses Dickson in this place.

DIED.

WOODAL.—In Ayr township, July 15, 1900, Ethel May, aged 10 months and 15 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Woodal. Interment in Union cemetery.

"The little crib is empty now,
The little clothes laid by:
A mother's hope, a father's joy,
In death's cold arm doth lie.
Go, little pilgrim, to thy home,
On yonder blissful shore:
We miss thee here, but soon will come,
Where thou hast gone before."

HENDERSHOT.—Edith May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hendershot, in Ayr township, died last Wednesday of cholera infantum, aged 8 months. The burial was made Thursday in Union cemetery.

Ministers for Crystal Springs.

Among the number of ministers who will attend the Crystal Springs Campmeeting and assist in the religious services this year will be Revs. Richard Hinkle, of Everett; George Klepper, J. R. Dunkerly, of Huntingdon; T. S. Wilcox, H. C. Harman, H. L. Jacobs, of Altoona; Alexander Lamberson, S. B. Evans, J. W. Davor, John A. Wood, Jr., and others. Dr. B. B. Hamlin will preach the morning sermon on Sunday, August 26th. Presiding Elder Stevens will be in attendance and have charge of the meetings.