

The Fulton County News.

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ROARING RUN.

More Picturesque Scenery Anywhere. A Future Summer Resort.

The Meadowgrounds is the name of a valley lying just west of Big Cove. It is bounded on the east by Scrub Ridge, and on the west by Meadowground Mountain. It is about five or six miles long with an average width of a mile and a half. Until the last few years but two were cleared and cultivated.

Most of the valley lies perhaps 100 feet higher than the level of Licking Creek; the soil is deep and easily worked, a blue limestone rock appears just west of the "run" farm; but on account of the altitude the springs are cold and frost is apt to catch the late buckwheat.

The valley was at one time, a beautiful lake, for the mountains are yet looked to from the northern end; but the water wore its way up the mountain, at the southern end and produced the present scenery in the county.

The passage is known as the Run from the fact that waters collected in the Meadowground basin pour themselves through this gap, surging boulders, leaping over ledges, falling into foaming pools, beating a descent of five or six hundred feet in a mile or two.

This gorge is one of the finest scenic spots in the state, and with the advent of the B. & O. R. R., and its attendant train of surprising capitalists, it will in a few years when the brush will be cleared away, be made a grand, scenic, and romantic walk on the mountain sides leading to the cool shadows of the overhanging spruce to the knob on Scrub Ridge, where one will see an observatory that will explore the treetops and look down on the creation and part of Virginia.

At the top of the mountain, above the main falls, and on the side of Scrub Ridge is a small settlement for three centuries of a century, when the first settler was a boy, he with his wife, Silas, went one Sunday to the cave. With a tall candle light and tied into a hoop, he went into the cave and made adieu to the light, and on hand and knees crawled through the narrow passage their way a distance of about 100 feet, crawling single file, and finally still in there, and he seemed afraid to make a sound. Just as we felt that he was about to emerge into the light, he was snuffed out. Just as we felt that he was about to emerge into the light, he was snuffed out.

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DAVID WINTERS.

On Sunday September 16, 1900, at his home in Bethel township, there passed from earth one of Fulton county's best citizens, the name of whom stands at the head of this article. A little more than sixty-three years ago, he first saw the light of day in the house where he spent his life, and where his eyes were closed for the last time.

Of him, a friend writes— "His religious convictions were of the highest type; and the precepts of inspiration were, with him, the rule of action in his daily life. His faith in the Infinite; his love of truth; these gave him a grand courage in the battle of life.

"His foundations were sure. He never faltered—never hesitated. He met all the great responsibilities and trials of life, and triumphed—being upheld.

"His funeral was largely attended by his friends and neighbors from far and near to pay the last tribute of respect to a man who feared God, loved his fellow man, and tried to do his duty. His father died when David was at the tender age of 14 years; and and thus, with his widowed mother and three sisters, he started out to fight the battles of life.

"In early years he associated with the Christian church and lived a christian life to the day of his death. To his family we can truly say that he leaves them a legacy of which they may well feel proud—that of an uncontaminated character. To complain at the close of such a life is to complain at the overladen bough, that the golden harvest bends to the sickle; it is to complain of the law of our existence and to accuse the Creator for not having made man immortal on the earth."

WARFORDSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gordon of this place spent last Sabbath with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Kirk in Pigeon Cove. Mrs. Job Mann and son Willie, of this place, are visiting in Washington.

Miss Lulu Whistner of Great Cacapon, W. Va. visited her cousins the Misses Mann last week. Miss Bertie Andrews, near here, was the guest of her friend Miss Myrtle Stouffer last Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winter, of Timber Ridge, visited Mrs. Philip Rauck recently. Mrs. Ward Greer, who has been spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Job Mann, has returned to her home at Washington, D. C.

Miss Laura Brady, has returned home after spending some time with friends at Dott. Misses Mattie and Gussie Mann, visited relatives and friends at Great Cacapon, W. Va. recently.

Miss Myrtle Slayman, of Mann, was the guest of her friend Miss Ella Brady last Sabbath. Mr. George Brooks, of near Lock, Md., made a business visit to this place recently.

Several persons from this place attended the funeral of Mr. David Winters at Cedar Grove church Tuesday of last week.

A brother editor is responsible for this sublime outburst: Our heart is swelled with gratitude and our voice choked with emotion like a muley cow with a turpin in her throat. The world is after a happy one, and as we gaze from the window of our editorial manse, at the sun-kissed landscape, sweet visions of milk and honey humming birds and molasses, brick cheese and broiled nectar dance before our vision astonished like a calf before a circus procession. Last Saturday one of our subscribers came up and paid in cold cash and cold blood three years in arrearsages and two years in advance.

GOT THE BEES.

On Monday afternoon a swarm of bees came flying into town from the northeast and alighted on the topmost branch of one of those maples in front of Trout's drug store. Thinking they might be from the apiary of M. R. Shaffner, from the direction in which they came, the News office telephoned Mr. Shaffner to count his bees. He called the roll and found his all at home; but he came down street and enlisted the sympathy of Rev. Mr. Grove, another bee enthusiast, and soon a hive was under the tree. Mr. Grove climbed up, and with his pocket knife, cut off the branch to which the bees were clinging, brought them down, and put them in the hive just as though bees never stung preachers. He took them to his home and placed the hive among those of his own. In a short time the strangers came out of their new home, and most of them went into the hives with the other bees. The queen came out, and flew away for some time, when she returned and alighted on the top of the hive. She was a nice one, and Mr. Grove picked her up put her in a cage, and will substitute her for a queen that is inferior in one of the other hives.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd McGlathery, of Altoona, spent a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. A. Grove, of Sharpsburg, Md., are visiting their sister, Mrs. John A. Wishart.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wishart left for an extended visit among their many friends in the West. Mrs. Geo. W. Adams left Saturday morning to spend a week with her husband and son at Puritan, Pa.

Martha and Thos. A. Sipes, after a tedious illness, are, we are glad to note, able to drive out among their many friends. Our hustling painter and paper hanger has been confined to his bed the last week with leadpoison. We hope for his speedy recovery. Harry E. Spangler our genial merchant, spent Sunday with his brother, B. N. Spangler in Allegheny.

Mrs. Boyd of Topeka, Kansas, is visiting the families of A. O. Griffith and J. W. Gibson. Mrs. Susan Mitchell, of South Fork, is visiting her mother Mrs. Ruana Sprowl.

Misses Emma and Susan Swartz, of Davis, W. Va., are spending a week with their sister Mrs. Jas. D. Foote. W. H. Spangler and wife visited the former's father at Cassville, Pa.

Mr. Frank Sprowl, is improving his property by having his dwelling sided and painted. Those who have raised their late potatoes report a very short crop. The peach crop was a very fair one.

Mrs. David Horton, of Huntingdon, and daughter, Mrs. James Painter and two children, of Davis, W. Va., are visiting friends in this place.

Mr. Levi Mellott and J. C. Kirk have both been seriously ill but are improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. Campbell. Mr. Scott Mellott, of Everett, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Mellott, of Sipes Mill, and Mrs. Corbin, of Waterfall, have been called to this place during the past week by the illness of their father, Mr. Levi Mellott, at the home of Allison Greenland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamberson, of Hustontown, were the guests of J. C. Kirk's family Saturday and Sunday.

Judging from the number of shots fired, our sick people must have good appetites if they eat all the game.

AN ILLINOIS PICNIC.

"Gid" Covatt Tells of One at Oakland.

If the Editor of the NEWS, or many of its readers, could have had a shy peep at Riverside Park, near Oakland, Illinois, last Saturday, there would have been recognized quite a number of familiar faces and voices.

For there around a picnic table laden with such a dinner as only Pennsylvania, and Illinois, ladies know how to prepare, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher and sons, Stephen and Frank, of Covatt, Pa., who are visiting relatives and friends here, Mrs. Rachel Peck and daughters, Rita and Florence, and sons, Ernest, Raymond, and Ralph; Mrs. Warren Peck, Mrs. Elmer Truax, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ashmore and daughters, Lo, Olive and Wennie, and son, Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Job Gough, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gough and child, Mrs. Wm. Hixon and children, Wasson and Hoop; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Palmer, E. E. G. L., and Jesse Covatt, Charley Fisher, and a few, whose names would not be so readily recognized in Fulton county but to whom we are greatly indebted for much of the enjoyment of the occasion, among them were Mr. and Mrs. Dollar and sons, John, Jimmie and Everett, and Misses Maud, Jo., and Dolly Roberts.

The sports of the day were swinging, boating and music. Swinging was participated in by all, and especially, by the elder gentlemen who wanted a quiet smoke and a long conversation. The boating, which was by no means the least feature of the day, was enjoyed by the young people.

The name of the river on whose park is situated this beautiful bank is Embarras. What attracts the attention of people who are accustomed to the clear limpid streams of Fulton county is the fact that this water is as muddy as a clayhole.

The music was not rendered by the Washington Marine Band, Gilmore Brothers, McConnellsburg Orchestra, or the Fairview Band, of Needmore; but it was the kind of chin-music that would remind one "Of the days gone by when you and I were young."

GEM.

Elder Jos. Barney preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation on Sunday evening at Antioch church, from 1st chapter of Genesis.

The farmers are busy hauling phosphate from Hancock. Amy Peck came home last Tuesday evening sick, from Laura, Clearfield county; and is at the home of her father, James Peck.

Mr. W. H. Nesbit, of McConnellsburg, brought his hay press to David Harr's last Thursday and baled sixteen tons of hay. Mr. Simon Covatt, of Covatt, stopped here last Friday evening repairing telephones.

Mrs. Chas. Wink and daughter, Miss Lizzie, visited here last Saturday. We are glad to note that Miss Lizzie's health is much improved.

B. F. Gordon is dangerously ill of typhoid fever at the home of his father, Philip Gordon. Jacob S. Hill is wearing a very broad smile. It's a dishwasher. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Evans were visitors at J. P. Peck's Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Fisher and Miss Lydia Peck were among those that attended preaching at Antioch Sunday evening.

H. Sierer & Co., the furniture makers, of Chambersburg, whose store and warehouses were burned down some months ago, have sent to Chief Engineer Clay Henninger their check for \$25 for the fire companies of the town department, as a mark of their gratitude for the excellent work done by the boys.

DIDN'T MATERIALIZE.

The grand test of skill between the Fannettsburg and McConnellsburg base ball teams was to have taken place here last Saturday afternoon, and many persons had come to town to witness the game; but about ten o'clock Saturday morning, Fannettsburg notified our boys by phone that they wouldn't come. They did not give any other reason than that some of their team didn't want to.

The Littleton boys were here, and they promptly agreed to take Fannettsburg's place, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by those who enjoy the sport. The contest was won by our team 22 to 12.

Terribly Lacerated.

Last Sunday afternoon, a seven year old son of Mr. Frank Schetrompf, who lives on the Hender-shott place at the eastern base of Siding Hill on the road leading from Warfordsburg to Buck Valley was playing out about the barn with some other children.

A litter of plump little pigs were scampering about, and the little boy thought it would be nice to catch one. He caught the pig and it began to squeal. This alarmed the mother pig and she ran angrily at the boy, threw him down, tore his clothing nearly all off, and bit him about the face and neck lacerating his little body in a dreadful manner. Had not his screams brought some one to his aid, he would have been killed.

NEW GRENADA.

W. H. Baumgardner and family of Wells Tannery were guests at the "Black Bear Hotel" on Sunday. John McClain and Sid Davenport, of Robertsdales spent Sunday at M. W. Bouck's.

Mrs. O. E. Cook, of East Broad-top, is visiting friends on this side of the mountain. Salvation camp begins on Tuesday. The boys are all preparing for it. How?

The schools in the valley all opened for business last Monday except No. 4, which we learn will begin next Monday. We hear that the boys are beginning to pad up.

A good deal of shooting has been done on the mountains recently; and from all accounts, a squirrel has to run for his life. No arrests have been made yet. But, boys, look out! The authorities are on your track; you had better act the part of a law abiding citizen, and let the game alone until the season for it, you will rest better at night and will not wear such a "sheep-doggish" expression.

McDonough S. Black, infant son of Jacob S. and Mary Black, died on Wednesday morning aged 1 month, interment at the Bethel Cemetery.

A game of ball was played at Waterfall on Saturday between Cherry Grove team and Waterfall, assisted by J. A. McDonough and John Mills of the New Grenada team.

The home boys had the visitors at their mercy from the first inning. The ball gave up the ghost before the seventh inning was finished, with Waterfall at the bat.

The Score—
Waterfall 10
Cherry Grove 2

This week's issue of the Fulton County News, published at McConnellsburg, Pa., is No. 1, Volume 2. The News is the largest and best and most widely circulated newspaper published in Fulton county. The editor and publisher, Prof. B. W. Peck, is a man deserving of any good that can possibly come to him. That he and his paper may continue to prosper is the wish of one of his old pupils, the writer.—Tyrone Times.

SHARING WITH A SNAKE.

The strange sight of a child feeding a snake was witnessed a few days ago at Millstone Washington county, Maryland. Solomon Herbert stated that his little grandson, Willie Rice, 2 years old, while playing in the yard, shared his nursing bottle with a great, fat, shiny blacksnake. The child was thought to have an abnormal appetite. He usually took his bottle, after being filled into the yard, where it was supposed he enjoyed it himself. One day the bottle was filled with coffee, well diluted with cream. The little boy went into the yard and soon returned for more, calling to his grandfather to go out and see something. Mr. Herbert followed his grandson, who went to where the snake lay. The babe sucked awhile, and then the snake sucked. When the babe sucked too long the snake showed signs of restlessness. When the bottle was finished the reptile crawled down a hole near the cellar door. It is thought the child had been sharing his bottle with the snake for many days.

How Did They Make Them?

A friend sends us from Wells Valley an Indian arrow head. He says he has picked up about forty in a field this summer. They vary in length from three quarters of an inch to three or four inches. He propounds the following for the readers of the News: 1. How long since the Indians lived in and held any claim to Fulton county? 2. How long since arrows like these were in use by them? 3. Where did they get the flint from which they were made? 4. How did they make them? Don't be modest. Any reader may answer, and we shall be glad to publish the answers.

Mrs. Belle Vallance.

Mrs. Belle Vallance, wife of Mr. Adam Vallance, died of cancer at her home near Quinshaw, Mo., September 6, 1900, aged about 58 years.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, formerly of this county, and a sister of Mrs. Jane Tice, near Dublin Mills. Interment in Metzlar cemetery near her late home on Friday following. Funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. Higbee. Her husband is a brother of William and Zack Vallance of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Vallance formerly lived on the Hershey farm now occupied by Beamer Gress near Knobsville, and moved to Missouri about twenty-four years ago.

Aaron Lanchart, the mail carrier between Hancock and Locust Grove, carries the mail on his wheel, 10 miles. He makes the trip three times a week over Siding Hill Mountain and carries the saddle-bag mail sack over his shoulder. He is a stout, swift rider.—Hancock Star.

With its issue last week the Fulton County News rounded out the first year of its existence. The News, under the direction of its able editor, Prof. B. W. Peck, has had a prosperous life so far, and is one of the cleanest weeklies published in this section of the State. It is hot in the race for second place in Fulton county newspaperdom.—Fulton Republican.

The Fulton County News, published at McConnellsburg by B. W. Peck, Esq., completed the first year of its existence on September 13, and we tender hearty congratulations for, truly its growth has been phenomenal. In one year it has gained a subscription list of over twelve hundred and this is being added to constantly. Our earnest wish is that this prosperity may be maintained and increased.—Shippensburg Chronicle.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Scott S. Hann was in town Tuesday.
Mr. J. A. Aller called at the News office Tuesday.
Miss Nellie Daniels is in Philadelphia this week.

Ex-commissioner L. K. Cline spent an hour or two in town Tuesday.
Miss Dixie Robinson went to Philadelphia Monday morning.
William McElDowney, of Belfast township, spent last Tuesday at McConnellsburg.

Lois Caldwell spent several days of the past week with Miss Mary H. Skinner at Big Cove Tannery.
Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Johnston of the Cove spent last Friday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Dr. Wm. A. West is attending the fall session of Presbytery at Middle town this week.
Mr. Joseph Sipes, of Saluvia, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks, is improving slowly.
Mrs. Milton Kline and daughter May, near Harrisonville, were pleasant callers at the News office Monday morning.

Mr. W. M. Hann, of Licking Creek township, was in town Monday. He has been suffering from rheumatism for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shimer and family, of McKees Rocks, Pa., are visiting Mr. Shimer's mother and other friends in town.

Mr. Watson Geinger, one of Union's progressive teachers, was the guest of Mr. George F. Metzler's family Friday last.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer, of Saluvia, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoke and of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Runyan, of this place.

George Fraiker, of Fort Littleton, called a few minutes while in town last Saturday. He says they are nearly through with their job of sawing up in Plum Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dillon Grove, of Antietam, Md., spent last Wednesday night at the Fulton House enroute for Wells Valley, to visit Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wishart.

Miss Alice Gordon, of Fort Littleton was selected teacher of the Harrisonville school, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George A. Harris.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore, attended preaching at the Presbyterian church at Green Hill, Sunday; He was entertained at the home of George F. Metzler, Harrisonville.

Mr. Samuel E. Burtfield, engineer at W. A. Lutz & Co's clothing factory is taking his vacation this week and is visiting friends at Chambersburg, Mercersburg and McConnellsburg.—Shippensburg Chronicle.

Mr. Clarence Sipes, of the News office, went over to Chambersburg last Saturday morning and staid till Sunday afternoon when he returned with his sister Blanche, who had spent last week in that town.

Local Institute.

The first local institute of Tod township was held at Knobsville, Friday night, September 14, 1900. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, Miss Nora Booth. Mr. E. M. Gress was elected president, and Miss Etta L. Polk secretary.

What Rights have Pupils? was the first subject discussed. It was opened by Mr. B. F. Henry, followed by Mr. L. H. Wible, T. S. Hershey, Chas. Rotz, S. R. Martin, E. M. Gress, and others. Discipline was the second subject; opened by H. O. Wible, followed by S. R. Martin, Chas. Rotz, T. S. Hershey, E. M. Gress, B. F. Henry, Nora Booth, L. H. Wible, Etta Polk, and others.

The teachers present were B. F. Henry, Chas. Rotz, Nora Booth, Etta Polk, S. R. Martin, Gilbert Booth, T. S. Hershey, H. O. Wible, L. H. Wible, and E. M. Gress. The discussions were interspersed with some splendid recitations, singing, select reading, etc.

Mr. John Carnell and Miss Laura Layton were married last Thursday evening at Berkeley Springs. The ceremony was performed on the bridge in front of the Fairfax Inn, by the light of the pale moon's glance, in the presence of a large gathering of people, if reports are correct. The bride and groom returned to Hancock the same evening and from here they were driven to the home of the groom's parents, near Dott, Pa.—Hancock Times.