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## Look Out For Them.

The following from Public Opinion for Franklin county is quite likely for Fulton county as well. People have been buncoed for hundreds of dollars by buncoers, and yet they will follow the hook.

Depend upon it, if strangers come into this county, pay for livery expenses and put on the livery, that those who deal with them must pay those expenses in addition to paying a big price for the article purchased.

A recent number of American Buncoer lays bare the scheme of buncoing of range peddlers, who have been swindling the unwary people of Ohio, Kansas and other parts of the west. Their method is to induce the purchase of a range at the price of about \$89, and to pay in instalments; \$10 down and the balance in annual payments of \$10 each. The purchaser is given six months trial, and at the end of that time if he is not satisfied with the range the payments begin.

That is his understanding when he makes the purchase, but in the six months he expires a representative turns up and demands the immediate payment of a promissory note for the full price of the range. The promissory note is iron clad and collectible, but the purchaser is told it is simply a memorandum to show the company that the sale is made all right, and so is allowed to sign it.

It is an innocent looking document to the unwary signer, who is a rude awakening six months later. If any such agents appear in your county selling ranges or anything else we would advise our readers to deal with them with the utmost caution, and to no paper without reading and understanding it perfectly. Our advice is purchase nothing from a stranger unless you are sure you are getting at least good a bargain as you can get from your local dealer.

The American Artisan aptly says: "The good will of the customer and a reputation for just dealing don't matter half so much to the peddler as his individual profits. The reverse is true of a legitimate dealer." The local dealers have their reputations at stake and are usually known to be honest. They have as good facilities for doing business as a stranger can have and can sell their wares just as cheap as what inducement is there to buy from the stranger?

Aside from the mere idea of caution, we should help along our neighbors, whom we expect in turn to help us along. Patronize your own dealers as long as you can do so without loss to yourself, and much more so when dealing with a stranger you run the risk of being swindled.

## Spring House Valley.

Miss Phoebe Paylor is employed a few weeks in the family of Mr. Andrew Mellott near McConnellsburg.

Some of our farmers spent part of last week in Aughwick hunting for deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Bivens and daughter Cora of near Hanover, and Mr. B. F. Bryan of Chester county Mo., spent last week and Wednesday with the family of W. H. Paylor.

Allie Mellott spent last Tuesday night with her friend Nora Paylor.

Martin Souders has moved from Dan Knauff's to John Heinrich's farm.

Mrs. Annie Everets spent part of last week with her son Thomas Seville, near town.

Wm. Siders was at Harrisonville last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paylor and Mr. and Mrs. Powell Bivens spent last Wednesday with the family of David Clugston at Back

## Queer Election Bets.

One Waynesboro man and wife (good, affectionate people they are) who did not agree upon the amount of punishment to be meted out to the children made this wager: If McKinley was elected the wife was to be the only one to punish the children for an entire year; if Bryan was successful the husband was to wield the switch. As the wife believes in moral suasion more than the slipper, the children are ardent Republicans just now.—Village Record.

James N. Kemp, clerk at the Hotel Dewey in Reading, made a wager with Charles Wanner, a Reading cigar manufacturer, that Bryan would be elected. The bet was an extraordinary one, and by its conditions the loser was to push a grain of corn for a distance of nearly half a block along the pavement of the main street of Reading. Kemp, of course lost and he paid the bet. While moving the corn with the tooth-pick Kemp wore a silk hat bearing the inscription, "I bet on Bryan." He had a rope around his neck with which Wanner led him. It was one of the most unique freak bets made in this section and a large crowd assembled to see Kemp pay it.

Miss Emma Wertz, daughter of Dr. Wertz, of Leipsville, near Chester, rode a bull up and down the Chester and Darby pike as the result of an election bet. Miss Wertz was an admirer of Bryan, and was sure he would be elected. While discussing politics a few days before the election she made a wager that if Bryan was defeated she would ride the young bull, which was at the time grazing in the field, and in case of McKinley being defeated the Republican was to do the riding. She had no idea that she would have to pay the bet, and thought her friends would not insist on its fulfillment after she had lost. But she was mistaken, and Tuesday night of last week, after dark, the bull rigged up as a horse and with a rope around his neck, the ride was finished up and down the road for a half mile. There were a few people of the village congregated to see the fun.

The latest freak election bet to come to light has just been heard from. Arthur Snyder, Republican, and Charles Allen, Democrat, are two pumpers in the Bredinsburg oil field in Cranberry township, Venango county. Prior to the election they made a bet, the winner to cook the meals of the losers in any shape or manner from the date of election until the inauguration, on March 4. Allen, of course, lost the bet, and Snyder is doing the cooking in the shanty occupied by the men on the lease where they are working. Snyder der decided to cook everything Allen had to eat in a little whiskey. If he fries any potatoes for Allen he finishes them off with a spray of liquor. When he makes pancakes they have the whiskey flavor. Allen's bread has tastes of whiskey, his coffee is flavored with it, and, in fact, everything he eats is seasoned with the spiritus frumenti.

## Chicken Hawk Attacked Woman.

A chicken hawk attacked Mrs. Jacob Beaver a short distance from her home in Franklin county a few days ago. Mrs. Beaver was on her way to her brother's home when the hawk swooped down upon her from a tree. She gave battle but it seemed as though the bird would injure her just as Benjamin Strite, a milk hauler, came along. Mr. Strite attacked the bird with a stone, compelling it to release its hold upon the woman and crippling it so badly that he was able to capture the woman's adversary. It measured from tip to tip of wings four feet and four inches and from the tip of the bill to the tip of the tail it was 22 inches in length.

## Thomas Wilson Huston.

After an illness of several months the subject of this notice, one of our county's best citizens, died at his home at Clear Ridge, Friday, November 23, 1900, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the M. E. church at that place on Sunday, his pastor, Rev. A. L. Frank, of Hustontown, conducting the services.

The deceased was a son of Evan P. and Mary Huston, and was born on the old homestead near Hustontown, August 23, 1847.

His youth was spent in helping on the farm. Being of an active turn of mind he made the best use of the winter schools in his neighborhood, and later attended summer normal schools held by the county superintendents, and in this way fitted himself for the work of teaching.

Two winter terms and one summer term he taught at Broad Top, and several terms in West Virginia.

While attending a summer normal at Saluvia, he first met Miss Caroline Irwin, of McConnellsburg, who afterward became his wife.

They were married at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Irwin on the 12th day of November 1874 by the Rev. J. Horner Kerr, at that time pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place.

To them eleven children were born in order of birth as follows: Mary A., Harry E., Clarence Irwin, Grace, John, Charles, Ellie, George, Sammie, Lois, and Amos—the last named being now five and a half years of age. The children all survive except Clarence who, at the age of twelve years was killed by falling from a load of hay and being run over by the wagon.

The mother died of typhoid fever November 5, 1895.

In the spring of 1875 Mr. Huston began his mercantile career at Clear Ridge and remained in that business to the time of his death. Twelve years later his dwelling and store were totally destroyed by fire; and, notwithstanding he had no insurance, his energy and courage were undaunted, and he rebuilt, and restocked his store. He held the position of postmaster for 23 years consecutively.

At the age of twenty years, he was converted at Center, joined the M. E. church, and from that time to the close of his life was an earnest and active christian worker, holding the offices of Sunday school superintendent, class leader, steward, &c. One of the foremost Sunday school men in the county, his presence and counsel will be missed in the annual conventions.

There also survive him, his brother Oliver H., teacher at Mendota, Ill., Henry B., Hustontown; his sister, Ellen Clippinger Wells Tannery; Elizabeth Barnett, Waterfall, and half sisters Mrs. Bert Brown, Clear Ridge; Mrs. Horton, Broad Top; and Mrs. Lou Huston, Hustontown.

By his father's will, Harry is made executor, and the business and home will remain without a change for the present at least.

## Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Fockler, who had been visiting Mrs. Fockler's parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, Harrisonville, have returned to their home in Johnstown.

Mrs. Jerry Cutchall, of Riddesburg, was visiting her sister in-law Mrs. W. R. Spear, at Saluvia, last week.

Mrs. Reuben Deshong and two children of Deshler, Ohio, are visiting her parents, Mrs. D. S. Mellott of Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. David Denisar, of Welsh Run, spent several days with relatives at Saluvia, last week.

## Backward.

The census of this state, as just made public by the Government is 6,302,115, which is a gain of 1,044,101 during the last ten years. The per cent. of increase is 19.8.

The first census after Fulton took rank as a county was made in 1800 just at the beginning of the war. Our population then numbered 9,131. Notwithstanding the number of our brave men who fought, bled and died for the preservation of our union, the next count—that made in 1870—showed a gain of 229. Onward and upward did we go until the census of 1880 showed high water mark, 10,149. Since that time there has been a steady decrease in numbers, and now we stand in this, the closing year of the nineteenth century with 9,924 people or 225 fewer than in 1880.

While we cannot brag on our population, we claim some importance when size is considered for there are a whole dozen little counties in Pennsylvania that cannot measure up to Fulton in area. We do not wish to hurt the feelings of any of our little neighbors, but Fulton county has territory enough to make three the size of Montour, and have a dozen good farms left.

With the mineral wealth hidden away in our hills, and which is now beginning to attract the attention of the outside world there is a probability that the beginning of the next century will find Fulton county moving forward in population and influence, and taking that rank to which she by nature is justly entitled.

Cameron county stands at the bottom of the list with a population of but 7,048, while Pike stands next to it with 8,766. Then comes Fulton.

Sixteen counties in the state show a decrease since 1890, namely, Cameron, Center, Clarion, Crawford, Fulton, Greene, Huntington, Juniata, Montour, Perry, Pike, Snyder, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union and Wayne. Of the above sixteen counties, nine showed a falling off in population in 1890, namely, Clarion, Crawford, Fulton, Juniata, Perry, Pike, Snyder, Susquehanna and Wayne.

## Thompson.

Miss Ester Waltz, of McConnellsburg, was the guest of Mrs. John Pittman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Simpson, spent the latter part of last week with Rev. J. H. Barney, and family of Clearville.

Squire Gordon, of Big Cove Tannery was a caller at D. T. Humbert's last Monday.

Mrs. Kate Tickerhauf, of Akron, Ohio is the guest of her brother Lewis Williams, of Big Cove Tannery.

Misses Lula and Nellie Simpson, attended preaching services at Laurel Ridge Sabbath.

The protracted meeting at Mt Zion is still in progress.

Mr. B. Mellott, of Sipes Mills was the guest of W. H. Pittman last Wednesday.

J. A. Young, of Hagerstown, was in this vicinity last Friday looking after the interests, of the new rail road. Rumors say we will have a railroad within a year.

Mr. James P. Waltz and sister Esther visited Simpson's folks last Sunday evening.

Mrs. L. M. Shives is on the sick list.

Mr. Martin Bishop has been very poorly for several days.

The protracted meeting at Zion lasted about three weeks and was well attended.

Dennis Everts has purchased B. F. Hess's interest in the store at the mill. He will sell cheap, but only for cash.

They say that Sam Hess, in starting home from preaching on the Ridge last week one evening, in the darkness got started up the Ridge instead of down, and lost a good deal of time before he discovered the mistake.

## He Waited.

"All things come to him that knoweth how to wait" was verified in the experience of farmer Alex Patterson of the Cove. While a member of a hunting club, he, last week, sacrificed the prospective pleasures of the chase by allowing some of the boys to go over to Aughwick, and he stayed at home to finish his fall plowing.

He was amply repaid for his fidelity to his home work, for while working in the field a fine big deer came leaping down from the mountain side into the field where Alex was at work. Alex quietly dispatched his hired man to the house for the gun and he kept an eye on the deer. When the gun came Alex followed the deer, and after manoeuvring about two miles, was rewarded with a favorable opportunity and a shot from his trusty Winchester dropped the deer. Mr. Patterson did not forget the editor's family when he was sharing with his friends.

## Belfast.

Mr. George G. Mellott has moved into his new home.

Mr. William Spade has returned to the Valley Mill after spending a few days with his many friends of this place.

Mrs. William Feight, of Big Cove Tannery, spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bedford.

Mr. John Conner and family, Anderson Mellott and family and Mrs. Mary Bedford spent Sunday at the home of George Mellott.

William Truax, Frank Layton and John Truax are our champion deer hunters, they having captured a fine deer one day last week. This put Roland Mellott, Charles Bard, Levi Mellott, B. W. Logue, William Spade and Clarence Deneen in the notion of going deer hunting. They had the pleasure of seeing two deers.

Johnson Layton is the happiest man in our township. He wears a broad brim hat over the arrival of young McKinley. He came on election day to stay.

William Mellott and George Mellott are improving their houses by giving them a coat of paint.

All our hustling farmers are busy hauling limestone.

## A Bedford County School Marm.

A good post-election joke was played on a Bedford county school marm of Democratic proclivities. Her school is about three miles from her home. Every morning she rode an old gray horse, honored for fidelity and long service in the family, to school. Upon arriving at the school house she would tie the bridle reins to the horns of the saddle, throw the stirrup across the seat and send the old horse back home. He was a well trained equine and he always successfully made the return trip alone.

On the day after the election, while about half way home some naughty men caught the horse and tightly fastened a stuffed dummy to the saddle labeled with a picture of Bryan turned upside down. With his burlesque burden the animal passed through the village and stopped at the front door of his mistress's home. All the inhabitants were out and the family, at first scared by the unusual situation, soon saw the joke and all joined in a hilarious laugh which was also on the schoolmarm when she returned home.—Cumberland (Md.) Civilian.

Quite a lively crowd gathered at John Shaffer's last Thursday to do his butchering. The names of those who helped are Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Elvey, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Youse, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Finiff, Mrs. Henry A. Comer, Miss Hattie Eitemiller, and Miss Daisy Elvey.

## According to Law.

Scott S. Hann of Webster Mills, President of the school board of Ayr township, has been making a tour afoot through his district visiting the schools.

Mr. Hann says that when he entered the school board he took a solemn oath to discharge the duties of his office "according to law." The law says they (the directors) shall, by one or more of their number, visit every school in the district at least once in each month, and shall cause the result of such visits to be entered on the minutes of the board.

It does seem a little unfair that while the government provides such liberal pay for most persons in public service, that school directors are expected to do so much for nothing. If they were rewarded by a sense of appreciation and gratitude from their fellow citizens it would be some compensation; but there are few public officers, of a local nature, at least, attended with more personal annoyance than that of school director.

## Needmore.

Buckwheat cakes, pudding and sausage now take the place of "hash."

Each of our neighbors says, "I killed the fattest hogs."

A few persons in this vicinity, who are spending their time loafing and hunting, will be asking favors and trust from their friends before summer days come again. We suggest that some of the present time be utilized in preparing for winter.

The local institute here was well attended. About fourteen teachers were present. Dr. Garthwaite, of Webster Mills, was present and gave an interesting talk. He had his microscope along and gave an illustration of the action of corpuscles in the blood.

Messrs. W. E. Stein, Walter Smith and S. R. Martin were the guests of B. N. Palmer on Saturday. They were trying their marksmanship with a Mauser.

Mr. Dave Sharp, of Harrisonville, has been spending several days with Mr. Aaron Garland and family.

We understand that Mr. T. R. Palmer is about to sell his farm, and will likely remove from the county.

Master Earl, son of Walker Mellott, who has had a surgical operation performed upon his leg, removing a part of the bone, is recovering rapidly.

Judging from the present industry among our farmers in hauling lime-stone, we predict that it will not be many years until the value of farm land will be greatly increased in Belfast. About twenty teams pass through our village daily laden with the blue rock taken from the cliffs of old "Mother Earth."

According to the calculations and estimates of the haulers, they average about two and one-half tons per load, which amounts to fifty tons per day or three hundred tons per week when the weather is favorable. Owing to the distance the majority have to haul but one trip can be made each day.

As near as we are able to estimate by the information gained through these "hard-fisted" sons of toil, the average distance is about 8 miles, making 16 miles a round trip, or an aggregate distance for all the teams of 320 miles. In other words, if a bicyclist were to travel the distance covered by each of the teams in one day, it would take him from Philadelphia to the western side of Pennsylvania.

While much labor is involved in this enterprise for our industrious friends, they seem to have a goodly share of jokes and fun. We trust that their labors will prove a financial success.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. E. C. Trout is visiting friends in Waynesboro.

Misses Ollie Hess and Cora Funk were at McConnellsburg Saturday.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., Esq., spent a day or two in Harrisburg last week. Miss Nora Fisher of Mercersburg is visiting her aunt Mrs. S. B. Woollet of this place.

Merchant W. L. Berkstresser, of near West Dublin, was in town last Friday.

Miss Katie Fore favored the News office with a pleasant and profitable call last Saturday.

Mr. McCauley Peck of Belfast gave the News office a call while in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Powell, of Covalt, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills, of Robinsonville, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town one day last week.

Mr. B. E. Jarrett and children of Fort Loudon are visiting Mrs. Jarrett's cousin, Davy Little, of this place.

Mr. M. L. Smith, daughter Belle and niece Clyde of Pleasant Grove, spent Wednesday at McConnellsburg.

Albert Hess and Walter Weicht, of Bethel township, spent a couple of days in McConnellsburg last week. They made the trip on their wheels.

Misses Hattie Alexander and Mary Sloan represented the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church of this place in the big convention at Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. John Lemaster and son Earl and daughter Ethel, of Marks, Franklin county, spent a day or two last week with Mrs. Lemaster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Fore in Tod township.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mann and son Harold have returned after a four weeks' visit with friends in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. They also visited Mrs. Mann's sister Mrs. W. M. Dixon in Pittsburg.

Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Clair, of St. Thomas, Rev. Hinkle, D. D., of Everett, and Hon. S. P. Wishart and daughter Miss Alice of Wells Tannery were among those who attended the S. S. convention at Greenhill Tuesday.

## A Long Journey.

Miss Marion Sloan left her home in this place on Monday morning for a trip to California. Her brother, Reed, who has been a resident of that state for a number of years, is in bad health; and, it is to visit her sick brother that Marion is going at this time. The distance is about three thousand miles, and will require about six days constant travel.

## Laidig.

The storm of last week leveled many of the fences, causing much extra work.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram King returned last Friday after a visit of nearly a week to their son Albert and his wife in Altoona.

John W. Mumma and Forest Price have gone to Clearfield to seek employment. We wish you success, boys.

The many friends of Thomas W. Huston were very sorry to learn of his death, and join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Gress.—Mary Margaret, eight months old daughter of Beamer and Eva gress, of Dublin township, died on Tuesday night of last week, and was buried at Sileon on Thursday. Rev. Seibert conducting the services. The young parents have the sincerest sympathy of their friends in the loss of this their only child.

## Railroad Meeting.

Important propositions are being made, and every one interested in a railroad should meet at M. R. Shaffner's office next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

LOST.—Some time in August, three sheep, all ewes. Any information should be sent to GEORGE BRADNICK, Knobsville, Pa.

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