

The Fulton County News.

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A Good Thing.

A Visit to Maryland.

"A Visit to Westminster Abbey."

Rev. Jacob Snider Dead.

The Late School Report.

From Hancock to Everett.

PERSONAL.

On Wednesday evening of last week the members of the Royal Arcanum of Pittsburgh and vicinity met in Carnegie musical hall, and initiated 600 members into the order at one time.

It may not be amiss just here to say a word or two about this organization.

It is an organization of more than 200,000 people whose primary object is to provide a sum for those dependent upon them when death shall come.

Life insurance is one of the most important institutions of this age, and business men feel that they cannot in any other way provide provision so easily, certainly and safely; for by the payment of a few dollars one may, at once secure his estate worth one, two, three thousand dollars more.

How many a wife and small children would be left in most unfortunate circumstances, had not the husband taken the precaution to provide some life insurance.

What especially commends the Royal Arcanum is, that the insurance pays no more than the actual cost for his protection. There is a long list of extravagantly high officers; money is not taken except palatial buildings for the salary of the officers; there are agents to get half of what you pay for telling you that you should be insured; hence in no other way can you carry insurance with as little sacrifice on your part.

What does it cost? Well, if you are 21 years of age you pay 59 cents a month and a dollar additional every three months, making in all \$11.08 a year to secure for your wife, parents, other beneficiaries as you may elect. One Thousand Dollars; if you can spare \$1.75 a month you can have a dollar a quarter, making \$12 a year, your family will receive \$3000, in event of your death.

If you are 30, it will cost you each month. For \$1000, you pay 81 cents a month and a quarter—\$13.72 a year; for \$1.20 a month and \$1.00 a quarter—\$18.40 a year.

This organization has been in existence 23 years, and is growing stronger and more popular every day.

Almost every town or city of consequence in the United States has a council. McConnellsborg has had one during the eleven years. Two of its members have died. In less than 30 days after death, every dollar of the money \$3000, was paid to the bereft family.

Among those who are members of this county are A. U. Nace, J. P. Sipes, J. A. Irwin, W. S. Johnson, S. B. Woollet, Captain Cameron, S. A. Nesbit, C. M. Johnson, John H. Wilt, Max D. Johnson, Rev. W. A. Carver, Ed. Stoutenleg, Dr. A. D. Dalbey, W. W. Reischer, J. G. Reischer, D. Smith and B. W. Peck.

Matters not to which Councils belong in case of your death, the whole organization at one end of the land to the other is responsible for the payment of your benefit.

With the low rate paid, an emergency fund is being set up that now amounts to more than a million dollars, and is rapidly increasing.

What purpose is this fund? In case of an epidemic of cholera, or some other calamity, which a great many Arcanum members would lose their lives in a short period of time, the death benefit would be paid from this fund and thereby not necessitate an increase in the amount of the monthly payments.

The Fulton County News is not asked to write this article, it does not get any pay for publishing it. The editor is a member of the Arcanum, and it is in its ability to perform its promises.

If you want to know any more about it, ask any one of its members.

Saturday morning, November 25th, Mr. Henry P. Vanclief and Asa Mellott and their wives, of Whips Cove, started on a journey to the eastern shore of Maryland to visit their relatives, Mr. D. M. Mellott and family, formerly of this county. The party was joined in Baltimore by Samuel Meilott, and they left by steamer for Cambridge where they arrived Sunday morning. It was their intention to take their niece Mrs. James T. Parks by surprise on her birthday, and the other members of the family arriving later it was made a very happy occasion.

The next few days were spent in admiration of the beautiful farms, which in that section are nearly level and, having no stone, are so easily tilled, in enjoyment of the products of the river, and in social intercourse with the people of that section famous the world over for their hospitality.

Thanksgiving day was spent at Mr. D. M. Mellott's home at Gluckheim, and was the occasion for a pleasant family reunion long to be remembered, for it was the last day one of their number was to be with them.

When their host retired for the night he was apparently as well as ever, but while he slept his spirit crossed the dark river. Heart disease, the existence of which was known only to himself and the family doctor, had caused his death.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and many were the expressions of regret from the large circle of his acquaintances and friends, for Mr. Mellott was an honest, hard working, kind hearted man, a good neighbor and a good citizen.

Mr. Vanclief, his wife, and nephew prolonged their stay until Tuesday when they returned to their home. They wished to express their good opinion of the place, of their visit and the people whom they met and to say that the saddened thoughts caused by the death of one they loved will not be all the memories they will carry away with them, but kindly thoughts for those whose friendship they knew in a time of sorrow.

In Memoriam.

Little Earl Eugene, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wink, who was born September 24, 1898, and died December 1, 1900.

A sweet little flower, highly valued by a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends; but as they know the Master had need of him, they gave what was in wisdom and goodness lent them. The trouble was membranous croup.

A little darling, too good for earth, he has gone to Him who said: "And they shall be mine in that day when I come to make up my jewels." It was like breaking the heart strings for the parents to give him up.

Grief stricken parents, it is all for the best. It will only make Heaven more sweet to you, soon. Yes; very soon, the storms and sorrows of this life will be over, and then you shall see your little Earl again—little Earl, who never tasted the sin of maturer years.

How sweet the sleep of those who die in innocence, for when He comes to make up His jewels, little Earl will only brighten the crowns of immortality.

God is our dear little Earl. How sad looks his lone vacant crib, Hushed are his sweet smiles on earth, He has gone to rejoice now on high.

Captain Thomas Turner, of London, England, a Salvation Army worker, and Mrs. Clara E. Lindsay, widow of the late Hugh Lindsay, founder and editor of Semi-Weekly News Huntingdon, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Huntingdon, Tuesday, November 26th. The groom is 28, and the bride 58 years old and worth \$25,000.

One of the most interesting meetings ever by the Thalian Club was that held at the home of Messrs. Horace and Wilson Nace last Friday evening. Dr. Garthwaite took the party across the ocean, and many and varied were the incidents of that trip. Landing at Liverpool, the party without stopping, pushed on to London. Of course, everybody had been interested in getting information about this great commercial and financial center. Bits of history, brief descriptions, its location, its size, its commerce, its bridges were given by the members of the party.

But unquestionably the most interesting event was the visit to Westminster Abbey. Here Mr. W. C. Patterson was guide for the party, pointing out for us the chief things to be noted in the abbey. Some of the epitaphs above the graves of England's great men were amusing as well as interesting. That of John Gay amused us most perhaps, as it had been written by himself. Here it is:

"Life's a jest and all things show it, I thought so once but now I know it."

We lingered longest in the Poet's Corner of the abbey, studying the busts, the medallions, the inscriptions placed here to the memory of those who have filled the lives of others with song and melody, though in many cases there had been no music in their own. Here we found a bust of our own poet, Longfellow. Miss Mary Robinson called to our minds Washington Irving's description of this part of the abbey. Miss Katherine Cook gave us some of the main facts of the life of Tennyson, who was poet laureate just before the present one. She concluded with those beautiful lines of Tennyson's which were sung at his funeral.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning bar
When I put out to sea."

And such a tide, that moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which came from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bells,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness or farewell
When I embark.

For though from out the bourne of time and place
The floods may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Before leaving the abbey we went to see the Coronation Chair. It is rudely carved of oak and encloses the "Stone of Destiny," captured by the English in the fourteenth century. On this famous stone the Scotch crowned their kings. Every ruler of England since 1307 down to Queen Victoria has been crowned in this chair. We were indebted to Miss Alice Dickson for the history of the chair, a very good description of the coronation scene, and the oaths administered. The crown is usually placed on the head by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

For the Boys and Girls.

A man having a fox, a goose, and a peck of corn was desirous of crossing a river. He could take only one across at a time, and if he left the fox and goose while he took the corn over, the fox would kill the goose; but if he left the goose and corn, the goose would eat the corn. How shall he get them all safe across the river?

A gentleman desiring to see an inmate of a prison, was asked by the keeper whether he was related to the culprit. He replied, "Brothers and sisters have I none, but his father is my father's son." What relation was the gentleman to the prisoner?

The answer to those in the "News" last week is—wild geese, 36; and the wife was 15 and the husband 45 when they were married.

The following in regard to a former well known citizen of this place, but for the past twenty-three years a resident of Waynesboro appeared in Monday's (Chambersburg) Valley Spirit:

"WAYNESBORO, Dec. 10.—This community was shocked this morning by the announcement of the sudden death of Rev. Jacob Snider at his home on Main street. Rev. Snider, who was more popularly known as Bishop Snider, had not been in the best of health for a few days, but the community was not prepared for the announcement of his death, which occurred about 1 o'clock. Rev. Snider was about 75 years old. He came to this place from Fulton county more than twenty years ago, engaging in business here. He was a deeply pious man, a forceful preacher and a good citizen. The German Baptist church, with which he was so prominently identified, will miss him greatly. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons and four daughters. Those living in Waynesboro are P. M. and Charles D. Mrs. John Easton and an unmarried daughter, at home."

Twenty-five years ago Rev. Snyder was in the shoe business in this place, having a store in what is now part of Stoutenleg Bro's.

He was a brother of George Snyder and Mrs. Jacob Rotz of Tod township, and of Mrs. Riley Peck in this place.

Besides the children mentioned above are Celia, (Mrs. Robinson) of New York; Lucy, (Mrs. Clay) Indiana, Mazie (Mrs. Royer), Maggie, (Mrs. Kaufman), and Laura, (Mrs. Conrad), Ohio.

It has been but a few weeks since Mr. Snyder was over among his friends here. He seemed to be in excellent health not looking more aged than twenty years ago.

Emmaville.

Piper Barton was the guest of W. C. Hanks last Saturday.

The tone of the school bell is heard again after an absence of a week.

John D. Smith, and W. E. Stein represented our village in Everett last Saturday.

Rev. Campbell, of Rays Hill, preached a very interesting sermon at McKendree last Sunday.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at McKendree on the evening of December 24. Miss Blanche Stein who has been spending some time in Everett returned to her home at this place on Saturday.

Emmanuel Mills seems to be the champion butcher in this section. Thompson Peck made a trip to Bedford county.

George, and Hiram Fletcher, and Henry Pee of Bedford county visited Mrs. J. L. Stein last Friday and during their stay, slayed a fine butchering for Mrs. Stein.

Jere Hixon passed through our village last Sunday enroute to his brothers in Buck Valley.

George Miller, of Altoona, has been spending some time with his brother Denton of Emmaville.

J. Frank Gienger, of Terra Alta W. Va., an expert plumber and steamfitter, visited the old town again last Tuesday.

Dr. J. G. Hanks of Rays Hill was the guest of his brother N. B. Hanks on Saturday.

Things unusual sometimes happen. So it was last Saturday morning when a number of our good people gathered together and helped neighbor J. M. Lodge husk his corn. Good never forget those acts of kindness, let it be repeated often.

Mrs. Silas Fulton and two children, Watson Hixon, and Morgan Winter and wife spent Saturday with C. D. Hixon. The occasion was a turkey roast.

D. D. Deshong, of Belfast, slaughtered a porker last Thursday that dressed 610 lbs. Can you beat that?

From the last Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, we gather the following interesting facts concerning the public schools of Pennsylvania:—Number of schools, 27,963, or 32 less than 28,000; number of male teachers, 9,360 and of female, 19,469. The male teachers are paid an average salary of \$44.27 a month, the female teachers, \$37.84. The average length of school term in months is about 84. In round numbers, there are 1152 thousand pupils and the State spent on the education of her boys and girls during the last year over twenty million dollars—or about seventeen dollars and a half on each one.

With reference to Fulton county we notice, that while we are not smallest in size or population we stand at the foot of the class in a number of things pertaining to our educational affairs.

We find we are lowest in estimated value of school property, having a little more than 27 thousand dollars' worth; we are lowest in average monthly wages of male teachers—\$26.35; (There are half a dozen counties in the State, however, that pay their lady teachers a lower salary than Fulton); and we stand next to the foot in length of term, only "green" county being below us.

The highest average salaries are paid by Delaware county—males \$75.43 and females, \$46.67; then, Allegheny county follows. There are four counties having an average length of term of more than 9 months; 13, with a term exceeding 8 months, and 46, exceeding 7 months.

Nine of our teachers received permanent certificates, while in 14 counties not a permanent was granted. This would indicate that, while our salaries are low and our terms short, the qualification of the teachers is high.

Fulton county has in round numbers 3,000 pupils.

The County Superintendent granted 67 provisional and 17 professional certificates. We will add just here, that any teacher holding a professional, that does not avail himself of the first opportunity to go before the committee and be examined for a permanent, is not worthy to hold a professional.

Popular Christmas Gift.

From the number of persons who have during the past few days, ordered the FULTON COUNTY NEWS sent to distant friends as a Christmas present, we are led to believe that the "News" is among the most popular gifts this season.

Well, now that we think of it, in what way could you spend a dollar that would give more pleasure to that son, daughter, brother, sister, or other friend who is now away from the scenes and companions of former days. It is a gift that will afford pleasure—one that will hold you in fond remembrance through every week in the year.

The News from now until January 1, 1902 for One Dollar.

Wells Tannery.

Mrs. Clara Hoover and Miss Stella Nelson, of Cessna, Bedford county, visited their cousin Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, last week.

Mrs. J. A. Meredith returned from a two week's visit among friends in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wishart, and Miss Kate Wishart, attended the funeral of Mr. James Piper at Yellow Creek, last Sunday.

John Snow and family of Robinsonville, have taken there abode in our town in the V. D. Schenck house.

W. H. Baumgardner is building a dwelling in the west end of town.

The different Sunday schools of Wells are trying to arrange for a Normal Bible Class. They are also preparing for Christmas services, hence the children are happy.

A correspondent in the Everett Press last week has this to say about a route for a railroad that would interest the people in the southwestern part of this county. "Railroad from Hancock to Everett. The shortest route by one who has been over the line at different times and knows the lay of the county well. Served as a rodmann with Engineer corps for eight years. The route will be easily graded and make a short line west, being thirty-three miles from Hancock, Maryland, to Everett, Pa. Starting at the Potomac river near Hancock, thence north up the Tonoloway Creek to Deneen's gap of Sideling Hill, thence west up through McKees gap of Rays Hill, thence north west to headwaters of the south branch to Tonoloway to a spur of Rays Hill, known as the bark sheds ridge. This ridge will have to be tunneled four hundred feet through to southeast branch of Sideling Hill creek, thence west to Addison's ridge, one mile west of Robinsonville. This ridge will require a tunnel of three hundred and fifty feet to hollow, that runs west to west branch of Sideling Hill creek. Thence northwest to Shaffer's creek, thence northwest along this creek to Clearville thence to Everett.

"This would make fifty-eight miles from Hancock to Hyndman, making a short line for the B. & O., west. It will open up a large scope of country rich in minerals, that has no railroads, plenty of iron ore, and vast beds of fine fire clay."

Whips Cove.

The protracted meeting at the Lower Church closed Friday evening.

Rev. James Troutman, assisted by Rev. S. L. Baugher, of Bedford, Va., will begin a series of meetings in the Whips Cove church Saturday evening, December 22.

On Tuesday evening, December 25, a Christmas entertainment will be held in the Whips Cove church by the Sunday school. Everybody is invited.

Miss Laura Truax is visiting friends and relatives in the Cove.

Miss Laura Deshong is staying with the family of Mr. J. A. Garland.

Harry Plessinger and J. S. Akers, with a number of their friends, feasted last Saturday noon on a fine wild turkey which they killed last week.

Those who sent bids for carrying the mails are anxiously awaiting Uncle Sam's decision.

Amaranth.

Dr. R. W. McKibbin, of McConnellsborg, is in our valley.

Jacob F. Spade spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in Brush Creek Valley.

William C. McKee, wife, and daughter Goldie, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. McKee's parents at Warfordsburg.

Geo. Mills, his daughter Lydia and son Orra, spent Wednesday with Mr. Mills's mother, Mrs. Caroline Mills at Robinsonville.

Mrs. Mary Spade, four daughters and three sons, visited the family of Piper Mellott Sunday.

Miss Bertha Rhea, who spent the past three weeks with her aunt, Mrs. William McGee, returned home Sunday.

James W. Kendall, of Ayr, who accompanied Miss Ella F. McKibbin home from the teachers' institute last week, is still her guest.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad was chartered in 1831. The charter provides for the building of a railroad from Carlisle to Harrisburg.

Mrs. Caroline Walker, of Fanettsburg, died at her home in that place on Monday of last week. Her husband Captain Walker and Mrs. J. K. Johnston's mother were cousins.

Mr. B. A. Deavor, of Taylor, a McConnellsborg visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Dayton Peck and brother E. A. of Covalt were in McConnellsborg last Friday.

Mr. H. W. Miller, of Burnt Cabins came in to see us a few minutes one day last week.

Miss Ella West returned last week, and is now with her father, Dr. West, at the Washington House.

Miss Grace Hixson, of Brush Creek, is visiting the family of her brother-in-law, John V. Stoutenleg.

Merchant A. Runyan, of Needmore, spent last Friday night with his son Jno. B. Runyan of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Job Truax of Belfast township made the News office a pleasant call while in town last Friday.

Captain Skinner spent from Saturday till Monday on this side of the mountain. Mrs. Skinner is at Scotland, now.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., has been spending the past week looking after his real estate interests in Huntingdon county.

Mrs. Isaac Culler and two little sons Hykes and Frank spent several days this week with Mrs. Culler's sister Mrs. M. A. Kelley of this place.

Geo. C. Fore, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting his cousins, Andy and Mrs. McGeehe, at Burnt Cabins, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rotz, and Mrs. Riley Peck, attended the funeral of Rev. Jacob Snider at Waynesboro, this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Dallas S. Bernhardt of Three Springs have not lost their interest in Fulton county institutes. They came down on Monday of last week and remained nearly all week.

Mr. Boyd Elvey who has been working in Altoona during the past year, returned to his home Saturday, December 1, accompanied by his brother Oliver of Bedford and cousin Thomas Elvey of Altoona. The boys expect to remain two weeks to hunt, and Boyd will remain a month or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Elvey.

Mr. Henry Caution of Mercersburg was in town Monday, and was accompanied home by his daughter Mrs. I. N. Watson and her daughter Nora who will remain there two or three weeks. The sickness and deaths in Mr. Watson's family has greatly impaired her health, and it is to be hoped that her visit home may do her much good.

Licking Creek.

Mrs. James Kline's sister from Franklin county spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kline.

Miss Fannie Strait spent a few days last week at Michael Hockensmith's.

Scott Hockensmith was at Jackson Strait's a few days last week.

Mrs. George Mellott, of Kansas is spending this week with her husband's parents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mellott.

Miss Estelle Decker was at McConnellsborg last Friday.

Prospects are good now to get a wagon bridge across the creek at Siloam.

Miss Winifred Metzler who has been spending some time with her uncle Peter Morton's family near McConnellsborg returned home Friday.

Mrs. Catharine Hockensmith 82 years of age, attended prayer meeting at George Sipe's last week.

The revival at Siloam is well attended—large congregations every night. It will continue all this week.

Mrs. Mahala Deshong spent Friday with Mrs. George Decker.

Miss Catharine Metzler spent a couple of days last week with Miss Lianna Deshong.

Miss Laura Palmer spent Monday and Tuesday with her uncle Cecil H. Sipes.

Mr. B. F. Bryan, native of this section but who has been in the West for many years, is visiting the family of W. H. Paylor in Ayr township. While in the News office on Monday, Mr. Bryan showed us a pair of horns which he took from the head of a buffalo which he found dead on the prairie in North Dakota last fall.