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DEATH RECORD.

Who Have Been Called to Their Reward During the Week.

WIDOW.—Mrs. Margaret Wilson, relict of Andrew Hamilton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bennett in Harrisonburg on Saturday, December 23rd, aged about 80 years. Her husband, who was a veteran, lived here for a number of years, and died here. She was interred Wednesday last week in the M. E. cemetery in town beside her husband, a short service being conducted in the Lutheran church by Rev. Wolf.

THOS. ROSS Sipes died at his residence near Harrisonburg on the 19th inst., aged 46 years, 7 months and 16 days. He had been seriously ill for several months of spinal disease and much trouble. He was a good man, a kind and loving father; an eminent degree, he had confidence and respect of all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and three children. Remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Asbury, Friday afternoon, Rev. Seifert, his pastor, conducting the services. The church was crowded to the doors with sorrowing friends and neighbors. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. May God bless the bereft.

EVER.—At the old Scriver farm in Buck Valley in the early part of the 19th inst., Mrs. Scriver died, aged about 70 years. She was a daughter of late Daniel Heber, and married to Mr. Henry Scriver many years ago. She leaves a son to her husband, five and one daughter, namely, Daniel, Frank, John, and Kate, wife of Alfred Schot—all residing in the

Scriver was a member of the M. E. church, and her remains were placed to rest in the cemetery at the Buck Valley Baptist church on Thursday. Scriver was one of those kind hearted, christian women whose life is a continual devotion to those about her. Her companion has the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement.

HON. PETER GORDON, of Littleton, died at his home on Tuesday, December 26, 1900, aged 70 years, 6 months and 16 days. He was a native of Timber Ridge in Thompson township, and spent his long life in this county. He was for many years an extensive stock dealer, and was going to the southern counties of the State in the fall when sheep and cattle were driven over the road to market. His prime his judgment and shrewdness was always safe.

He was first married to Miss Hill in 1853, who bore him three children, namely: Mrs. Hamilton; David of Illinois; Charles, of Thompson township. His second wife was Miss Richardson, whom he married Dec. 3, 1862, and who bore him two children, namely: Prof. M. C., of Indiana Normal; L. P., of Indiana, of West Newton; A. J., of Allegheny; Jno. D., of Illinois; J. S. and Ed. W. Harry of Johnstown, and Alice, who is teaching in Littleton. He also leaves four sons, William, Henry, David, and John, of Thompson township, and a daughter, Susan, widow of the late Bishop, of the same township. A sister lived in Ohio and was supposed to be dead as she had not been heard from for many years.

He also, living in Thompson township, three half brothers, Jacob, and John Gordon, and are living thirty grand

children, and three great-grand-children.

His children were all at the funeral except David. Six of the sons were his pall bearers.

The deceased lived in Fort Littleton for the last 23 years of his life, moving there from Harrisonville. He was elected Asso. Judge of this county at the November election, 1886. Besides this he held various township offices.

He was, for years, a member of the Methodist church, was a most kind and affectionate father and husband, a good citizen, an obliging friend and neighbor, and, consequently, had many friends who sincerely mourn his death.

His remains were laid in the M. E. cemetery at Fort Littleton on Thursday, his pastor, Rev. Ash, officiating.

Helman—Finiff.

On last Thursday, Mr. John Helman and Miss Ella Finiff, both of Tod township, were married at the Reformed parsonage in this place by Rev. C. M. Smith.

After the ceremony, they returned to the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Finiff, where about thirty-five invited guests assembled to do honor to the occasion. A sumptuous dinner had been prepared and was served by the hostess to the entire satisfaction of every one present.

Among those who were present, were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mellott and Mr. and Mrs. George Bivens, of Ayr; Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, of Neville; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fore, Mr. and Mrs. John Barmont, Mr. and Mrs. M. Helman, Misses Elsie and Etta Wagner, Misses Julia, Ollie, and Clara Snyder, Mack and Harvey Helman, Misses Sadie and Blanche Rotz, Nick Finiff, Ira Nelson, and Philip Rotz—all of Tod; Miss Mary Ewing, of Licking Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wible, of Selea, and P. L. Finiff, of Pittsburg.

The happy couple were the recipients of many nice and useful presents.

Their many friends joined in wishing the young people prosperity and long life.

A Lesson in Arithmetic.

If John spent 10 cents a week for chewing tobacco, at that rate what sum does he spend in a year? Ans. \$5.20.

If Henry spends 10 cents a day for cigars, what is his cigar bill a year? Ans. \$36.50.

If Robert spend, fifty cents a day for strong drink, (and hundreds spend twice that much) what does that amount to in a year? Ans. \$182.50.

Now, if Robert, in addition to spending 50 cents a day for drink, smokes four "two-fors," and chews ten cents worth of tobacco a week, then he spends for these three items \$224.20 a year.

Let us see what capital one uses, to keep up this luxury. If one has money to lend, he is fortunate to invest it at 5 per cent. Then, to earn five cents, it is necessary to invest \$1.00 and to invest enough to pay the foregoing bill of \$224.20, requires as many dollars invested as 5 cents is contained times in \$224.20, which is 4484; hence he who spend ten cents a week for chewing, and 50 cents a day for drink, is using a capital of 4484 dollars more money than the average man in Fulton county has invested in his business.

If the man who spends the foregoing amount annually, will turn his tobacco and drink money into life insurance, he may, allowing him to be 30 years of age, make certain to his family an estate of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The first day of a new century will soon be here. With the outgoing of the nineteenth, throw away your quid and don't contaminate the twentieth. You will never have another opportunity to turn a new leaf on the first morning of a century.

IT'S NAMED.

The McConnellsburg and Potomac Railroad Formally Christened Last Saturday Afternoon.

In pursuance to the call published last week, a popular meeting was held in the Court House last Saturday afternoon, at which a number of representative men were present.

Every one seemed to be impressed with the fact that if we are to have a railroad, we must have less talk and more work; hence, after a careful consideration of the proposition made by the New York people, it was agreed that a railroad company be at once organized to be called the McConnellsburg and Potomac Railroad Company, with a Capital stock of \$200,000, to be divided into shares of \$25.00 each.

It was further agreed that the citizens of this county be given an opportunity to subscribe for \$25,000 of the capital stock of the said company—10 per cent. of which is payable when the full amount of \$25,000 shall be subscribed; and the balance when the said road is completed and ready for the rolling stock; provided, that the road shall be completed within two years from the date of the charter.

On motion, M. R. Shaffner, W. S. Alexander, and John P. Sipes were appointed to draft proper legal headings for subscription papers.

The following gentlemen were appointed to solicit subscriptions for the sale of stock: Ayr, D. H. Patterson and Samuel Mellott; Belfast, Obed T. Mellott and B. N. Palmer; Bethel, Wm. Palmer and Wm. Ranck; Dublin, J. W. Miller and S. L. Buckley; Licking Creek, W. R. Speer and H. S. Daniels; McConnellsburg, Frank P. Lynch; Taylor Dr. Davis and Dr. Shoemaker; Thompson, J. C. Hewitt and Daniel Covatt; Tod, James Henry and D. E. Fore.

The stock ought to be taken up at once. Every citizen of the county would be more or less benefited by a railroad. A railroad would enhance the value of your farm, it would give an outlet for your lumber and grain, it would cheapen the freight on store goods you must consume and thereby cheapen their costs to you; it would bring capitalists into the county who would develop our mineral resources, build furnaces, bring in laborers and create a market for your produce. In view of this do not hang back and expect some one else to furnish all of the money now and afterwards you come in for a full share of the reward.

Let every one do something and do it promptly. "Many hands make light work." If everybody goes to work in earnest now, it will be but a short time until the stigma "the county without a railroad" will be removed.

Houpt—Ferry.

At the Reformed Parsonage in St. Thomas last Thursday afternoon Rev. Bossler united in marriage Mr. Valentine Houpt of this place and Miss Mina Ferry of Williamson. The groom returned to this place on Saturday, with his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Houpt have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for happiness and prosperity.

Landlord Woollet is still adding improvements to the Washington House. Last week H. J. Duke and his assistant put a steel ceiling in the office and one in the kitchen. A short time ago, Mr. Woollet had his house furnished with bath room closets, wash bowls, etc., so that now there are few country hotels where guests may find a more comfortable home.

Henry J. Duke of Shippensburg while here last week, put a nice steel ceiling in the kitchen of M. R. Shaffner's residence. Mr. Duke has the steel ceiling business down pretty fine.

Petty Thieving.

For the benefit of a few individuals in this community who are acquiring the habit of stealing anything they can get their hands on, we want to say here, quietly, that it is wicked, and suggest that, on New Years morning, if they live that long, that they turn a new leaf.

Some time ago, one evening, Jimmy W. Kendall left a package of four or five dollars' worth of laundry in his buggy. He was absent but a few minutes. When he returned, the package was gone.

Two young men from the Tannery were up here a few evenings ago. They each bought a pair of gum boots, and placed them in their buggy. When they went to start home, one pair of the boots had walked off.

The stealing of Bert Hohman's turkey, and the one from John W. Funk was no joke, by any means.

Mrs. Cook is one of the latest victims. Last Thursday evening, while in town, it occurred to her that she would have some boiled cabbage for Christmas. Charlie Bender had some very nice heads, and Mrs. Cook bought four and had them sent over and placed in her buggy, which was standing at Reiser's corner.

A few minutes later, Mrs. Cook went to her buggy to start home. Two of her cabbages had taken it into their "heads" that they would not go down the Cove, and had disappeared.

A Victim of Appendicitis.

From Democrat and Sentinel (Lewisport, Pa.) The many friends of Mrs. Hunter, wife of Dr. J. R. Hunter, learned with sorrow and anxiety that on Monday night she was visited with a severe attack of appendicitis. Dr. Clarkson was summoned and with the proper treatment and the most assiduous attention the patient has been placed on the road to improvement and it is believed there will be no necessity for an operation.

Fisher—Snyder.

At Hagerstown on Tuesday last week Mr. Robert A. Fisher and Miss Mary Snyder were married. Mr. Fisher is a liveryman of this place, son of the late William A. Fisher; and Miss Snyder is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder of Tod township.

Rev. A. G. Wolf, pastor of the Lutheran congregation, preached in his church last Sunday morning an illustrated temperance sermon, from Isaiah, 58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression". Mr. Wolf's sermon was not a tirade of abuse against those engaged in the liquor traffic, but it was a strong exposition of the evil arising from the use of alcoholic drink as a beverage, and a strong appeal to the common sense of our young men to let the stuff alone.

An Old Book.

Our bachelor friend Harvey Nelson was at a sale up the Cove the other day; and, when some books were offered, he saw one that looked like a very old bible and he bought it to read on Sunday afternoons. Imagine his dismay when in a quiet hour, he took the book began to perusal, and found that its title, instead of being "The Bible" was, "The Distiller" published in 1818. It gives full and explicit directions for mashing and distilling all kinds of grain and imitating Holland Gin and Irish whiskey. Just what kind of an explanation to make to Brother Grove for having in his possession the book, is what worries him now.

Three new houses are going up on the Magsam extension.

Secrist—Comerer.

A very pretty wedding took place at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comerer, in Thompson township, Wednesday evening, December 19, 1900. It was the marriage of their daughter Ellen E. to William A. Secrist of Little Cove, Franklin county.

Promptly at 6:30 o'clock, the bridal party entered the room preceded by the officiating minister, Rev. Beall, when in a few solemn and impressive moments, the happy couple were united as husband and wife.

Miss Mabel Kendall, of Ayr township, was bridesmaid, and Mr. J. E. Sosey, of Warren Point, Franklin county, was groomsmen. The bride was beautifully gowned in silver green silk, and the bridesmaid in cream silk trimmed in narrow black velvet ribbon. The groom and groomsmen wore conventional black. Mr. Roy Daniels played the wedding march.

After the ceremony, a well prepared supper was served to about fifty guests. The presents received were varied and beautiful.

We invoke for them the richest blessings, and hope that their lives may be long, useful and happy.

Salavia.

Mrs. W. Scott Alexander and Miss Sadie Dickson, who had been the guests of Mrs. E. R. Austin, for several days last week, returned to their home in McConnellsburg, Wednesday.

The terra cotta flues on the M. E. church at Green Hill are to be replaced by substantial brick ones demanded by the insurance company.

Mr. Henry Sipes, of Clearfield, was called to Harrisonville last week on account of the serious illness of his brother, T. Ross Sipe.

On Wednesday morning, the 5th inst., George W. Sipe was induced to accompany Homer L. Sipe to the woods for the purpose of getting some game, not being successful, they soon returned home. When they arrived there, George discovered that his yard was filled with vehicles, and something out of the ordinary was taking place. His son Emanuel had planned a surprise for him that will long be remembered by Mr. Sipe, and about thirty five of his friends who were present. Mr. William Deshong, of Johnstown, was present with his graphophone and entertained the company.

Mr. Adam Vallance, of Ohio, is visiting his brother, William A. Vallance, of Harrisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deshong, of Cross Forks, Pa., are spending the holidays with Mr. Deshong's mother, Mrs. Mahala Deshong.

Hays—Duffy.

In the city of New York, November 25, 1900, Miss Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy at Webster Mills was united in marriage to Mr. H. W. Hays, of Philadelphia.

The bride had been residing in Philadelphia about three years, and during the fall spent a few weeks visiting her parents.

The young people have begun housekeeping in the City of Brotherly Love.

How Much Did He Lose?

A man bought a coat for \$5, and handed the merchant a \$50 bill to pay for it; the merchant being unable to make the change, sent the bill to the bank, got it changed, and then gave the man who bought the coat \$45. The bank, after the purchaser of the coat had gone, discovered that the bill was counterfeit and, therefore, returned it to the merchant and received \$50 good money. How much did the merchant lose by the transaction?

PERSONAL.

Geo. Robinson is home from Washington a few days.

George C. Fraker, of Fort Littleton, called at this office, Monday.

Mr. James A. Mumma, of Laidig, spent a day in town last week.

Jno. Mumma, of Laidig is among the Fulton county boys at Clearfield.

Mr. J. W. Fraker of Fort Littleton spent last Friday in McConnellsburg.

Uriah W. Cline, and J. C. Reed, of Licking Creek township, were callers Monday.

Messrs. Scott and Michael Mellott of Pleasant Ridge spent last Saturday in town.

Mr. C. M. Ray, of Big Cove Tannery, was a pleasant caller at this office Friday morning.

Scott Sharp, of Dott, took time while in town last week, to look into the News office a minute.

P. Luther Finiff of Pittsburg is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Finiff, of Tod township.

Charles Scott is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Scott of this place.

Mrs. Alvah Pittman and Miss Ellie Knauff attended the Comerer-Secrist wedding last Wednesday.

Mr. Jesse Peck, of Johnstown, formerly of Baltimore, is spending the holidays with M. Knauff's family.

Dr. and Mrs. Dalbey and Landlord and Mrs. Funk spent a day or two in Chambersburg last week.

Miss Eloise Trout, of the U. S. Pension office Pittsburg is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. C. Trout near town.

Bert Orth, who has been spending the past three years in Iowa, is visiting friends a few weeks at Fort Littleton.

George Lehman, Union township's efficient assessor was among those who were in town last Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Culler and Miss Rhoda Lake, of Needmore, were shoppers at the county seat last Saturday.

Lewis Youker and Will Golden, two of Bethel township's best citizens, spent last Wednesday at McConnellsburg.

Mr. E. V. Mellott and daughter Mary were in town last Saturday and dropped into the News office a few minutes.

Mr. Daniel Elvey and son Oliver, started to Ohio last Wednesday to spend the holidays with his son Charles.

Miss Dix Robinson, of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson.

Todd Skinner, of the Mercersburg Academy, spent a few days among his many McConnellsburg friends last week.

Miss Ruth West, a Wilson College student, is visiting her grandfather and aunt at the Washington House.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Mellott, of Belfast township, accompanied by John Weller, spent last Saturday at McConnellsburg.

Miss Stella Sipes, who is pursuing a course in Art study in Philadelphia, came home for the holidays last Thursday.

Miss Jennie Carson, who has been in the western part of the state for several weeks returned to this place Monday evening.

Roband Will Hunter, classmates of Clarence Trout in the Philadelphia Dental college, spent last Friday night in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, of Neville, have been visiting friends on this side of the mountain during the past week.

Mr. J. B. Runyan and son Master Russell, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Runyan's parents at Needmore.

Hon. D. H. Patterson and daughter, Miss Blanche, of Fulton county, were in town for a few hours on Monday.—Mercersburg Journal.

Mr. George E. Clouser, teacher of the Chapel school in Bethel, accompanied by Master Howard Decker, called at the News Office last Saturday.

F. McNaughton Johnston, of the Census Department, Washington, D. C., came home for a Christmas dinner at the Washington House.

L. L. Truax, teacher of Forest Dale school, and Bert Hann, one of Licking Creek township's school directors were in McConnellsburg Friday evening.

Elmer Suders, of Hoytsdale Pa. after nearly a year's absence is visiting his mother and friends here. He is employed by a brother of our Albert Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Deshong and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Mellott, all of Johnstown, and Michael Mellott of Pleasant Ridge, spent Thursday night at H. W. Mellott's near Knobsville.

Samuel R. Fraker and Fred Crömer, of Fort Littleton, two students of the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, came home last Thursday to spend their holiday vacation.

Clarence N. Trout, of this place, and Robert and Will Hunter, of Wells Valley, all of whom are students at the Philadelphia Dental College, are home for their holiday vacation.

John Lehman, a student of the University of West Virginia, located at Morgantown, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Lehman of Union township.

Oliver Lafferty, of Jeanette, Pa., who has been a general agent for the Stinson Scales Co., during the past two years, spent a few days last week visiting his parents near Franklin Mills.

W. L. Winter, who grew to manhood in the family of William Greer, and who spent part of the past year in Illinois, is now at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, and expects to spend the holidays at his old home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cline, of Dublin, and Mr. and Mrs. David Rinedollar, of Ayr, went to Franklin county last Friday for a holiday visit. Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Rinedollar are sisters-daughters of Mr. William Alexander, formerly of the Cove but now of Upton.

William Greer, one of Dublin township's farmers, spent last Thursday in town. He says our old friend H. H. Tice of Gibsonburg, Ohio, who visited in this county during the fall of '99, had intended to spend this winter in Pennsylvania; but that Mr. Tice's physician would not allow him to take the chances of the journey in cold weather, and he has deferred his visit until Spring.

Mr. Samuel Widney, of Burnt Cabins, paid his respects to the News office, and also his subscription ahead to the News, while in town last week. Mr. Widney lives just far enough over the line to have to vote in Huntingdon county. He, with two other gentlemen—Albert Walker and Charlie Walker owns and operates a telephone line, extending from Fort Loudon to Blairs Mills, a distance of 36 miles.

Gem.

Mr. Abner Mallott, of Greencastle, is visiting his son, G. W. Mallott.

Mrs. Rhoda Truax is very ill. Mr. W. M. McEldowney started Monday morning for Waynesboro, where he has employment.

Mr. Galley Chambers passed through our town, Saturday evening. Mr. G. W. Gilbert, of Upton, was the guest of Elias Wink's family Sunday.

McCauley McEldowney is singing "A char to keep I have."

Mrs. H. Peck and daughter Miss Peck started for Hagerstown last Saturday where they expect to spend Christmas. Mr. Erven C. Fisher has finished a large contract of sawing for Mr. Mac Mellott and Lewis Bard and has moved his saw mill to Abner Truax's where he expects to saw a bill for a large barn and house. Erven is a hustler.

Mr. D. B. Snider and daughter Miss Addie were the guests of Mr. Jonas Truax, Sunday. Mr. J. Pott McKee and wife and little daughter Florence, were visiting over at Webster Mills, Monday.

E. B. Fisher and wife were at D. B. Snider's last Sunday. J. D. and G. W. Mellott are putting down a well for B. F. Daniels.

E. B. Fisher has changed the schedule on his hack line from Gom to Needmore, from one hour down to twentyfive minutes. W. H. Peck was called to Needmore on Monday.

On finishing the lumber at Mac Mellott's the other day, Mrs. Mellott celebrated the event by serving a fine turkey dinner.