

The Fulton County News.

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Fulton County People Who Were Married During 1900.

JANUARY.

8. John H. Wible and Lillie Brant at Hustontown by Rev. Sarvis.

8. William H. Shaw and Viola B. Sipes at Hustontown by Rev. Sarvis.

17 Andrew Rotz and Della Rummel at McConnellsburg by Rev. Smith.

24 Jeremiah Bair and Ella Troxel at Warfordsburg by Rev. Yost.

FEBRUARY.

2. Jeremiah L. Heefner and Lillie M. Kirk by Rev. Sparks.

3. Richard G. Truax and Alice E. Keith at Enid by Rev. Sparks.

4. Nathan H. Stevens and Jennie Brant in Taylor township by Rev. Roberts.

7. James R. Peck and Annie Peck of Belfast by Rev. Funk.

11. Wilber M. Mills and Blanche J. Berkstresser by Rev. Ash.

13. Abram C. Mellott and Elsie R. Sipes of Licking Creek by Rev. Hughes.

14. John M. Clevenger and Bessie Sipes of Taylor by Rev. Sarvis.

14. George W. Mosser and Flora L. Souders by Rev. Chambers.

20. John L. Wright and Mary E. Miller by Rev. Sarvis.

MARCH.

14. Benjamin W. Peck and Maggie H. Daniels at Rays Hill.

15. James Rinedollar and Matilda Paylor by Rev. Chambers.

21. Harry A. Wible and Ettie Vallance by Rev. Drawbaugh.

APRIL.

1. Emory W. Barton and Etta L. Bussart by Rev. Lodge.

3. George E. Garner and Rheue L. Lake by Rev. Ash.

7. William Lodge and Sadie Gibson by Justice Wible.

18. Harvey B. Hertzler and Carrie May Divens by Rev. Ash.

30. William Lockard and Rose M. Keith by Rev. Ash.

MAY.

2. Elias B. Deshong and Euncca Sharp by Justice Joseph Deshong.

14. Stanley Snyder and Elsie Rotz by Rev. Drawbaugh.

22. Daniel M. Clevenger and Minnie Bivens by Rev. Chambers.

29. E. B. Cline and Goldie Gress by Rev. Ash.

30. Geo. A. Wolf and Emma Springs by Justice Wible.

JUNE.

12. W. R. Speer and Ettie Cutchall by Rev. Frank.

12. James Shives and Ella B. Everts by Rev. Funk.

13. W. S. Clevenger and Ella Mellott by Rev. Ash.

19. Daniel Pepper and Carrie E. Gress by Rev. Drawbaugh.

20. J. W. Lake and Mattie C. Palmer by Rev. Funk.

20. Andrew Bishop and Maria Booth by Rev. Beall.

27. Sam'l F. Beuton and Bertha Ramsey by Rev. Bickel.

28. John A. Henry and Nettie Madden by Rev. Frank.

JULY.

18. Simon Daniels and Bertha J. Mellott by Justice Harris.

29. S. Logue Deshong and Elsie Decker by Rev. J. C. Garland.

AUGUST.

8. O. R. Duvall and Retta E. Strait by Justice Harris.

8. Albert King and Myrtle Shaw by Rev. Sheaffer.

19. Martin Shives and Myrtle Ward by Jacob Weller.

29. John P. Martz and Alice Kegareis by Rev. Asa.

28. Charles S. Walker and Flora Souders by Rev. Chambers.

28. Michael Stell and Ida Heimbuch by Rev. Chambers.

SEPTEMBER.

10. S. Fockler and Rachel One by Rev. West.

13. Andrew J. Miller and Ida E. Ward by Rev. Ash.

13. Walter E. Stein and Clara H. Black and May Glunt by Rev. Ash.

15. Frank Hess and family have moved from Franklin county into the house just vacated by Stillwell Truax.

18. Jacob Schultz and Minnie Dorrier by Rev. Abbtmeyer.

23. Haward Hann and Olive Mellott by Rev. Lake.

25. Jonathan C. Snyder and Clara B. Morse by Rev. Chambers.

26. John J. Sipes and Lucy Ranck by Rev. McNay.

OCTOBER.

10. Samuel M. Andrews and Sarah Blanche Yonker by Rev. Beall.

17. G. D. McCune and Jennie Little by Rev. Gumbert.

28. Vernon Northcraft and Agnes Smith by Rev. Bennett.

30. Joseph Truax and Ella G. Shupe by Rev. Sheaffer.

31. Samuel W. Anderson and M. Leslie Moseby by Rev. Sheaffer.

31. William O. Waugh and Ellen Nora Booth by Rev. Beall.

31. John W. Scheffeld and Zella L. Wagner by Rev. Wolf.

NOVEMBER.

13. William B. Ranck and Myrtle Stouffer by Rev. T. Davis Richards.

18. Michael Mellott and Rebecca F. Deshong by Rev. Lake.

28. Isaac Mellott and Alice B. Mellott by Rev. Ash.

DECEMBER.

12. Elliot Divalbiss and Leslie Goodman by Rev. Logue.

19. Wm. A. Secrist and Ella Comerer by Rev. Beall.

19. James W. Kendall and Eleanor T. McKibbin by Rev. Seifert.

20. Valentine Houpt and Mina Ferry by Rev. Bassler.

20. John Helman and Ella Finiff by Rev. Smith.

23. Luther Fix and Sadie Walker by Justice D. E. Fore.

25. W. E. Stouffer and Susie A. Mort by Rev. Frank.

25. John Bowers and Nora S. Charlton by Rev. Beall.

28. David Bishop and Jennie Wagner by Rev. Wolf.

26. Chas. S. Getzendanner and Margaret Hughes by Rev. Beall.

NEEDMORE.

Mrs. Broadstone, who was seriously burned, is still in a critical condition. Her daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Ohio, is visiting her.

Mr. E. N. Palmer and son Fred of Everett, and Mr. C. M. Dixon and family of Chambersburg were called to the home of Mr. T. R. Palmer on account of Mr. Palmer's illness.

Mr. W. H. Lake, of Clearfield, our former neighbor was visiting in this community. Glad to see you William.

Miss Nancy Lake was visiting Miss Jess Correll on Sunday.

Mr. Scott Baumgarner and wife have been visiting friends in Huntingdon county.

Mr. Lee Funk has gone to Hope-well where he is taking a special course in music. He is under the tutorage of Prof. B. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Fisher of Gem, were in town last week looking up a location. Mr. Fisher proposes erecting a building suitable for a hotel. This will be supplying a long needed want. He seems to be pleased with the site on "Puffinburger Row."

Mr. A. C. Truax is adding to the conveniences of his property by boring a well.

Mr. Emanuel Sharp is preparing for sleighing by drilling a new team. His brothers Scott and Henry were assisting him to give the "wiry bloods" their first lesson. They adopted a safe and "Sharp" plan with one to manage the lines, one the brakes, and "Bub" on the horse to manipulate the reins. He did not look scared but what perplexed him most was his inability to keep his pipe going.

Henry Bard's sale was well attended, and his property brought good prices. It must pay to get bills printed at the News office.

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HIDDEN DANGER.

A Farmer Ploughing, Narrowly Escaped Losing His Team in an Old Well.

Mr. J. C. Mellott is a prominent farmer in Belfast township. A few days ago he was engaged in ploughing a field in which a dwelling house had stood many years ago—so long ago, indeed, that its existence had been almost forgotten.

The team was steady, the ground smooth, and there was little to break the monotony that attended Mr. Mellott's walking along scarcely conscious of the guidance of the team or plow by his hand.

Suddenly there was a sinking of the earth, a slight crash, and it seemed for an instant that he and his team were about to be swallowed into the earth. Mr. Mellott hastened to grasp the horses by the bridles, and by quick work rescued them from the threatened danger.

Further inspection revealed the fact that he was plowing directly over an old well 44 feet in depth that had long ago been covered by plank and timber and these with earth. Mr. Mellott congratulates himself on his escape.

SALVIA.

Mr. Homer L. Sipes is visiting friends in Pittsburg and Petersburg. Mr. John Ewing returned last week from a visit with friends in Franklin county. Mrs. Will Bair, Miss Ella Mann Mrs. Mahala Deshong and daughter Miss Dora and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deshong were guests of Miss Fannie Hockensmith at West Dublin last Saturday. Rev. Seifert began revival services at Green Hill, Sunday evening. At a business meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society of Green Hill, Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing 6 months: President, Geo. A. Harris; Vice President, Miss Anna Speer; Treasurer, Miss Lydia Mann, Secretary, Miss Katharine Metzler. They arranged to give a Pie Social at the home Mrs. Harris New Years eve. A slight fire in the lodge building at Harrisonville a part of which is occupied by George R. Sipes, caused some excitement in that village Thursday. By the prompt application of a few pails of water, the flames were subdued. The fire originated from a defective flue. The merchant lost \$45 and the coat.

ALMOST A FIRE.

While Mrs. Theophilus Sipes of Licking Creek township was busy ironing, a few days ago, her attention was attracted to an unusual roaring and crackling out side the house; and on going out to investigate the cause she found part of the roof in flames. Mrs. Sipes was alone, but she did not faint nor scream herself into hysterics—she quickly got two buckets of water, hastened up stairs to the garret, and in a few minutes had the satisfaction of having the flames under control. She found after it was all over that she had a few bruises and burns; but she felt that a trilling matter when compared with the possible loss of their home.

On Monday evening of last week the stone dwelling house on the farm of S. Huston Johnston, at Stitzel's Cross Roads near Mercersburg and tenanted by George Fields, was destroyed by fire. All the members of the family, except Mrs. Fields and several small children, were away from home at the time, and when the fire was discovered Mrs. Fields unaided was unable to take any effective means toward controlling it. Mr. Johnston's loss is about \$1000 with \$600 insurance in the Centennial Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Fields had about \$800 insurance in the same company.

"BROTHER WOLF HAS THE FLOOR."

As the closing hours of the 19th century were passing away, the quiet of the parsonage was disturbed by merry voices and happy feet.

We answered the bell, with joy, and lo! our eyes were almost dimmed by the multitude before us. We said, "Come in," and they came—and they continued to come. They thronged the hall, filled the study, crowded the dining-room, occupied the kitchen, and returned to the parlors. The first floor seemed too small.

They were not nearly so much perplexed with the lack of space in which to sit, or stand, as we were. Their main object now, having taken the castle by storm, was to unburden their arms.

We could simply say—"Make yourselves at home."

They laid down their burdens, and lo! the table—extended—groaned beneath the weight. The stove, wood-box, chairs, hall, henery, &c., sympathized with the table.

In a few well chosen words Henry Comerer made the presentation speech.

The writer—noaplushed—could neither think nor speak.

After a few words of united thanks to Him who inspires to such deeds, the evening was happily spent in social intercourse.

To the many persons present and represented, we all say: "Thank you! God bless you in the expressions of good will."

A. G. WOLF, Pastor,
Evang. Luth. ch., McConnellsb'g.

EMMAVILLE.

Winter put in its appearance at last and now we can enjoy all its qualities. Aquilla Lodge, who has been suffering from a very severe attack of fever, is slowly improving. Walter Smith and sister Grace attended Christmas services at Whips Cove Tuesday night. A. M. Hixson of Bradford, Pa., is spending a vacation with his brother G. W. Hixson of this place. Bessie and Earl Mills are on the sick list this week. Jennie Lodge is suffering from a felon on her finger. Thompson Peck spent a few days in Bedford county last week. Mrs. J. L. Stine was called to Terra Alta, W. Va., last Tuesday on account of the serious illness of her daughter—Mrs. J. Frank Geinger. Mr. Rob't Beatty, student of Lebanon Business College, was a pleasant caller in our town, a few days this week. Mr. C. W. Truax remodeled the "Mansion House" for the occupancy next spring of Mrs. Martha B. Layton. Mrs. Layton is a very complacent neighbor, and we welcome her back to our town. The Christmas Tree at McKendree last Monday night was a decided success, and much praise is due those who had it in charge. Mr. W. C. Hixson, of Jackson's Mills, is spending a few days with his mother. He intends to leave in a few days for Quincy, Illinois, to attend Business college. Albert Clark of Emerson, Pa., was the guest of Blanche Stein, last Wednesday. The members of our "Writing Club" are progressing nicely with their work, but they still make hieroglyphics somewhat like those used by the ancient Egyptians. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McDaniel passed through this village enroute to the home of Mrs. McDaniels, father Isaiah Layton, of Whips Cove. W. C. Hanks attended the Christmas service at Akersville, Tuesday night. We hear the distant chime of bells and sniff the odor of orange blossoms. Hurrah for the McConnellsburg and Potomac railroad. May we soon hear the whistle of the locomotive within our borders.

Stillwell Truax and family have moved from the "McClellan house" near Gem to the farm recently purchased by him from Hiram Truax near Needmore.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Commencing with Monday, January 7th the churches of McConnellsburg will hold union services every evening during the week of prayer except Saturday evening. Services will commence promptly at 7 o'clock.

Christian people of all the churches are earnestly requested to interest themselves and others in these meetings, and the public are most cordially invited to attend.

Adopting the topics recommended by the Evangelical Alliance, the program for the week will be as follows:

Monday, in the Presbyterian church—Rev. W. A. West, leader. Prayer for a better realization of spiritual truth and a better estimate of spiritual realities; a clearer vision of the redeeming Christ, and of the actual need and the divinely intended glory of the world which he redeemed.

Tuesday, in the Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. H. M. Ash, leader. Prayer for a church, which, through faith in Christ, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, shall be wholly Christians, doing God's will and winning the world to Christ.

Wednesday, in the United Presbyterian church—Rev. J. L. Grove, leader. Prayer for such Christian character and life as shall be pleasant in the home, honored in business relations, welcomed in the neighborhood, helpful in the church—personal religion being thus manifested in its rightful attractiveness.

Thursday, in the Reformed church—Rev. C. M. Smith, leader. Prayer for right relations in society and the nation, with the Golden Rule obeyed as between man and man, and all social and political action guided by justice and good-will—the Christian ideal.

Friday, in the Lutheran church. Topics for Friday and Saturday evenings combined—Rev. A. G. Wolf, leader. Prayer for all international relationships and all international action, that they may be based on the Christian principles which apply to the individual—the reign of the Prince of Peace.

Saturday. Prayer for all missionaries, and all missionary organizations, that, being wholly inspired by Christian devotion and wholly guided by Christian wisdom, they may speedily and triumphantly fulfill the Saviour's last command.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with saddened hearts and subdued feelings that we announce the death of Guy Hixson, son of Mr. J. Clayton Hixson, which occurred at the home of his father in Buck Valley, on Thursday December 20, 1900, at the early age of 14 years, 10 months and 25 days.

Guy was a noble, manly boy—idolized by his father and sister who are called to mourn his seemingly untimely death as well as by the entire family. He was a favorite among his associates wherever known.

Guy, until recently, seemed to be in robust health; but during the last two or three weeks of his life, he was a great sufferer from spasmodic action of the heart.

During the entire period of his suffering, there was never heard from his lips a word of complaint, but to the very end, he bore his affliction with a christian fortitude and resignation that were astonishing. Nothing was left undone that medical skill and the goodly offices of kind friends and neighbors could devise; but by the command of Him who doeth all things well, he has gone out from among us.

"Though severed far, by faith we meet Around one common mercy seat."

A FRIEND.

TO PERSIA.

Our townsman Will H. Nesbit, last week, shipped a cook stove to Rev. Charlie Pittman in Persia. The Persian people have not risen in civilization to the plane of cooking stoves, and Charlie has never been used to having his potatoes roasted in the ashes or his biscuits baked in the sun. The stove for shipment had to be taken apart, and the pieces placed in boxes—none of the packages to weigh over 150 pounds; as that stove, to reach Mr. Pittman, must be transported several hundred miles on the backs of donkeys.

On account of the illness of Mrs. George H. Unger, of the Cove, she was obliged to remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bender of this place about a week. She was taken home on Tuesday.

THE ANNUAL SETTLEMENT.

Next week the past year's business of the County Commissioners will pass in review before the board of County Auditors. While it is the board of Commissioners that say how much, or how little tax you must pay—whether the valuation as returned by your township Assessor shall be the basis upon which your individual tax shall be levied, or whether they shall take the matter into their own hands and say what your valuation shall be—it is the County Commissioners, then, after the tax has been gathered from the people, who have the fun of spending it—of course—as the representatives of the county and for the best interests of the people who pay the taxes.

With all respect for the wisdom and integrity of the men who serve in the capacity of Commissioners, it was found long ago necessary to add a check-valve to the disbursing machine; and this valve is in the form of three county auditors whose sworn duty it is to examine carefully every item of expenditure, and pass judgment thereon. If they find that the board of Commissioners have willfully or ignorantly paid out more money for any given service or purchase than the same was reasonably worth, the Auditors have no alternative than to surcharge the Commissioners with the amount. This is paoper. This is just.

The board of Commissioners are not unfrequently made the victims of unprincipled sharks; and are often led against their better judgment to act unwisely in the matter of expenditures. The board of Auditors is intended, at least, to make them careful.

We have perhaps never had a more capable board of Auditors; but we would here call their attention to at least one item in the printers, bills—that of printing the tickets for the elections of 1900.

Early in the year, the Commissioners felt that bids should be received, and the tickets printed by the office that would do it for the least money.

Accordingingly, as the minutes in the Commissioners, office will show, as will also papers on file there, that the Fulton Republican submitted a bid offering to furnish the tickets for the two elections—spring and fall—for \$120, and the supplies for \$18—making a total of \$138. The Fulton County News offered to print the spring tickets for \$50 and the fall for \$80—or the two for \$125 and include the supplies.

In the face of this, the Commissioners contracted with the Fulton Democrat to pay them \$70 for the spring, and \$190 for the fall election—making \$260.00, against \$125.00 bid by the News. Auditors, the people are looking to you to do your duty, as you have so faithfully heretofore. If the people can be convinced that it is all right, then the News which is the peoples' paper shall have accomplished its purpose.

MENTAL NUTS.

Can You Crack 'em?

The interest that has been shown in the problems we have been giving in the News, has led us to decide upon giving something of this kind every week—during the school season, at least. The answer to the coat question last week is, The merchant lost \$45.00 and the coat.

The following was contributed by a minister: "On January 1, 1901, a young man urged his intended bride to name the wedding day, whereupon she replied, 'I was born March 24, 1879, and I will be your bride when I shall have lived one day for every week of my life from birth until the wedding; so you can figure this out, and name the day.'" What will be the date of the wedding?

Read this—

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BETHLEHEM.

Mr. Wash De Vinne, of Kansas, is visiting his nephew, Mr. Hugh Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ewing and Mr. De Vinne spent Sunday at Samuel Scott's.

Mrs. Nicholas Finiff made her husband a christmas gift of a little daughter on the 24th ult.

Mrs. Lottie Scott and P. L. Finiff and his mother spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Finiff.

Last Friday a week as Miss Jane Unger was driving home from McConnellsburg, her horse became unmanageable, and she was thrown violently from the spring wagon. Outside of being severely bruised, she suffered no serious consequences. Her home is in the family of her brother George.