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FORMER MCCONNELLSBURGER.

Rev. George B. Shoemaker Inquires After Our Boys and Writes Interestingly of Days Ago.

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ED. NEWS:

When I was a boy the Fulton Democrat, for a time at least, was issued from a building just across the street from my father's store. As with most boys, I had a surplus of time on my hands. Part of this time I spent in the Democrat office and learned the case. Ever since that time I have been greatly interested in the business of printing. I have often wondered whether I would not have made a better printer than I do a minister. Inheriting from his father his predilection for the press, my oldest son has learned the printing business, and is now filling a responsible office in a publishing establishment in Waterloo, Iowa. In regard to my work in the Democrat office I am at a loss to know whether the strength, permanence and ability of the paper is due to my association with it, or whether the paper gave me the "boost" that finally secured for me a place of some prominence among my brethren in the Upper Iowa Conference. Perhaps the question might be referred to my companion in distress in the school room of former days, John Sipes.

I note that ice is being stored in your county six inches thick. We are harvesting ice here, sixteen inches thick, and have had a very mild winter. Nothing colder than three degree below zero. When I looked a few moments ago the thermometer registered 42 degrees above. Quite spring like for Iowa. The weather has been very changeable here this season. We much prefer steady cold weather, but must take it as it comes.

While in Waterloo last Saturday I called upon your former townsman, Luther Tritle. I found him and family well, and apparently well satisfied with their Iowa home. I met while there, Milton a brother of Luther, whose home is in Michigan, and who left old Fulton before I did. I spent a very pleasant hour with these friends of former days.

There used to be a young fellow in McConnellsburg by the name of Harvey Nelson. We always called him Harvey. Well, he played the violin and seemed to have good prospects of getting married. I wonder if he has "laid down de fiddle and de bow," and taken upon himself the honors of a family man. If you see him, ask him if he remembers the morning he found a placard on Dr. Trout's drug store door addressed to my old friend Dr. W. F. Teeter. It told about Teeter's travels to the north in search of the north pole or something else. I do not remember all that was on the card; but if my memory serves me right there was a bit of rhyme about it like this:

"He goes up north just once a week,
His coat tall make a nice blue streak;
He goes the Narrows road for one,
And then comes home by Littleton.
Put Bille, gather up your stock,
Pay this bill and oblige, John Mock."

Also, ask him if he remembers how pleased Teeter was at the attention being shown him that morning.

While visiting Luther Tritle in Waterloo, I first learned of the death of my friend Mr. Thomas Patterson. I recall seeing him in his store last spring when I spent a day or two in McConnellsburg. My memories of Mr. Patterson are all very pleasant. Peace to his ashes! May those who mourn realize the truth of the Word in Second Corinthians, the first chapter, and the third and fourth verses. (II Cor. 1:3-4.)

Your Methodist people will be interested to know that I am holding protracted meetings. Began December 31, 1900. The interest increases, and I am hopeful of good results.

I would be delighted to be present at the Central Pennsylvania Conference next March; but I fear it is most too far to walk. I hope for the News and its large family of readers an exceptionally good year with which to begin the new century.

Court Proceedings.

The regular January term of court began Tuesday, at 10 o'clock a. m. Their Honors, President Judge Swope, and Associates Kirk and Nelson occupied the bench. This was the first appearance of Judge Nelson on the bench, but he took his place with the ease and grace of one long used to the place. Judge Morton, whose term expired with the first of this year, retires from the bench with the respect and confidence of the bar and the people generally. He was a careful and painstaking Associate Judge.

Below will be found a brief abstract of the proceedings of the several courts.

The first thing upon the opening of court was the reading of the commission from the Governor to Hon. David A. Nelson the new Judge.

The applications for retail liquor licenses were then taken up to wit: George Rexroth and John W. Funk, of the borough, Jno. E. Speck, of Burnt Cabins, and R. W. Barnett, of Ft. Littleton. There being no remonstrances or objections in any case, all licenses were granted and bonds approved.

Petition of the executors of Job Morgret, dec'd, to pay into court the legacy of Isaac Morgret. Order made as prayed for.

Estate of George M. Deneen. Petition of widow for appointment of appraisers to appraise and set apart to her the estate left by her husband, the same not exceeding \$300.

Estate of James E. Downes, dec'd. Return of sale of decedent's real estate to D. L. Grissinger, confirmed and deed to purchaser acknowledge in open court.

Estate of Jas. G. D. Patterson, a minor son of Thos. Patterson, dec'd. R. M. Kendall appointed guardian, bond in \$4000.

Estate of Lillian Noble, niece of Frances Woollet, dec'd. M. R. Shaffner appointed guardian, bond in \$1000. F. McN. Johnston approved as surety. Leave to invest at best rate of interest obtainable.

Estate of Daniel Stahle, late of Union township, dec'd. Return of rule on heirs. Heirs called, and all making default, order of sale awarded to John Stahle, bond in \$1600 to be approved by the court.

Estate of Jonathan Clevenger, late of Bethel township, dec'd. Appraisement to widow approved unless exceptions be filed in 20 days.

Estate of David Laidig, dec'd. Return of rule on heirs to take the real estate. D. B. Laidig accepted one tract at the appraised value and same decree to him.

Estate of Christian Aller, dec'd. Return of sale of one tract to Jas. Aller, confirmed absolutely, and order continued as to mansion tract.

Estate of Thomas Kirk, dec'd. Return of sale to certain parcels of decedent's real estate, confirmed absolutely, and order continued as parcels not sold.

Estate of Elizabeth T. Taylor, dec'd. Petition of Mrs. Rively, a legatee under the will of said deceased, for rule on F. M. Taylor and E. T. Taylor, to show cause why they should not pay legacy charged upon real estate in Union township. Rule awarded returnable in 30 days.

Estate of Ross and Jessie Correll, minor children of George Correll. Petition of guardian to invest money at 4 1/2 per cent. Order made.

Estate of Adam Roy Rice, minor grand son of Adam Hess. Petition of guardian to invest at 5 per cent. Order made.

In the matter of the rules on W. H. Beard and the Nelson & Buchanan Bridge Company, the contractors for the masonry and iron work respectively of Crystal Spring bridge. Continued for 30 days as to W. H. Beard, and until March court as to the bridge company.

Johnston-Kendall.

One of the most pleasing social events of the season in the Big Cove occurred Wednesday evening, January 16, 1901, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kendall. The occasion was the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaretta L., to Mr. J. Houston Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston, also of the Cove.

At half past five, there was a sudden lull in the animated conversation of the hundred merry guests assembled in the spacious double parlors, and in a very few moments, the ministers, Rev. S. B. Houston of the Associate Presbyterian church and Rev. J. L. Grove of the United Presbyterian, had taken position at the north end of the room, and the company awaited the advent of the bridal party. Without delay there entered Miss Blanche Johnston, sister of the groom, and Miss Edith Kendall, cousin of the bride, dressed in white and looking very pretty. They were followed by the bride and groom, who stopped at the middle of the end of the room.

Rev. Mr. Houston, now, after spending two or three minutes in calling the attention of the contracting parties to the solemn vows they were about to take upon themselves, and admonishing them to never cease looking to Christ for strength to be faithful and true to each other to the end of life, pronounced them husband and wife. Rev. Grove, then invoked the blessing of God to rest upon the happy couple, and to ratify in Heaven the vows taken here.

So well was everything arranged, that it seemed but a few moments, indeed, after the solemn event, until the entire company were seated, partaking of most delightful refreshments and chatting with that freedom from embarrassment that showed that Mr. and Mrs. Kendall knew just how to make every one feel at ease in their hospitable home.

The bride and groom come from among the oldest and best families of the Cove, and are very estimable young people; and they were well remembered by their friends in the number and value of the wedding presents.

The guests present from a distance were, Ralph Johnston and Miss Lizzie Morrow, of Bakers-town, Pa.; Mrs. M. E. Tritle, Cadillac, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Bard McDowell, Lamaster, Pa.; James Johnston and sisters Misses Maggie and Mary, of Mercersburg; C. H. Kendall and daughter Miss Lillie, of Altoona, and J. A. Wister and Miss Agnes Smith, of Foltz.

For the Fulton county people present, see Directory.

The bride and groom left next morning for a bridal trip among friends and relatives away from the county. They will begin housekeeping in the Cove.

Tid-Bits From Todd.

John Nelson, one of Lower Todd's school directors visited the school of upper Todd on Tuesday.

Ira Fore made a flying trip to McConnellsburg on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clouser visited her mother who is seriously ill, on Wednesday.

Miss Effie Parson, of McConnellsburg spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents of Knobsville.

Mrs. Ellen Tibbetts, of Kansas City, entertained thirty of her friends on Tuesday night, at the home of her sister Mrs. G. W. Wagner.

Lemuel Divens, Chas. Glunt, Harvey Wible, and Jacob Long, of Kearney, are visiting their homes in this place.

J. Harry McLaughlin of Fayette county is spending some time with his many young friends in this vicinity.

Daniel Rotz and Miss Edith McLucas of near McConnellsburg, attended prayer meeting at Knobsville Sunday evening.

Reed Sloan.

A telegram was received here last Friday stating that John Reed Sloan had died at his home at Salinas, California, at four o'clock that morning. While Mr. Sloan's condition had been such for several weeks that all hope for his recovery had been abandoned, yet no one is able to fortify himself against the shock that comes with the announcement of the death of a member of one's family.

Mr. Sloan was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sloan, and was born at the old homestead, a half mile north of McConnellsburg, August 9, 1855. He entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company when in his eighteenth year, and remained with that company to the time of his death.

In 1883, he was married to Miss Jennie Pope of Dayton, Ohio, and one son who still survives, was born to them. In 1885 his wife died.

Contracting consumption while residing in Chicago, he was transferred to California, on account of his health.

In 1890, he was married to Miss Catharine Heywood of Los Angeles who survives him. His remains were interred in San Francisco.

Mr. Sloan was a gentleman of most pleasing manners and faithful qualities, and, in consequence enjoyed the close friendship and confidence of the higher officials of the Company.

He visited his old home and friend here about twelve years ago.

The fifth member in a family of ten children, he is the first to be taken. The following are the survivors: William A., assistant postmaster of this place; Thomas F., who has had charge of the Western Union office in this place, and the line from London to McConnellsburg for many years; Mary R., wife of W. S. Dickson, druggist in this place; Charles F., City Superintendent of the Standard Oil Co., and the Natural Gas Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; George W., a prominent business man in Buffalo; J. Clarence, superintendent of a Gas Co., Port Huron, Mich.; W. Logan, with the Standard Oil Company, Buffalo, and Misses Marion and Jessie at this place.

John Raker's House Burned.

Last Saturday afternoon, the dwelling of John W. Raker, five miles northwest of McConnellsburg on the Peach Orchard road was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Raker had returned from McConnellsburg about half past three and soon afterward, while sitting by the stove, one of the boys came running in telling him the house was afire. Mr. Raker went up stairs, but when he opened the garret door, he found the roof falling in. The family then set to work and succeeded in removing everything from the first floor; but five beds, much of their clothing, and all the furniture on the second floor were lost.

This loss falls heavily on Mr. Raker, as there was no insurance. With the assistance of the neighbors, a small house on a distant part of his farm will be torn down and put up near the site of the one burned, which will answer until a new one can be built.

At Work in Bethel.

Albert Lafferty, of Franklin Mills, was in town last Friday night. Albert says that Thompson doesn't have every thing. John Mann of Franklin Mills is sinking a shaft on Jerry Golden's farm, with first class prospects of opening a vein of anthracite coal. They started the shaft fourteen feet square at the top, and at the depth of ten feet reduced it to seven feet square. It is now down eighteen or twenty feet. We hope that those interested will not abandon this work until they have proven beyond a doubt that there is, or is not coal.

MENTAL PASTIME.

Questions, Queries, and Puzzles.

Answers to last week's.

6. The boggar was a woman.

7. 48 and 51.

8. Write twelve by the Roman method—XII; divide the number in halves by a horizontal line and you have VII.

New ones; answers next week.

9. This one is contributed by "J. C. H." Wells township. Two men killed a deer on Broadtop and wishing to weigh it in the woods took the following plan: Securing a stiff pole they placed it across a log, the lighter man getting on the long end of the pole, and the heavier man on the short end, when they found they just balanced. Now, they each got off carefully and exchanged places, the lighter man taking the deer in his lap and the balance was perfect again. What was the weight of the deer, if the weight of the lighter man was 130, and that of the heavier, 190 pounds?

10. By "N. R." Tod. What relation are you to the brother-in-law of your mother's brother?

11. If 3 cats can catch 3 rats in 3 minutes, how many cats can catch 100 rats in 100 minutes?

Needmore.

Miss Katharine Metzler, of Harrisville, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Palmer.

Dr. J. S. Swartzwelder is improving his residence by the addition of a new porch. The Doctor does not care for expense when it comes to making a sunny place shady for him to rest his weary form on a hot summer's day. Go ahead, Doctor, the next commission tax will be too innocent to tax you so high.

Messrs. E. N. Alters, of Sipes Mill, and M. P. Barton, of Akersville, took supper with Miss Anna May Everts Thursday evening.

Messrs. Patterson and Kendall of the Big Cove, Messrs. Bond and Agee of Ohio, and Mr. McDowell of Northumberland county, attended the Farmers' Institute at this place. It was a grand success, due largely to the good management of our most excellent farmers and the energetic speakers who were present. A vote was taken that we ask for more money to be appropriated by the state that the institutes of this county be run on a larger scale. This we think is a sapient plan. May the good work go on.

Miss Etta Everts is spending an indefinite time with the family of J. H. Covatt.

Calvin Walters, of Huntingdon, Ernest Walters, of Akersville, and Miss Rhoda Lake, of near Hancock, were guests of Miss Ella Mellott Saturday and Sabbath.

Miss Clyde Hess, formerly of this place, now of Allegheny City, was called home on account of the illness of her father, B. F. Hess.

Bub Sharp was sampling the roads of Buck Valley Friday.

T. R. Palmer and D. Morgret are having a well drilled on their farm on Water street under the supervision of Bert Truax.

Elder Gore, of Virginia, was the guest of Ahimias Runyan one evening last week.

Wm. Mellott and family, of McKibbin, accompanied by Miss Anna Culler of this place, attended meeting at the German Baptist church at Pleasant Ridge Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Davy Little, of McConnellsburg, were guests of Mrs. Little's sister, Mrs. Thos. Garland.

Miss Bessie Morton spent Sunday with her uncle, Geo. Morton, of Pleasant Ridge.

Mr. Frank Hart and family spent Sabbath as the guests of Mr. Geo. B. Mellott and family.

Ott-Paylor.

Mr. Philip Ott and Miss Rosa Paylor were married quietly at Hagerstown on Tuesday. The young people have our best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mrs. Riley Sipes Dead.

Elizabeth, wife of T. Riley Sipes of Licking Creek township, died at her home January 19, 1901, at the age of 76 years. She was a daughter of Richard Pittman deceased, and next to the last surviving member of her father's family, there being a brother in the West. Mrs. Sipes was born, and spent her entire life, on the farm where she spent her last moments. She was the mother of ten children—seven of whom survive her.

During the last sixty years of her life, she was a devoted member of the M. E. church, and to the time of her falling health two years ago, she was regular in her attendance upon all the means of grace. Mother Sipes had a kind word for everyone of whom she spoke, and had the love and esteem of a host of friends.

Interment was made at Siloam last Sunday afternoon, her pastor Rev. Seifert conducting the services and preaching from II Cor. 5:1, a text that Mrs. Sipes had selected.

A large number of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.

Little Helen Schollenburger.

Nearly every one in McConnellsburg remembers little Heller Schollenburger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schollenburger who spent part of last summer here. Mr. Schollenburger being connected with the Water Company.

She was an unusually attractive child. Tuesday Mrs. Woollet received a note from Mrs. Schollenburger's sister saying that little Helen had died at their home in Reading last Wednesday evening after an illness of only three days. The parents have the sincere sympathy of their McConnellsburg friends.

Phillip Miller Dead.

Phillip Miller, a former resident of Ayr township, died at Chambersburg January 11, 1901. He was born in Germany June 12, 1825, and was brought by his parents to this country when he was but a year and a half of age. Mr. Miller spent most of his life in the Cove, and was an inoffensive citizen. He leaves but two children—George of Tod township, and William in Franklin county.

Queen Victoria Dead.

England's queen passed away Tuesday afternoon. She was born, May 24, 1819, baptized one month later, ascended the throne, June 20, 1837, was crowned June 28, 1838, married February 10, 1840, became a widow Dec. 14, 1861, died Jan. 22, 1901.

The prince of Wales, the second child of the queen now becomes England's king. He was born Nov. 9, 1841.

Knows a Good Thing.

From the Media Lodge.

"Quay has many admirers and followers in the Democrat ranks throughout the entire State. The Chairman of the Fulton county Democratic Committee, Alvin L. Sipes, was in Harrisburg on Tuesday, and remarked to the writer that he was a Democrat, but he modified it by saying: 'I am a Quay Democrat, and if we can't elect a Democrat, I want to see Quay elected.' If Fulton county doesn't have a railroad, they have some good people up there, who seem to know a good thing when they see it."

Dr. West is having special services in the Presbyterian church every evening this week preparatory to communion next Sabbath. Rev. Groff who was expected to assist cannot do so; Rev. Crist of Welsh Run will preach, Thursday evening, Friday evening, and Saturday morning.

Dr. West will assist Rev. Gordon at Fannettsburg next week.

PERSONAL.

Our old friend James L. Lake was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hann, of Salvia, were in town Monday.

Miss Annie Dickson spent a couple of days in Chambersburg last week.

Our old friend Daniel Fraker, of Fort Littleton, spent last Wednesday in town.

Auctioneer W. M. Hann was among the callers at this office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kriebbaum, of Lemaster, were over Tuesday to attend the funeral of John Ott's little son.

Harry Cutchall who has been in Iowa for some time, and D. F. Booher of Altoona, were pleasant callers at this office Tuesday.

Mr. Jacob Kauffman, of Morton's Point was in town Monday. Mr. Kauffman expects to leave this county and become a resident of Johnstown between this and next spring.

Miss Carrie Raker, of Galesburg, Illinois, after an absence of eighteen years, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ewing, and other relatives in this county.

Andrew Mellott, of Sidling Hill, called to see us while in town Monday. He said revival services would begin at Cedar Grove next Saturday night. It will be conducted by Revs. Barney and Lawton.

Lewis C. Layton, who had been at Walnut Grove, Illinois, several months, is now located in Colorado. Lewis can be contented almost any place so long as the Fulton County News reaches him regularly.

Mrs. Mary E. Tritle, of Cadillac, Mich., after a visit of several months with her brother, D. A. Comer in Phila., arrived at this place last Monday morning and will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Isaac Hull.

Dick Ritchey Married.

At the house of the brides parents in Parkersburg W. Va., on Tuesday evening 15th inst., Miss Mary Louisa Brown and Richard B. Ritchey of Mercersburg, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. G. Rose of Mercersburg.

Mrs. Ritchey is a sister of Mrs. Rose, and, in her visit to Mercersburg, has made hosts of friends there. She was one of the guests at the wedding of Miss Laura Kendall and Mr. W. D. McDowell and made a most favorable impression upon those who had the pleasure of meeting her there. "Dick," who has been ticket agent at the Mercersburg station of the C. V. railroad for several years, is very popular with Fulton county people.

Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

John, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John Ott, of Ayr township, died at exactly twelve o'clock Sunday night, aged 4 years, 2 months and 1 day. The little fellow began to complain first on Friday evening, and on Saturday morning the family physician was called. It was soon found however that the child was a victim of that dread disease, cerebral meningitis from which any one seldom recovers. This is the first break in their family of thirteen children, and it is a sore affliction. The bereft have the deepest sympathy of their many friends. Interment at Union cemetery, Tuesday afternoon.

Bible Study.

The special bible term at McConnellsdale will begin Saturday evening January 20, and continue each evening until February 1. Elder B. F. Masterson, of Lordsburg, California, will preach Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7. All are welcome. Come and bring your Bibles.

Rev. KURTZ MILLER.