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BANQUET.

Fort Littleton Lodge Entertains.

Fort Littleton Lodge No. 484, I. O. O. F. the oldest and wealthiest organization of Odd Fellows in the county, sent invitations to all the lodges in the county to be their guests on Friday evening of last week; and, taking it for granted that the brethren would know a good thing when they heard of it, turned Landlord Barnett loose to get up the supper. That was enough. Mr. Barnett's house already has an enviable reputation for the inviting bill of fare one strikes on ordinary occasions; but last Friday evening he just eclipsed himself, and every one that did not attend would feel hungry the balance of his days, if he knew just what he missed.

At 6:30 o'clock, the bell at the M. E. church gave the signal that soon brought together most of the members of Fort Littleton lodge, their families, the visiting brethren, and the general public of the village.

Hon. S. L. Buckley, made an excellent address of welcome which was responded to by Dr. A. D. Dalbey, of McConnellsburg Lodge. The Doctor is a fluent speaker, and represented the visitors most creditably.

Rev. Geo. W. McInay, of Burnt Cabins, conducted the devotional part of the exercises, and Mr. Frank Bare who is as full of music as a toper on circus day, had charge of the musical part of the entertainment, and that part of the program was very enjoyable indeed.

After all the oddfellows and their wives and friends had been feasted, there was, owing to the absence of those who now feel like kicking themselves, much left; and following an example given in a very good book, they went out into the highways and byways and compelled them to come in. (They didn't have to hurt anybody.)

McConnellsburg, Wells Valley, and Harrisonville Lodges were represented among the visitors. In addition to the above, there were other short addresses made during the evening.

Licking Creek.

Last week one day there was a spotted dog came up the Ridge; he was seen by the scholars of the Cross Roads school. They said they met the dog on the road, and he took no notice of anything; he was also seen by others. It seems that the same dog went to F. R. Shives' and had a scuffle with Mr. Shives' dog; he was next seen near Mr. U. W. Kline's, by his son George who stopped him from traveling any further.

Preston Deshong and William O. Lohr, of Everett, thought that they would take a sleigh ride down to Pleasant Ridge; but before they got to their journey's end, they found very rough sleighing. In fact, they had to walk part of the way. So, the next morning, as wise boys, they started back for fear they would be minus a sleigh, and would have to make a horseback trip. Boys, come again when the sleighing is good.

Riley Deshong who had been employed at the Everett furnace, came home, sick, a few days ago. Bert Wilson expects to go to Everett this week, where he has employment.

James Sharpe spent Sunday and Monday with his sister, Mrs. Anna Mumma, of Pleasant Ridge. Miss Stella Decker spent last Friday with her friend Miss Lina A. Deshong.

Miss Nellie Daniels spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maggie Daniels, and attended preaching Saturday evening at the Christian church.

There has been a couple of sly weddings in this vicinity lately.

Snow! Snow! Nearly everybody is making good use of the snow and, still getting more.

David Fohner passed through Harrisonville Monday moving to the Chesnut farm that he bought recently.

The Methodists.

The Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal Conference will meet in annual session in Chambersburg on Wednesday, March 27th, and continue in session for one week.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference is one of the largest in the connection having 62,878 full members and 5,803 probationers. There are 248 pastoral charges, but many of these are circuits, with from two to five preaching places. In addition to those in active service there are a goodly number of veteran preachers who have retired from active service, but who always come to conference. Besides there will be the young candidates for admission to the ministry and also the secretaries of the missionary and other benevolent societies.

Chambersburg gave delightful entertainment to this religious body in 1873 and 1883, and although it has grown much larger than it was at that time, it is confidently expected that it again will be equally well cared for.

With the supernumeraries, the young candidates for admission and the official representatives of the church and benevolent societies, there will be almost, if not quite three hundred whose entertainment must be provided for.

Wells Tannery.

The Grippe has found its way to many homes around us not even passing by our schools, Moody Stewart, teacher of No. 1 grade and Harvey Truax, of No. 2 have been off duty for several days.

Miss Ella Sipe is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Her brother J. M. Sipes, of Saxton, visited her a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler visited their daughter, Mrs. Will Hoke.

W. H. Baumgardner, with twenty-two of the little people visited the Shermans Valley Sunday school last Sunday morning.

Among the many pleasant sledding parties that have been we will name the following: Wednesday evening Miss Alice and Nora Griffith entertained a few of their many friends.

Thursday evening a crowd of the Juniors enjoyed a taffy pulling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirk.

Friday evening the following named persons drove to New Grenada to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Houck, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, Miss Belle Gracey, Mack and Alfred Stunkard, Ernest Merideth, Walter Metz, Lois Gillard, Charley Mock, J. C. Horton, and Miss Alice and Nora Griffith, Minnie Swope, Alice Wishart, Cora Stunkard, Belle Denisar, May Burket. The evening was passed very pleasantly. At 10:30 Mrs. Houck announced supper. The supper was fine, and every one partook of it heartily, and enjoyed it as much as they did the drive. We would suggest to any one who wishes to pass an evening away pleasantly and enjoy an extra good supper to go to Hon. and Mrs. M. W. Houck's and they will not be disappointed in the matter of entertainment.

Saturday evening a large number of our young people drove to Hopewell and were entertained in the home of Mr. Cartright.

A traveling man saw a woman on the train a few evenings since take off her stockings, turn them inside out and put them on again. After lacing her shoes she picked up a paper and went on reading. The man couldn't restrain his curiosity and asked her what was the object of her strange action. "I was pretty warm and thought if I turned the hose on I would cool off," she answered, and the traveling man hunted one to read himself as he desired to occupy his mind.

MENTAL PASTIME.

Questions, Queries, and Puzzles.

Answers to last week's.
12. The Letter: Mr. George Overbrook, Pa.

Dear Sir: I understand that you under take to over throw my undertaking and overawe those under me.

Yours, etc.,
George Washington Underbrook, Andover, Mass.

13. 11 pairs equal 22 pears; take 11 pears away, 11 pears remain. (Notice spelling.)

14. The answer to the coffee roasting question is 35 cents.

New ones, answers next week.
15. What four weights will weigh any quantity in pounds or half pounds from 1/4 pounds to 20 pound.

16. "If the third of 6 be 3, what would the fourth of 20 be?"

17. A boy plowing in a field was asked by a gentleman, driving by, how many acres were in the field. The boy replied, "The field is square. I have plowed just one rod wide around the field, and just one-half the field is plowed." How many acres in the field?

Maddenville.

Miss Bertha Locke visited Mrs. Catharine Locke near Fort Littleton Saturday night.

S. E. Charlton took a sled load of young folks to Walnut Grove church Wednesday night.

Mr. Alonzo McCoy and Miss Jennie Linn attended church at Walnut Grove Saturday night.

There is fine sledding, and the people are making good use of it.

Miss Anna Gearing has been quite sick, but is convalescing slowly.

Frank Madden moved to Clear Ridge, Thursday, into the house vacated by Harry Henry.

E. R. Evans, and Geo. Charlton made a business trip to Orbisona on Thursday.

A sled load of promising young folks of Clear Ridge attended church at Walnut Grove one night last week and for some unknown cause one of the boys was side tracked; had it not been for the assistance of one of our young ladies, we don't know what would become of Charley.

Scott McNeal, of Saltito, visited the home of D. Locke Saturday.

When Geo. Charlton wants a satisfactory smoke he buys his cigars from H. R. Locke. He admits they have the sweetest flavor of any in town.

Charletoi, Pa.

Jan. 28.—Frederick Hoffman and James Shank of Union township came to our town last week seeking employment. We are confident they will have no difficulty in securing work.

Because of his sweetheart's unfaithfulness Tranquilli Fillipilli, a young miner of Dunlevy, committed suicide after an unsuccessful attempt on the life of his sweetheart.

Quite a sad accident happened here last Friday, ending in the death of two persons.

While crossing the Monongahela in a light skiff and when about fifty feet from shore, the skiff was suddenly thrown over by a huge wave, leaving five persons struggling in the water. While three of them were rescued, the other two being encumbered with tools, rapidly sank into a watery grave.

Mr. Ludwig Hoffman, formerly of Buck Valley, has just commenced the erection of a fine dwelling in Monessen. Ludwig is a bustling young carpenter and we think he has some intention of not occupying it alone.

We are glad to learn of the prospects for coal in Fulton county, and feel sure if the proposed railroad were constructed, not only coal but other valuable minerals would be found.

Ask your friends to subscribe for the FULTON COUNTY NEWS.

Death of Philip Barton.

Philip, the last member of a large family of the Bartons of a generation ago, died suddenly on the 26th ult. at the home of a neighbor in Bedford county, where he had stopped for a few minutes friendly call.

From the History of Bedford County, says the Rays Hill correspondent of the Everett Republican, we get the following facts: "Among the early settlers of what is now Fulton county, was Elijah Barton, (grandfather of Philip Barton). He was a native of New Jersey, from which state he came to Fulton county, where he purchased a large tract of land and on which some of his descendants now reside. He was the father of six children. George Barton (father of Philip Barton) was born in Fulton county, and died about 1826. He married Catharine Morgart. She was born in Bedford county. By this union there were eleven children, as follows:—John, David, Morgan, Mary Ann, Peter M. Eliza, Philip, Balseer, George, and two who died in infancy.

Philip Barton was the last member of this large family. He was born October 26, 1820, and was aged 80 years and three months. He was married on February 7, 1865, to Mary Greenland of Fulton county. They lived in that county until September, 1886, when he purchased and moved to the farm where he has lived since then. Mr. Barton was honest, upright and industrious. In business his word was never questioned. He was a kind and obliging neighbor and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived. His friends have the heartfelt sympathy of all to whom he was known.

New Grenada.

Charley Thomas, of Saltito, spent Sunday with his father. Come often, "Beck," we are glad to see you always.

L. L. Cunningham has been piled up several days with Grip. It seems to have a big grip on him, too.

J. B. McDonough, a P. G. of Wells Valley Lodge I. O. O. F., represented his lodge at the banquet held at Fort Littleton Friday night. He was accompanied by Arthur Cunningham.

Jas. F. McClain has been housed up for a few days. Yes, he has the grip, too. Who will be the next?

A party from Wells Tannery was entertained at M. W. Houck's last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Berkstreser gave a party to their young friends of this place one night last week. After a number of plays had been indulged in the crowd was taken to the dining room where awaited a table laden with good things and toothsome. Well, I guess. It would have tempted the most delicate appetite. After each one did justice to the feast, the crowd resumed their amusements and were very sorry when the time for departure came. May the jolly host and hostess see many more years of prosperity. The attendants from New Grenada were Martha Mills, Mae Cunningham, Maude McClain, Alice Grissinger, Samuel Alloway, Arthur Cunningham, John Mills and J. A. McDonough.

Reception.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston of Ayr township. The occasion was the assembling of about sixty invited guests to meet their son J. Huston and his bride who had just returned from a short visit among friends after their marriage. Among the guests were Mr. A. W. Johnston Jr., and his bride, who had just arrived from Illinois. The refreshments were elaborate, the company congenial and the evening one to be pleasantly remembered by those present.

State to Buy Mountain Land.

It is reported that an effort will be made by the present legislature to have the state purchase all the mountain land in Pennsylvania in order to preserve it, and save it from the portable saw mills which ere long will have reduced them to practically a barren waste. The measure will be in charge of the Forestry Commission which has given the matter of drouths and severe storms in the state considerable attention. These gentlemen, after a very thorough investigation, are confident that the drouths are attributable to the depletion of our timber. They also state that the severe storms are caused by the same means, there being little timber left to break them. This of course, is a well known fact and has been repeatedly proven. Just how the commission intends that the State shall purchase the mountain land is not yet made public.

Burnt Cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Blair Appleby of Shade Gap spent Friday evening at the home of J. M. Miller.

Miss Rosanna Appleby is visiting her sister Mrs. George Doran. Sleghing is good, and is being well patronized by our people.

Miss Anna Doran paid a flying visit to Fannettsburg on Saturday.

Our teamsters are hauling some very fine lumber from Mr. Comerer's mill. The lumber is Samuel Reese's and that which is being sold now is bridge material.

H. H. Hertzler was on a business trip to Trough Creek Valley last week. The "thump thump" of his carpet loom indicates that business is brisk.

Prof. E. E. Kell who had been suffering from "La grippe" and was laid on the shelf for a few days is down to work again.

Harry Clymans who had been in Pittsburg for some time is now at home again. Harry is one of our best young men.

Miss Cora Deavor of Fannettsburg is assisting Rev. G. W. McInay in a series of meetings in the M. E. church at this place. Her "Bible talks" are very helpful and searching. Large audience every evening.

Rev. H. W. Seifert of Harrisonville tarried with us last Thursday and to the delight of our people preached an inspiring sermon in Rev. McInay's pulpit, in the evening.

Dublin Mills.

William Witter is very poorly. Harry Cutchall left for Altoona last Saturday.

Miss Minda Madden and her gentleman friend of Hustontown attended the institute at Wintergreen Friday evening.

Bert Winegardner was the guest of John A. Henry recently at Clear Ridge.

Rev. Sheaffer is holding protracted meeting at this place.

Irvin J. Fraker and mother spent Saturday with J. D. Stevens. Irvin is going to leave Thursday for Hamilton county, New York, where he has been employed for the past three years.

Harry Walker and brother Scott were the guests of Catharine McClain Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Knepper was a pleasant caller at the home of Elliott Fleming of Clear Ridge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stevens spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Trough Creek.

Emory Booth is again at his place of business at Dublin Mills. William Hoefner and wife spent Sunday with James Doran.

Mrs. Josephine Mellott is in McKeesport. She has been there about two months and expects to stay. She says it is a good place for girls seeking employment. Wages from \$2 to \$7 and \$8 a week.

An Ohio Blaze.

From the St. Paris (Ohio) Era-Dispatch, we get the following account of a fire which occurred in St. Paris, Ohio on the 30th ult. The Mr. Kline is Elijah, formerly of Belfast township, but now a successful business man in the Buckeye State.

"Mr. Kline has two poultry packing houses, here, one on the south side and one on the north side of the railroad. The older one on the north side has been used this winter for drying feathers, and this is the building that was on fire. Just how the fire started is not known. When the fire department reached the place the roof and the whole interior was in flames, therefore there was not much chance for saving the building.

"The main building across the railroad was also in grave danger of destruction, but the firemen went heroically to work and it was saved. At one time the heat became so intense that snow had to be thrown on the men who were directing the nozzle between the two buildings. This was a comical sight, but too serious to be laughed at. The boys looked like they were snow-balling one another.

"Most all of the furniture, papers, books, etc., in the small office just north of the burned building were saved. This office was pulled out a piece at a time thereby saving the adjoining buildings. The feather-drying house was a two-story frame and was totally destroyed, together with its contents. The loss will reach \$1000 and was partly covered by insurance."

Scott's School.

I wonder where all the boys and girls are that went to Scott's school in Tod township forty years ago. Some, of course, are dead. I was a scholar there during the early part of the war. Among the teachers I remember were Henry W. Scott, Miss Sadie E. Michaels, and Samuel Linn. Among the scholars who attended then were Ham Metzler's—David Ruth Francis and Emma, Mr. Elvey's—Daniel, Alice, John; Joseph Snott's—Henry and Joseph; Mr. Ray's—Elizabeth, John, James, Frederick, and Frank Mr. Mellott's—Benjamin; Mr. Kerner's—Katie and Adam. Mr. Gress's—George John and Beckie. Henry Oyler's—Adam, Mary, and Lizzie; George Oyler's—John, Samuel, Jacob, and James. George W. Cooper stayed with his grandfather, Mr. Francis Scott. Mr. Sarver's children—James, Elliot and Sis. Mrs. Rebecca Comerer's—Helen and Agnes; Mr. Miller's—Eliza and Susan. Then there was Celia Conley and some others that I do not now recall. Do you remember those old slab benches?

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Laurel Ridge.

R. W. Mellott has just finished hauling lime stone.

Prof. B. N. Palmer and Miss Kate Metzler visited our school last week one day.

Mrs. Job Everts and Mrs. Aaron Morgret visited Robert Everts and family.

Miss Mary Shives, Mrs. Job Everts and Mrs. Morgan spent part of Friday with Mrs. R. W. Mellott.

Mrs. David Lynch is quite ill. Fulton Gordon's little son is on the sick list.

Ex-Sheriff Jere Mason spent last Monday night with Dallas Lynch and family.

Shooting matches seem to be all the rage in our neighborhood this winter.

Mr. George E. Clouser spent Sunday with his parents.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in St. Pauls Reformed church this coming Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2 p. m.

PERSONAL.

Dyson F. Fraker of Fort Littleton was an agreeable caller at the News office last Thursday.

John G. Ewing of Licking Creek township dropped in to see us a minute one day last week.

Oliver Hill and Geo. B. Mellott took advantage of the snow and visited the county capital Tuesday.

Vint Miller, who has spent a couple years in the West, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Miller.

B. Frank Wible, wife, and two children, of Hustontown were visitors at the county seat last Saturday.

Harvey Helman, of Tod, is spending some time with his uncle James Helman, near Shippenburg.

John F. Johnson and son Lee were in town Monday. They are in the midst of a big job of sawing near Waterfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Melius of Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barber, of Broadtop, spent a day in town last week.

Miss Ella Wagner who has been in Hagerstown the past six months is spending some time at her home near Knobsville.

Mrs. Ruth W. Swope and sons Austin G. and Russel E. of Licking Creek township spent last Thursday at McConnellsburg.

Miss Marion Sloan, who had been in California during the past two months returned to her home in this place last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spangler, of Wells Valley, came down Saturday and remained until Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Will Hoke.

Messrs. Anthony Mellott, R. A. Bard, N. J. Bard, Miss Martha Bard, and Miss Verna Mellott took advantage of the snow and visited the county seat last Thursday.

A telegram last Friday evening summoned Mrs. B. W. Peck to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Hollidaysburg. Mrs. Peck went on Saturday, and is still absent.

Thompson.

Snow fell every day but one last week.

Rev. Seifert and John Ewing of Harrisonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Davy Little of McConnellsburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shives last week.

Miss Lizzie Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell Truax were visitors at Mrs. Keller's last week.

W. H. Hess has been spending a week among friends at Needmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Catlett spent Saturday and Sunday at Henry Trotts's.

They are having a good meeting at Rehoboth.

Trying to catch a deer that was passing through this township afforded a good deal of sport to some of our people.

A number of young folks assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Myers last Sunday evening and spent the time very pleasantly singing. Miss Anna Myers was the organist.

Mrs. Mary Brewer is on the sick list, and Ellis Peck is suffering from diphtheria.

B. C. Powell, our famous old bear hunter, caught an animal the other day, not as ferocious as a bear, but it has a faculty of dispersing its enemies mighty quick; and that, too, without shedding any blood.

Charlie Myers has completed his course in telegraphy.

Elder C. L. Funk preached at Okdale school house last Sunday. Revs. Barney and Lawton are holding a series of meetings at Cedar Grove.

A Clearfield mineralogist is contemplating the establishment of smelting works in this township in the near future.

The writer saw a sample of Golden's coal at Cohill's store at Hancock. It is said to burn all right.