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## John Bender.

Last Sunday morning, Mr. John Bender, a well known citizen of this county died at his home in this place about ten o'clock. The news of his death produced quite a shock, as but few of his friends knew that he was ailing.

Mr. Bender was born in this place on Christmas, 1825, and was married to Miss Catharine Shade on the 6th of March 1856. On the 5th of May 1858, he became a member of the Lutheran church during the pastorate of Rev. McHenry.

In 1848 he became associated in the cabinet-making business with his brother Samuel, which business has been continued to the present time. He was one of a family of 11 children, the four oldest now being dead. There survive: Samuel, Martin M., and William of this place; Henry and Ann (Mrs. John Andrews) of Mercersburg; Elizabeth, (Mrs. Noah Linn) of Iowa, and Margaret, widow of David McConnell. He is survived also by his widow and their only child, Miss Amanda.

Mr. Bender was a good citizen and remembered well the happenings of this place during the early part of the last century.

Mr. Bender was a member of McConnellsburg Lodge I. O. O. F. more than thirty years. He was proposed for membership in that Order, December 9, 1870, by David Hoke, now of Altoona. His committee was S. F. Dively, J. L. Smith and Jacob Clouser. He was initiated January 14, 1871, J. Boone Cessna, Abner Hess, and George Seylar being initiated the same evening. At the same meeting S. M. Robinson proposed for membership, J. Thompson Myers, John F. Reese and Caleb Correll. Jere Cromer occupied the Chair. It will be observed that of the twelve whose names have been mentioned in connection with his entrance to the Order, but four survive, namely, Hoke, Robinson, Clouser, and Reese.

Interment in the Lutheran graveyard at this place Tuesday afternoon.

## Knobsville and Vicinity.

Mr. D. E. Fore wife and daughter, Miss Ruth, spent Thursday at McConnellsburg.

Miss Ella Wagner of Hagerstown is spending some time with her parents near this place. Mr. Will Hamill visited Fort Littleton on Thursday.

Rev. D. W. Kelso was a county seat visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. A. L. Wible and wife spent Sunday last with friends at Burnt Cabins.

Mr. E. B. Cline and wife of Wells Valley, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Cline's home at this place.

Miss Alice Long of Dublin township was the guest of Misses Elsie and Etta Wagner of Tod on Thursday.

Messrs. Elmer and Charles Glunt visited the county seat on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gunnells and son and Misses Mary and Maggie Hamill, and Mr. Bert Kelso spent Saturday evening at the home of Miss Katie Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clouser and daughter Miss May, and Miss Daisy Polk, spent Thursday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sipes and daughter Miss Sadie were the guests of Mr. Irwin Wilson's family of Fort Littleton, last Thursday.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson of this place, has an Otahside orange tree received from Florida three years ago—then a tender twig. Last year it was very full of fragrant bloom. The tree is now twenty inches high, and has four ripe oranges on, with a fifth one coloring, presenting a very pretty sight amid the snows of a northern winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mellott of near Needmore spent a day in town last week.

## Delightful Social Event.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnston of Ayr township gave a reception last Thursday evening in honor of their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnston, Jr. The guests numbering half a hundred or more were gathered from McConnellsburg, the Cove, and from Franklin county. Two other newly wedded couples were present, namely, Mr. and Mrs. J. Houston Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kendall. The company was most congenial, the refreshments were all that could be desired, and the time came all too quickly when the company expressed to their host and hostess their appreciation of the delightful evening afforded, and bade them good night.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, widow of the late George W. Smith died at the residence of her son-in-law, John A. Wister, on last Sabbath, aged 78 years, 3 months and 8 days. Mrs. Smith's death was due to paralysis, with which she was seized on Wednesday previous to her death. She was born in Bedford county now Fulton in 1822. After her marriage on Dec. 31, 1851, she moved to her husband's home at Bedford. They came to Foltz in 1867, where her husband engaged in the milling and foundry business, which he continued until his death in 1879. Mrs. Smith united with the Presbyterian church early in life, and after her marriage became a member of the Lutheran church, of which she was an earnest and faithful member.

Out of a family of eight children she survived by four. Miss Agnes, Mrs. C. A. Raff, at home J. Harvey, of Orrstown, Mrs. Arthur Holman of Chicago and three brothers and a sister, Abram Van Cleve, Washington, Pa., John, Alta, Iowa; Mrs. Richard Kerr, Jersey shore, Pa. B. Frank, Oehieden, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Santee owing to the illness of her pastor, Rev. R. F. Feterolf, on Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.—Mercersburg Journal.

## Wolf Wolf!

It was a lion, and a bear that came into David's flocks and carried off a lamb, and it was out of their mouths that he delivered the lamb.

It was against "false prophets which came in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they were ravenous wolves," that the good Master warned his disciples, that they should not be deceived; for some shall come with "strong delusions," and soft words, who shall, as it were, deceive the very elect. But "strive ye," the good Master said, "to enter in at the straight gate." And as the good Master warned his disciples, against wolves and false prophets, when he was here among men; so would he warn the people of Fulton county when he would have seen the recent newspaper notices. And as the disciples heeded the warning of the Master, so let us like David, rise up and smite the wolf, or the bear, which may be in our midst; with the shepherd's crook which is within our hands, that our flocks be not scattered, or our lambs lost. H. W. S.

## Abigail Lamberson.

At her home in Ayr township on Tuesday night, after a severe illness, Mrs. Abigail Lamberson, passed away. Mrs. Lamberson was a daughter of the late John Charlton, of Warfordsburg, and is survived by her brother William H. of Bethel, and John G. of Thompson. She is also survived by her husband and three children, two sons and a daughter. Interment will take place at the Tonoloway Baptist church Thursday. Owing to the fact that we are about ready to go to press, we are not able to obtain much information concerning the deceased.

## Nancy Naugle.

The subject of this notice died at the home of her son-in-law Austin Carbaugh, just east of town on Monday. Mrs. Nancy Naugle was the widow of the late Jacob Naugle who for a number of years lived in the old stone tavern at the top of the Cove Mountain on the Chambersburg pike. She was a daughter of Mathias Comerer who at one time owned the John Nesbit farm in Ayr township. Mr. Samuel Pittman traded a farm near Knobsville to Mr. Comerer for the Cove farm, and the two families exchanged places. Mr. Pittman remaining upon the Ayr township farm to the time of his death.

Of eleven children of the Comerer family but one now survives—Mrs. James Doshong, near Burnt Cabins. Mrs. Naugle is survived by six children—one son in the West; Mrs. Will Doyle, of this place; Mrs. Charley Youse, near Foltz; Mrs. Austin Carbaugh, of Ayr township; Mrs. Craig McClure, of Chambersburg and Mrs. Samuel Garner of Hagerstown.

Mrs. Naugle would have been 80 years of age if she had lived to the 15th of March; and she had been a consistent member of the Lutheran church for many years. Interment in the Lutheran graveyard at this place at 10 o'clock Thursday.

## Entertainment.

An entertainment was held at Conner's School last Friday evening. The meeting was called to order by electing A. V. B. Souders, as president. The Big Cove Cornet band was present and rendered some excellent music which was enjoyed by all. The dialogues, "A Teacher's Trials," "Grandma Shaw's Visit," "Trading Toys," "The Matrimonial Advertisement," "The Irish Student," and "Taking the Census," were very well gotten off.

A large number of songs and recitations were also on the program. Those who took part besides the school were Misses Blanche Patterson, Catharine Cook, Irene Pott, May Harr and Stilly Morgret.

The way in which the pupils did their part speaks well for Mr. Keefer, the teacher, as well as the pupils. This school being noted for its entertaining qualities caused the house to be jammed.

A talk on the school library was given by Prof. Palmer after which a collection was taken up for a library.

LEWIS HARRIS,  
Secretary.

## Getting Along.

From the Savanna (Illinois) Journal, we learn that our young friend Harry E. Sipes, son of Ex-Sheriff Sipes, is rapidly forging to the front as a successful business man. Harry went to Savanna about eight years ago; and after serving a year and a half as a clerk in a large store, went into business on his own account. He has just found it necessary to move into a new and more commodious building, and he has added a new department to his business with a 5,000 dollar stock.

## John Glenn.

Mr. John Glenn died at the home of his brother George near Webster Mills, on Monday, aged 75 years.

Mr. Glenn was a veteran of the Civil War, he having enlisted in Company I, 158th Regiment, P. V. on the 16th of Oct., 1862, and was discharged Aug. 12, 1863. He re-enlisted, in Company H, 97th Regiment, P. I., Feb. 21, 1865, and served to the close of the war, being discharged August 28, 1865.

Mr. Glenn was a good citizen, and spent his entire life in Ayr township, save the time he was in the army. He was never married. Interment at Union cemetery Wednesday morning.

## Telephone Lines Sold.

All the portion of the Franklin & Fulton Telephone Company's lines from Foltz to Mercersburg, Claylick, Kasiessville, Welsh Run, and Fairview and Dry Run, Maryland, has been sold and transferred to the Cumberland Valley Telephone & Telegraph Company, the transfer having been made a few days ago. The latter company has over one thousand phones, with lines running through all portions of Franklin county, and connecting with other lines in adjoining counties, affording excellent service. That portion of the Franklin & Fulton's lines from Foltz into this county had been previously sold to parties in this place, who are arranging to construct a metallic circuit in place of the present ground circuit, and to connect with the Cumberland Valley's lines at Foltz, when our people will have first class service to all parts of Franklin county. At present our people are able to talk direct with Chambersburg and other points east, which is a great convenience.

## Buck Valley.

The sleighing has been well patronized for several days. The snow is leaving now and if it continues warm like it is now the people will have to set their sleighs aside and take their buggy to ride in when they go visiting.

Mr. John Stahl and family were guests of George Sigel one night last week.

George Hamann is singing lul-a-by, lul-a-by. It's a girl.

Bertha Rhea is at Shippensburg waiting on her sick brother.

George Scriver raised a large bank barn a few days ago for himself. George is one of our hustling carpenters.

George Mills and family were guests of James Rhea and family last week, one evening. They had an old time taffy pulling. Mrs. Mills superintended the taffy, in getting it ready to pull.

Mrs. Lape is on the sick list.

We have had some very cold weather the last few days.

Jacob Shultz, Jr., and his estimable wife were guests of James Rhea a few days ago.

G. G. Gienger has one of his sawmills on Jacob Hamman's land. He has not run the mill for two or three weeks on account of a break on the engine, and has had some trouble in getting it repaired.

## Needmore.

Our people are making good use of the snow hauling limestone, logs and sleighing.

Mr. William Hess of Dickeys Mountain has been spending several days visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Thompson Peck has been visiting uncle John Shafer. Uncle John has been housed up since the snow.

Miss Cora Funk and Mr. B. N. Palmer attended the school entertainment at Big Cove Tannery Friday evening.

A number of young folks from here accompanied by the young folks at Sipes Mill sleighed across the mountain to Brush Creek Friday evening and spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. Clarence Akers.

Miss Clyde Hess who came home from Pittsburg with an attack of mumps is able to enjoy the sledding parties.

Capt. Kershner, our old soldier friend, is seriously ill. His recovery is doubtful.

The scholars of the school here presented their teacher, Mr. Palmer with some fine books—the complete works of Shakespeare, and a fine volume "Wonders of the Universe." It is evident that Mr. Palmer has the good will of his pupils and they appreciate his work.

Mrs. Levi Broadstone who was seriously burned has recovered somewhat and has accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Smith to Ohio.

## What Has Become of the Township's High School?

Many will remember the interest aroused a few years ago, in Licking Creek township, as well as in several other townships throughout the county, as to the possibility of a township high school. Several public spirited meetings were held, and the question discussed both pro and con. When, on examination of the Collins Act of '95, it was found that the anticipated appropriation had never been granted by the Legislature. Thus the question and interest dropped as quickly as it had sprung up. Now we note with pleasure, that Hon. Robert L. Myers of Cumberland county, has introduced into the legislature, a bill drafted on the plan of the Ohio law, omitting such subjects as are already provided for in the school laws of Penna. We trust all lovers of education and all who have the welfare of their children and our county at heart will read the bill as prepared by Mr. Myers, and watch with interest the enactment of any legislation that will better our public school system and by keeping the question before us, will be ready to act when the time comes.

Many were sadly surprised when the last census showed a decrease in the population of our county, many were the reasons advanced as to the cause of this—the principal one being "without a railroad;" but we can truthfully say above all others, is a lack of educational advantages. Doctor Strong says, "In nearly every case our people are leaving their country homes for either direct or indirect causes resulting from poor educational advantages existing in our rural schools." We have examples of this every year in our own county. Men say, "I like Fulton county but I want to educate my children; so I will go where they can have the advantage of good school." Long ago, one of our great statesmen said, "The greatness and prosperity of our country depends on the advancement of our farmers." At this time 80 per cent. of our laws are for the corporations, while 40 per cent. of our people are engaged in tilling the soil. It seems quite evident that our farmers, probably by depending too much on shrewd politicians, have not in all cases been given their rights, and this has kept them from advancing with other classes of business men. We should all be alarmed at the rapid increase of our towns and cities in population, while that of our country districts is decreasing and such will be the case unless a change is brought about in our district schools.

Where the centralization of schools, and free delivery of mails have been established, it has been the cause of good roads which are sadly needed in this as well as other counties; and let us remember that over the same road the farmer manages to drag a small load of grain to mill or market, little children are struggling through mud and snow to reach the little school house.

With such educational men as Representative Myers, in the Legislature this year, including our worthy member Mr. Kirk, we feel our interest along this line will be well cared for.

Trusting all friends of education will rally at the support of this measure.

I am,  
A TAXPAYER.  
Saluvia, Pa.

Charles Getzendanner, aged 28 years, died Sunday night the 3d inst of typhoid pneumonia, at his home at McKee's Rock, Pennsylvania. He was married on December 26th last to Miss Maggie Hughes of Warfordsburg. The body was interred at Hancock on Wednesday. He is survived by his widow, father and mother and brothers John and Edward. The deceased was a well known young man, liked by everyone and will be greatly missed by all.

## The Conundrum.

What did the Duke of Wellington do with his boots when he wore them out? Wore them home again.

Why are little birds depressed early on a summer morning? Because their little bills are all over dew (due).

Why should birds in their nests agree? Because if they did not they would fall out.

Why is a pair of skates like an apple? Because they have both occasioned the fall of man.

What are the greatest astronomers? The stars, because they have studded the heavens for ages?

Why are Addison's words like a looking glass? Because in them we see the Spectator.

Which of the poets will most claim the attention of posterity? The poet Gray, because "Each human hand, in time, 'tis said,

Will turn to him, though he be dead."

What popular author does a hired man weeding in an onion patch resemble? Ouida.

What poem of Hood's resembles a tremendous Roman nose? The bidge of sighs (size).

Why are writers apt to have the blues? Because they are so pensive.

Why is an author the most wonderful man in the world? Because he is the owner of many tales, and they all come out of his head.

Why is an alligator the most deceitful of animals? Because he takes you in with an open countenance.

Why are cats unskillful surgeons? Because they mew tillate and destroy "patients" (patience).

What is the difference between a sentence and a cat? One has its pause at the end of its clause, and the other its claws at the ends of its paws.

Why is a cat's tail like the earth? It is fur to the end.

What is worse than "raining cats and dogs"? Hailing cabs and omnibusses.

What most resembles a cat looking out of a garret window, amid a sheltering bowing bower of jessamine and woodbine? A cat looking into a garret window under the same circumstances.

What is it that is a cat and not a cat, and yet is a cat? A kitten.

What plant is fatal to mice? Catnip.

When is a cow not a cow? When it is turned into a pasture.

What is the difference between a cow and a rickety chair? The one gives milk and the other gives whey (way).

Which has most legs, a cow or no cow? A cow has four legs, no cow has eight legs.

What is more wonderful than a dog that can count? A spelling bee.

Why is it easy for a dog to look knowing? Because he can't say anything to spoil the effect.

Why does a pet dog wag his tail when he sees his master? Because he has one to wag.

Why is a dog's tail a great novelty? Because no one ever saw it before.

Why is a dog's tail like the pith of a tree? Because it is furthest from the bark.

What did the tea kettle say when tied to the little dog's tail? After you.

In what bay will you find the most barks? The dog's bay.

Why is a greyhound the best dog to keep in a flat? Because no matter how much he eats, he always remains narrow.

Why is a lame dog like a school boy adding six and seven together? Because he puts down three and carries one.

Why is a tin can tied to a dog's tail like death? It's bound to occur (a cur).

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Logue Hess of Dott was in McConnellsburg last Thursday.

S. E. Peck came over from Bedford Monday to spend a week among relatives in this county.

Mr. A. C. Sipes and his brother John of Taylor township dropped in to see us while in town last week.

Mrs. B. W. Peck returned home Monday evening. Her mother seems to be out of any immediate danger.

Our old friend Abram Wagner of near Knobsville spent a few minutes at the News office while in town last Thursday.

Mrs. P. P. Shives of Dickeys Mountain spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. A. F. Little of this place.

Mrs. Kate Hess of Thompson spent a day or two the first of this week with her cousins Esther and James P. Waltz near town.

Howard Skipper of Harrisonville was an agreeable caller one day last week. Howard spent several months at Clearfield and Tyrone.

Misses Mae Harr and Irene Pott, and James and Luther Gordon, all of Big Cove Tannery, are visiting friends and relatives in Fannettsburg this week.

Daniel Knauff and his sisters Mary, Annie and Ellie of Ayr township; Mrs. Luther Knauff of Mercersburg, and Miss Nell Sheets, of McConnellsburg spent last Friday evening at the home of Mr. Henry Barmont in Tod.

Mrs. L. W. Knauff, of Mercersburg, spent last week with the family of Michael Knauff. On Sunday Luther and his two sons Masters John and Victor came over, and Mrs. Knauff returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bard of Belfast made us a friendly call while in town last week. Mrs. Bard, then Phoebe Mellott, and the editor were school mates at Turkey-foot in Belfast during the early '60's, and she is remembered as one of the best spellers in the school.

Mr. Adam Linn, of Fairfield, Iowa, came in on the Western Saturday evening. He is a brother of our townsman John Linn and of Mrs. Merrick A. Stoner of Bedford, with the latter of whom he had spent a week before coming here. Mr. Linn grew to manhood in this place, but has been absent since '68. He found a good deal of amusement in the fact that in meeting his old chums here, they would guess every other name on the census roll before hitting his. Mr. Linn looks as though the world had been using him well, and McConnellsburg people are glad to welcome him.

Our old-time friend George W. Dishong of Ayr dropped in Monday to give us a little substantial encouragement. George returned just a few days ago from Elk Garden down in the West Virginia coal region where he had gone to see his brother John who is lying very ill of dropsy. He brought home with him some pieces of "company" money. This is made of rubber, about the size of the old copper cent, and is issued by the Coal company in payment to their employes. This money goes all right at the Company's store, but if a fowl or a pound of butter is wanted from a farmer it will be taken at only 75 cents to the dollar.

J. Milton Unger, of this place, has rented the farm, 1 1/2 miles south of McConnellsburg, from Mrs. Hattie Kendall, and will take possession the first of April. He will stock the farm complete. Mrs. Kendall has made a good selection for a tenant, as Mr. Unger has been a successful farmer in this vicinity for thirty years. After a period of town life, Milton will be in shape to enter upon his new work with gathered strength and energy that will no doubt make the venture a success.