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HE NEEDED A WIFE.

A Scoundrel Who Claimed to be from Hancock Marries a Fulton County Girl.

From Hancock Star.
IRVIN—TRUAX—On February 27, 1901, at the residence of D. B. Lake in Licking Creek township, by Rev. J. C. Garland, Mr. James Irvin, of Hancock, Md., and Miss Mertie Truax, of Belfast township, Fulton county Pennsylvania.

The above marriage was clipped from a McConnellsburg paper and thereby hangs a tale.

It appears that about February 24th a stranger stopped at the home of Hartman Truax and gave his name as Dr. James Irvin, of Hancock, Maryland. He told wonderful tales of \$2500 in gold deposited in the Hancock Bank, of his beautiful residence and large practice here. He also insinuated that he was lonely and needed a wife to adorn his home. The following day he proposed to Miss Mertie, the handsome 18 year old daughter of Mr. Truax. After a family council the proposal was accepted and on the 27th they were married. The happy couple took up their temporary residence with the parents of the bride.

The wedding expenses were paid by the bride, the Doctor having forgotten his check book when he left Hancock for a few days stay prospecting in Fulton county. He promised to send the minister a check for \$10 for a marriage fee. Last Saturday, March 2, a young man, cousin of the bride, wanted to attend the inauguration. It was necessary to take the train at Hancock and Mrs. Irvin suggested that she and the Doctor accompany him to Hancock Station. The Doctor was willing, the spring wagon hitched up and the party started. As they drove into Hancock Dr. Irvin pointed out Dennis Margaret's property on High Street as his home and suggested putting the horses in his stable. The cousin preferred the Light House as a stopping place, and of course the Doctor was perfectly willing. While at the Light House the bride discovered that her husband was a scoundrel and fraud.

The Doctor first wanted to buy a \$2,000 residence here and finally asked the loan of 25 cts. to go over the river. The money was not forthcoming but he escaped into West Virginia where he was followed by the cousin with blood in his eye. The Doctor met him at Hancock Station and the two started westward on the track, evidently engaged in a friendly conversation. After a while the cousin returned with the information that he had completely thrashed the Doctor in the neighborhood of the Hancock Sand Works. He and the bride returned to the home of her parents, and from last accounts the Doctor was cross-tieing it westward.

The alleged Doctor was well dressed, a smooth talker and carried a supply of candy pellets. He had no money except what little he could borrow from unsuspecting victims. He is absolutely unknown in Hancock and is evidently a swindler, scoundrel, fraud, deadbeat and a whole lot of other things not in our small dictionary.

Everts—Gregory.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1901, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Gregory, of Thompson township, Miss Sarah Gregory and Mr. Dennis Everts were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph Barney, of Clearville, Pa. The happy couple are excellent people, and have our best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy wedded life.

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The family of D. E. Fore desire to express their thanks to the many kind friends who in so many ways expressed their sympathy during the sad ordeal through which they have been called to pass.

MISS KATE B. BOLINGER.

She was a half sister of Theodore J. Thompson of this place. Their mother, Isabelle Bergstresser, sister of Lewis, late of Waterfall, deceased, and Wilson Bergstresser, still residing at Waterfall Mills, this county, was, in 1836, married to James N. Thompson of Shavers Creek, Huntingdon county. He died in 1840. The only son to this marriage is our Theodore J. Thompson. Isabella Thompson remained a widow seven years, and in 1847, was married to Benjamin Bolinger of Three Springs.

To this union five children were born. Miss Kate, May 1848, died March 12, 1901; Miss Abbie, still residing at home, in Mount Union; Lewis, died in his third year; Foster, died in 1885, and William, still at home, in Mount Union.

From 1853 to 1875, Mr. Bolinger and family resided in McConnellsburg and vicinity. During 1858-9 he lived on the farm now owned by C. J. Brewer. In those days, a good school building stood along the stream near Mr. Brewer's residence.

There are but few of the boys living that went to school there, when Miss Kate attended. Among those are John and Henry Comer, of this place, R. M. Kendall in the Cove, Elliott Ray at Big Cove Tannery, and T. Elliott Patterson, a prominent attorney in Philadelphia. Prof. J. Frank Davis, founder of the Williamsport Commercial College, taught one or more, terms of school in that school house.

In 1868 sad bereavement entered the home in the death of the mother. A great vacancy in the home. The husband and father hardly knew what to do. His daughter Kate said, "Papa, continue on the farm, keep the family that remain together. Sister Abbie and I will stay with you." And they did. They both had several offers of marriage, but as often declined, on the plea they could not leave their father.

In 1885 death entered the home again, taking a brother, Foster, in the prime of manhood. The sisters again said, "Papa, our brother is gone, we will stay with you." They struggled on, helping others, making sunlight in other homes where gloom and sadness was so often found. Time rolled on the father has grown old—more than four score years were upon him, yet he laid fast hold upon the promises of his God, and he rejoiced in the hope of Eternal Life. In 1894 the Death Angel came, his daughters, Kate and Abbie approached quietly to the bedside and whispered, "Papa, we are here." They staid with him to the last.

Hundreds—yes thousands of people have enjoyed the hospitality of the Bolinger home. The two sisters were always ready to sacrifice their own comfort and convenience for the sake of others.

Miss Kate lived to do work for the Master. She loved the cause of Christ and his church. In the Sabbath school—always at her place as teacher; in the class room to give her testimony for Christ; in the more public services always there unless waiting upon the sick, or with the dying.

No mortal tongue can tell what she did for others—what she endured, how she suffered in mind and body—fer the relief and help of others.

During the past three years of her life, she took care of sick ones in Johnstown, Tyrone, Lewistown and Philadelphia. Her last charge was that of a lady in Elk county, suffering from cancer of the stomach, the case was a critical and tedious one, and five months close attention day and night, wrought seriously upon her physical system and she came, to her home in Mount Union to suffer from nervous prostration and die, having given her health, strength, and life for others.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. church at Mount Union by her pastor Rev. L. M. Brady on Thursday March 14th. Interment in the Mount Union cemetery.

KAPP—MOCK.

A very pleasing social event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mock in Tod township last Thursday evening. The occasion was the marriage of their daughter Miss Annie to Mr. Samuel S. Kapp, of Mt. Holly, Cumberland county.

At 6 o'clock there was a sudden lull in the animated conversation of the merry guests assembled in the parlor, and glancing around, we noticed Rev. A. G. Wolf of the Lutheran church of this place standing reverently near the center of the room; and just then, the sweetly solemn strains of Lohengrin's wedding march broke forth from the organ under the skillful touch of Mrs. C. B. Stevens. A few moments later the bride and groom entered at a side door, and in a brief but impressive ceremony, they were pronounced husband and wife.

The bride looked very pretty, gowned in a rich cream silk trimmed with Irish point lace and ribbon; the groom was young and handsome, and together, they found a very pleasing tableau.

After congratulations had been extended, the company were conducted to the dining room where refreshments were served in keeping with the well known hospitality of the home.

Among those present were J. W. Miller of Burnt Cabins, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Appleby and Miss Miller, of Shade Gap; George Meek and family of Ayr; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snyder and daughter Lula, of Tod; S. I. Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith, George Everhart and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Peck, of McConnellsburg.

The groom is a prominent merchant at Mt. Holly, and the bride is the owner of a nice millinery store at the same place. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in the eastern cities purchasing spring stock for their respective places of business.

Saluvia.

Lewis C. Mann, of Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Reinard, Rays Hill, and Will Bair of Philadelphia were called here last week on account, of the death of G. Frank Daniels, Miss Alice Gordon was called to her home at Fort Littleton, Friday. She has resigned her position as teacher of the Harrisonville school on account of the serious illness of her mother Mrs. Gordon.

Miss Katharine Metzler, has been selected substitute teacher for the Harrisonville school, until the directors meet to elect Miss Gordon's successor.

Prof. Gephart, of New Paris, was the guest of E. R. Austin several days last week.

Miss Maria Betz left for Lock Haven, where she will spend an indefinite time with friends.

The social committee of the Green Hill, Christian Endeavour society, have arranged for a social and oyster supper, at the Metzler house, Harrisonville, Saturday evening, March 30. Every body welcome.

Rev. Durkee, will preach in the M. E. Church at Green Hill, Sunday evening March 24.

Mrs. Seifert, who has been seriously ill, at the home of Jacob Strait, is reported very much better at this writing.

O. Ely Hann, was visiting the family of his uncle S. H. Hockensmith, of West Dublin Saturday.

Nathan Barton, of Brush Creek was in this vicinity Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bard, of Pleasant Ridge spent Monday with friends in Harrisonville. Mr. Bard expects to embark in the mercantile business at the latter place in the near future.

An old record of the health department shows that cholera raged in Baltimore in 1832, when there were 853 deaths in the city from the disease.

MRS. DANIEL E. FORE.

As was briefly noted in these columns last week, Mrs. Daniel E. Fore died at her home in Tod township on Wednesday, March 13, 1901, aged 73 years, 11 months, and 16 days.

Mrs. Fore was born in the Kishocoquillas Valley in Millin county, moved to Iowa in 1848, and on the 3d of May, 1853, was married to Daniel E. Fore. To them have been born five children, namely, Edgar, who died in infancy; Mary wife of John Lemaster, at Markes, Franklin county; Dr. R. B. Fore, Dakota, Illinois, and Frank and Katie at home.

February 1864 the family removed to this county where they have since resided.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church at McConnellsburg; and while she was a great sufferer from rheumatism, not having been able to walk a step during the last sixteen years of her life, she was patient and trustful for the comfort and welfare of others.

Mrs. Fore is survived by her husband and the children before mentioned, and by one sister, in Iowa, and two brothers—one in Washington, D. C., and the other in Kansas.

Dr. Mosser, her attending physician during her last illness, did all possible to alleviate her great suffering; but there come times when no human help can avail.

Her maiden name was Beatty. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Dr. W. A. West and her interment took place in the family burying ground near Knobsville.

Not an Unlucky Number.

From the Shippensburg Chronicle owned and edited by Mrs. Belle Wolf, one of the most accomplished and successful lady newspaper women in the state, we copy the following in reference to a pleasant social function in McConnellsburg:

"Mrs. G. E. Dunlap and the editor of The Chronicle had the pleasure of attending a very novel reception in McConnellsburg on Wednesday evening of this week. It was the thirteenth anniversary of the marriage of ex-Senator and Mrs. W. Scott Alexander, and the number 13 figures very largely in their lives, as will be seen by the following: They were both born on March 13, were married on March 13, and this is their 13th anniversary. There is a difference of just 13 years in their ages, Mr. Alexander being 3 times 13 and Mrs. Alexander 2 times 13 at the time of their marriage. Despite all these thirteens they have had an unusual share of good luck and their thirteenth anniversary with five times thirteen guests found them enjoying good health, happiness and prosperity. A large number of guests present were delightfully entertained."

Belfast.

Job Plessinger has sold his farm to James Truax.

Among those suffering from Grippe are Mrs. Job Plessinger, Miss Anna Smith, and Mrs. Alfred Peck.

The recent flood greatly damaged roads and bridges.

The institute at Pleasant Grove was a success. The teachers present were B. N. Palmer, S. R. Martin, Bessie Morton, Anna Culler, Stella Bard, Ella Mellott, and Cora Funk.

Logue Hess has had two wells drilled—one at the house and the other at the barn. Logue believes in having things handy.

Ross Bard is making preparation for building a dwelling.

Thomas Downes is in McConnellsburg this week.

Clarence Palmer reports bad roads in a recent trip to Buck Valley.

The Pleasant Grove Sunday school was re-organized last Sunday.

George F. Smith is still unable to use his arm.

MARGARET HART TRUAX.

After a lingering illness, the subject of this notice died at the home of Henry H. Deshong, in Belfast township, March 18, 1901, aged 77 years, 8 months, and 23 days.

She was a daughter of William and Charlotte Hill Hart, and was born on the farm now owned by J. C. Mellott, in Belfast township. August 25, 1844, she was married by the late Rev. Moses Starr to Thomas Truax, and for twenty-one years theirs was a happy and hospitable home. Mr. Truax, however, was one of the victims of the Civil War, and July 24, 1864, died in a military hospital at Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Truax kept her children together, like a true soldier's widow, and brought up a family that proved a great comfort in her declining years.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Truax—four of whom survive, namely, Joseph C.; Rebecca, widow of the late Samuel Truax; Rhoda, wife of Henry H. Deshong, with whom Mrs. Truax had made her home during the latter years of her life, and Annie, wife of Ex-Sheriff Frank Mason—all living in this county. She is also survived by two brothers, Job Hart, of Chester, Pa., and Dennis, of Hartford City, Indiana, and by twenty-one grandchildren.

She was borne to her last resting place in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church by six of her nephews, namely, Job Truax, John Truax, William Truax, Miller Truax, Lemuel Garland, and Thomas Mellott.

Funeral on Wednesday, services conducted by Rev. C. L. Funk of the Primitive Baptist church of which Mrs. Truax had been a consistent member for many years.

That Convention.

The "Old Maids Convention" given by the ladies of the Lutheran church last Friday evening was funny and netted them a nice little sum in cash. It was worth a quarter to see them in their toggerly. Not the least amusing feature was that of a big piece of apparatus by which the most unpromising material could be put in, and when the door was closed, above the whirl of rapidly revolving machinery could be heard hair raising screams. In a few moments all would be quiet, the door opened, and out would step a most beautiful maiden. One of the old maids had a dog for which she had such an attachment that she couldn't be persuaded to "done over" without taking her dog along. It worked all right so far as the old maid was concerned; but when the blooming damsel emerged from the cage, she had about a dozen yards of sausage hanging on her arm—all that was left of the dog—and she stepped to the front of the stage and with tearful eyes sang "Where O where is my little dog gone?"

MENTAL PASTIME.

Questions, Queries, and Puzzles.

Answers to last.

No. 21. The farm question. Impossible; \$100 each equals 313 1/2 acres.

No. 22. The livery team—\$1.00; they share equally half the trip. New ones.

No. 23. A tree 100 feet high is broken by a storm; the top bends down touching the ground 30 feet from the base. Where did it break?

No. 24. A bottle and a cork cost \$1.10; the bottle cost \$1.00 more than the cork. What did each cost?

No. 25. A man left 19 sheep to three heirs: one to get one-half, one to get one-quarter, and one to get one-fifth. No sheep were to be killed, and all were to be dealt fairly with. How would you do it?

J. R. Davis of Laidig was a Monday caller.

MYRTLE ELIZABETH KNEPPER.

At the early age of 13 years, 7 months, and 9 days, Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Knepper of Taylor township, was called by her Master to leave parents and friends here, and join the angelic host above.

About three weeks ago she contracted measles which, later, developed into pneumonia. Myrtle was an unusually interesting little girl—one of those who have an "old head on young shoulders." During her illness, it seemed quite apparent to her that she would not get well. This did not alarm her; for she said, "I am not afraid to die" and coolly asked that her minister, Rev. Frank, might come and baptize her, and permit her name to have a place on the roll of the membership of the church. Calling the family and friends present to her bedside, she organized a little prayer meeting—herself leading in prayer, and exhorting her friends to not delay preparation for that change that so surely awaits us all.

A very large number of sorrowing friends followed her remains on Saturday, to their last resting place in the cemetery at Center church.

Burnt Cabins.

Miss Anna Doran spent Sunday with Miss Buckley at Fort Littleton.

Elder Gallaher and H. Clinton Mathias, who have been visiting friends here, returned to their Dakota home Tuesday.

Henderson McGowan, of Pittsburg, was home several days last week visiting his father and mother, Henry McGowan and wife.

Samuel Reese will take up his abode in Burnt Cabins on Wednesday, having been in Huntingdon county two years.

The ladies of the M. E. church served oysters, ice-cream and cake to all who called on Friday evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

J. C. McGowan who has been seriously ill for two weeks, is slowly gaining strength, and we hope, may recover.

S. O. Fraker of Orbisonia spent Sunday with relatives and other friends in our town.

Miss Urilla Doran, who has about completed a very successful term of school near Shade Gap, will start for Millersville State Normal school soon.

Rev. G. W. McInay, pastor of the Methodist congregation of this place, will preach, for the last time this Conference year, next Sabbath evening, and on Monday will start for Conference.

McKibben.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Mellott spent Sunday at J. P. McKee's. Pittman and Mellott, who have been sawing in our community for some time, will soon finish a large set for Thos. Mellott and move to Mr. William Mellott's where they have a big job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conner spent Sunday at Herbert Morgret's.

Miller Truax, who has been seriously ill of grippe, we are glad to note, is able to be about again.

Mrs. Mary Bedford had the misfortune to fall off a horse last Thursday and break her collar bone and misplace her shoulder while crossing a brook whose bridge had been carried away by the recent floods.

Miss Barbara Spade, who has been visiting friends and relatives in our vicinity, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Plessinger spent Sunday at Mr. B. F. Bedford's.

Mrs. Ella Parlett, of Williams, Somerset county, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. William Truax.

When two men meet, the first question is, "What do you think of the stove mill, and how much wood will you furnish?"

PERSONAL.

Hon. George A. Smith of Tennessee, is in attendance at court this week.

Ex-Commissioner Lemuel Garland was a profitable caller last Saturday.

Mr. Vincent Ash, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Ash.

Mrs. M. E. Dawney spent a day or two this week with Mr. and Mrs. Abram Runyan of town.

Mr. Lewis C. Mann, of Everett, attended the funeral of his uncle G. Frank Daniels.

Samuel Stains of Robertsdale was a McConnellsburg visitor one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, of Maddensville, spent Monday with their cousin George W. Everhart.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mumma and little daughters Mary and Julia, of Laidig, spent last Monday with friends in town.

Charlie Dunlap of Lemaster spent a few days during the past week with his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets.

Uncle Jake Miller of Burnt Cabins was down to attend the Kapp—Mock wedding, and took occasion to come on to the county seat.

Mrs. Ferronberg and her daughter Edna (Mrs. Miller) of Gibsonburg, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Ferronberg's brother, Mr. Thomas Hamill of this place.

Merchant H. B. Locke, of Dublin Mills, and J. C. Cromwell were agreeable callers Monday morning. Mr. Cromwell is one of our former summer-normal students.

Henry M. Truax favored the News office with a friendly call while in town last Saturday. He went away leaving a couple of old fashioned silver dollars lying on our table.

Mr. J. H. Comer, who has been engaged in the large tailoring establishment of A. U. Nace & son of this place for several years, left last Saturday for McKeesport. Jakie is a number one tailor, and best of all, a young man of most excellent habits.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little returned last week from a two weeks, visit to the eastern cities, where they purchased the largest stock of millinery goods ever brought to this town. Miss Lela accompanied them to Philadelphia where she submitted to an operation at the German Hospital for goiter. She is still at the hospital but getting along nicely.

W. L. Moseby, of Wells Valley, took time, while in town the other day, to call at the News office. The Colonel is in his sixty-fourth year, his sight is yet unimpaired. He has no use for spectacles—and he believes if people would use more common sense in the care of the eye, there would not be so much business for the professional oculist.

Mr. William A. Vallance, the veteran mail carrier of Harrisonville, is serving on the petit jury this week. Although he has passed his 60th mile post in life's journey, he is hearty as a pine knot. If he lives to complete the present contract he will have traveled in the service of Uncle Sam over a hundred thousand miles—four years, from Harrisonville to Wells Tannery; and eight, from Harrisonville to Burnt Cabins.

Mr. George Wilds of Fort Littleton spent last Saturday in town. Mr. Wilds is one of the survivors of the Twenty-Second Cavalry, and participated in twenty two battles in the Civil War. He was in the battle of Winchester when Phil Sheridan made his famous ride and helped to devastate the valleys of Virginia. Mr. Wilds has one record, however, which is by no means common, even among editors, and that is he is now almost 68 years of age and has yet the first drop of any kind of intoxicating drink to swallow, and has not yet tried to learn to use tobacco in any form.