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A GRAND ARMY CATECHISM.

What is the G. A. R.?
An association of veteran soldiers who served in the northern armies between April, 1861, and August, 1865. The first G. A. R. post was instituted at Decatur, Illinois, in April, 1866. The posts in the several states are organized into departments, as department of Pennsylvania, department of Iowa, and so on. The heads of departments bear the title of department commander. The head of the national body is called commander in chief.

What is the uniform?
The uniform varies in the several departments, and many posts adopt an individual pattern. As a rule, the uniform is a modification of former military styles. The prevailing color is dark blue. Is there any distinctive hat?
The large black hat with gilt cord and deep crease in the crown has become known as the Grand Army hat. Gray hats of the same shape are also much worn. The army forage cap with a straight visor has been officially adopted by some posts and departments.

What are the badges worn by the G. A. R. men?
On parade the veterans wear the badges of the army corps in which they served during the war, army society badges, regimental badges and the G. A. R. membership badge surmounted by an eagle and having a five pointed pendant. The G. A. R. badge is an honorary decoration bestowed upon each comrade at the time of his muster into the order.

What does the eagle on the G. A. R. badge signify?
The eagle perched on crossed cannon and clutching a sword in its talons, is emblematic of defense. The object of its protection is the flag, which is the ribbon of the order.

What do the figures on the center of the star represent?
The Goddess of Liberty stands for loyalty, the soldier and sailor clasping hands for fraternity, and the children symbolize the third virtue held sacred by the order—namely, charity. The star of every badge is made from metal of cannons captured in battle.

What good purpose does the G. A. R. serve?
The order keeps alive the memory of patriotic sacrifices in time of public danger and also carries on an extensive benevolent work in relieving cases of need among disabled veterans and dependent members of the families of veterans, irrespective of the needy ones to the Grand Army organization. Each post maintains a relief fund sacred to emergency calls, and many millions have been disbursed through this channel.

What is the significance of the G. A. R. button?
The bronze button worn by veterans in the coat lapel is a badge of recognition, being a conspicuous evidence that the wearer is a member of the G. A. R. It is unlawful for any person not a member of the order to wear either the G. A. R. button or official badge.

What is the most imposing feature of Memorial day exercises?
The parade of the veterans and the formal ceremonies of decorating the graves of the dead. Memorial day originated with the G. A. R., having been established by order of Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan in 1868. The decorations were originally limited to the dead who fell in the war.

Divine services will be held in the U. B. churches on the Hometown charges June 9th as follows: Wells Valley, 10.30 a. m.; Oak Grove, 2.30 p. m.; Mt. Taber, 7.30 p. m. At Oak Grove appointment at the close of the service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.
W. H. DAVIS, Pastor.

THE NEW FISH LAW.

There are many radical differences between the new and the old fish act, which fishermen need to note carefully. This is particularly the case with respect to the open and close seasons for game fish and the minimum size of the latter which may be legally killed. For example, the black bass season and that of pike, pickerel, pike-perch or Susquehanna salmon, rock and calico bass does not open hereafter until June 15. Sunfish, hitherto an unprotected fish, has been placed among the game fishes and given the same open and close season as the other fishes just mentioned. While the open season for black bass is delayed for two weeks, the close season does not begin until February 15, instead of December 31, as formerly. Under the new act black bass may not be killed less than 7 inches in length. The trout season will open as formerly, on April 15, but will not close until July 31, an extension of fifteen days. No trout may be killed less than 6 inches in length.

Under the new law, game fishes are clearly defined, and no device may be used to catch them, except rod, hook and line, or hand line, having not more than three hooks. Specific devices, some hitherto prohibited, may be used to catch catfish, suckers and eels at certain or any time of the year under stipulated restriction. Among them may be mentioned outlines, fyke nets and dip nets. A section of great importance forbids any person, under heavy penalty, to apply for any game fish, to be planted in any waters in which the public are not allowed to fish. Another declares that wherever an owner applies for game fish for a stream, the waters thereafter shall be free to public fishing.

Needmore.

A few days of sunshine. The past week has put the ground in condition for the farmers to begin cultivating their corn. Nearly all our people attended Memorial services. We admire this patriotic spirit. Those who do not go are the ones that would hide away should their country call for their services, and yet they "howl" the loudest about the corruption and injustice of the government.

Mrs. John Shafer is to be congratulated on having the most beautiful yard of flowers in town. Uncle John has been unwell again the past week.

Mrs. T. R. Palmer, who has been sick, is better again. Mrs. Peter Culler and child are seriously ill. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Our old friend, Mr. Jacob B. Mellott, of Clearfield, died on Wednesday last. His remains were brought to Sideling Hill for interment on Friday. The family spent Sunday with friends in this place before returning.

Messrs. E. H. Morgret and Boyd Lake, of Clearfield, are spending a few days with friends in this community. The Farmers' Agricultural Society met on Saturday evening. They will meet again in two weeks in the afternoon, when Mr. E. P. Cohill, of Hancock, Md., will be present and give an address relating to "farmers' interests." All are invited to be present whether members of the society or not.

Mr. C. A. Foster spent from Thursday until Monday at his home near Piney Grove, Md. Mr. B. N. Palmer and Miss Olive Hess took a drive to the County Capital on Saturday.

Mr. Funk has moved his sawmill to Johnson Truax's. Johnson says he is afraid he will lose his place in "smoker's row" at the new store now.

John S. Truax and J. P. Garland were among the village visitors Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron P. Garland's baby, which has been ill for some time, is better again. Dr. Swartzwelder is the attending physician.

Pine Village, Ind.

May 25, 1901.

DEAR EDITOR:—Enclosed find one dollar to continue my subscription to the NEWS.

We are having a nice spring for farm work—a little dry until last week when we had a nice rain. We live here in western Indiana, about 14 miles from the Illinois line. Our soil is a comparatively level prairie, composed of a black sandy loam. It is well adapted for corn and oats growing, but wheat is not grown in our immediate vicinity, as winter kills it badly; but wheat is grown quite generally in the southern and western part of this state.

The farmers of Old Fulton will probably open their eyes when I say that myself and two hired men farmed 100 acres of oats and 145 acres of corn last season; but then, we have no stones to contend with, and our soil works nicely.

There are great numbers of hogs and cattle raised, fattened, and marketed here. As we are only about 100 miles from Chicago, (which by the way is one of the greatest stock markets in the world), the larger portion of our corn crops is fed to stock. Some farmers and stockmen ship their own stock to market, while others sell at home to regular stock shippers. The freight rate to Chicago is 25 to 30 cents per hundred pounds; and as we get daily market reports, we can keep posted on the market conditions.

On an average there are daily shipped to the Chicago market, (now I am quoting this from a market report which lies before me), 9,100 head of cattle, and 23,700 head of hogs, 11,500 head of sheep and the number of horses is not given in last week's report.

I attended an auction sale of registered cattle at Rob Roy, Ind., the first day of this month. The prices ranged from \$45.00 for young calves, to \$650.00 for one animal—the total average was \$141.00. I purchased one animal, as did each of three of my neighbors, one of whom paid \$400.00 for a six-month-old calf. It being a son of "Young Hamilton" who was a first prize winner at the World's Columbia Exposition, and who, though eleven years old, sold at their sale for \$200.

Without my saying any more, I presume you will know that I am engaged in farming and stock raising. I have been here for seven years, but still have a kind feeling toward "Little Fulton," and read the NEWS with interest.

Respectfully yours,
GEO. A. HESS.

Saluvia.

Miss Lydia Mann was among those who attended Memorial exercises at Antioch.

Jackson Deshong was employed last week by Rev. Houser and two lumber men, of Pittsburg, who were inspecting different tracts of timber land. They purpose locating a large saw mill near the "Betsy Mellott Gap." After completing their tour of inspection, Mr. Deshong took them to Hancock, where they boarded a tram for their home.

George A. Harris, who had been taking treatment at the University Hospital in Philadelphia, the past two weeks, returned to his home Friday very much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Stevens and daughter, Miss Grace, of Chambersburg, spent from Friday until Monday at the home of Mrs. Steven's mother, Mrs. Harris.

Amos J. Mellott, whose illness has been noted in the NEWS, continues in a very critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. David Denisar, of Welsh Run, were visiting Mrs. Denisar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mellott, last Saturday.

R. R. Hann has contracted to furnish the Western Union Telegraph company a large number of poles, to be delivered along the pike on Sideling Hill.

Hicks Predicts a Stormy Month.

Rev. Ir. Hicks says June will come in at the culminating stage of a storm period which is to begin during the last days of May. A return of storm conditions will appear on the touching of the 4th and 6th. Rising barometer and cooler, fair weather will be the natural order behind the disturbances of this period, lasting progressively from about the 6th to the 8th. Electric disturbances, thunder storms, and much general and continuous lightning will illuminate the evenings and nights for days in succession. About Sunday, the 9th, to Wednesday, the 12th, many electrical storms, with rain and possible violence, will most likely occur. Showery, unsettled weather is probable into the reactionary disturbances due from the 15th to 18th.

The Vulcan storm period extending from the 20th to the 26th will bring the combination of the June solstice storms. For a number of days there will be a repetition of intense and vivid electrical storms, with cloudbursts here and there. Some of the most decided storms of the month are probable about Friday, the 21st, to Tuesday, the 25th.

A fact against which we caution our readers is that the rain storms during the June solstice come from very unusual and unlooked for quarters of the heavens, says Hicks. "Local squalls dash in from all directions, slipping up on the 'blind side' and unexpectedly deluging the unwary."

We close these forecasts with the warning we have often given for June: let our readers mark what we say: Do not take shelter under trees on the approaching of thunder storms. There is scarcely a more dangerous place possible at such times.

We caution our readers against the danger of losing their new cut grasses by having them wet with June showers. Watch your opportunities between the storm periods and showers. If you find that a daily cycle of afternoon showers are upon you, just at the time when you want to cut your grass, let it alone until the rainy conditions pass off. It will not suffer as much standing as it will in ricks and windrows.

Misfortune.

The family of Mr. B. M. Logue, of Ayr township, have been the victims of more than ordinary misfortune this summer. Soon after removing from Franklin county, Marshall, a young son, became afflicted with rheumatism, which seems to stay with him. Six weeks ago, Orville, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, stationed in western Pennsylvania, bruised a finger of his right hand slightly, and blood poison followed, and since that time he has suffered much—at times it was feared the hand would have to be amputated. Then to add a third to the list, Lester was spitting wood in the woodhouse at home, Tuesday of last week, when the axe glanced, and he cut his right foot almost off, about halfway between the toes and the instep. It required fine surgical skill to mend the foot, and it will be a good while before he is able to use it.

Harrisonville.

Your correspondent, as well as the greater part of the congregation present at preaching service at Asbury, on Sunday afternoon, were very much annoyed by two young men carrying on a conversation in an audible tone of voice during the time of the sermon. Their conduct was inexcusable, as they are not ignorant, and such conduct in their respective school rooms would be summarily dealt with. Out of respect for their parents we refrain from giving their names, as requested by the officers of the church, and trust that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

Notes of the Democratic County Convention of Tuesday.

Delegates began to arrive early, with a large sprinkling of leaders of the party.

The first session of the Convention was called at 11 a. m., by County Chairman Alvin Sipes, and John H. Lewis was elected Chairman of the Convention, and roll of delegates called when the following responded:
Ayr—David Morton, David Nelson.

Belfast—Lemuel Garland, Wm. F. Wink.

Bethel—John H. Lewis, Irwin Fisher.

Brush Creek—John D. Smith, Boston Diehl.

Dublin—Clem Chesnut, John A. Henry.

Licking Creek—Homer Sipes, C. W. Lawyer.

McConnellsburg—Alvin Sipes, B. A. Hohman.

Tod—Jno. Gunnels, B. F. Cline, Taylor—D. B. Laidig, M. G. Kirk.

Thompson—Samuel Hess, Austin Peck.

Union—George Sigel, J. J. Hendershot.

Wells—Samuel Denisar, John Stankard.

An adjournment was had until 1.30, when the delegates reassembled with closed doors. George W. Cooper, one of the three candidates for Sheriff, withdrawing from the contest, left the matter between Messrs. Harris and Fleck as to who should be the running candidate for the office of Sheriff. The Convention on the second ballot nominated D. C. Fleck, of Dublin township, for Sheriff. The contest for the nomination of a candidate for the office of County Treasurer had been practically decided at the primaries last Saturday when George B. Mellott, of Belfast township, succeeded in carrying seven districts, giving him a lead over our townsman, C. B. Stevens, who came into convention with eight delegates, and Mr. Lauer, of Ayr with two delegates. Mr. Mellott was of course nominated for the office of County Treasurer by the convention.

B. Frank Henry was elected County Chairman, and John P. Sipes, Esq., delegate to the State Convention.

Battle With Pistols.

Baltimore and Ohio special officers Clarence M. King and Geo. Foreman, Cumberland, and Detective McCall had an exciting pistol battle with three crooks whom they ordered out of a freight car at Cherry Run. The outlaws commenced firing on them at once and nearly 30 shots were exchanged but no one was hit.

Five shots were aimed at Mr. King who returned an equal number, while Mr. McCall was made a target for seven and let go two less at the desperadoes. Three bullets aimed at Mr. Foreman whizzed dangerously near and he replied with the same number.

Two of the fellows escaped into the mountains, which is densely wooded, but the third man was captured and lodged in jail at Martinsburg. He had on him a complete cracksman's outfit with fuse and drills. The men were heavily armed.—Hancock Star.

To Officers of Sabbath Schools.

The statistical report of the Sabbath schools has been abbreviated and this year will be so simple that every school should be able to report to the Field Secretary very promptly. These reports are of importance, and the officers of Sabbath schools should see that they are forwarded promptly. They are in the following form:

Name of school
Name of Superintendent
Post office address
No. of officers and teachers
No. of scholars (all ages)
No. Home Dep't members
Total enrollment

Watch Found After 32 Years.

On July 13, 1869, Mr. George C. Scott, of this place, was driving a two-horse buggy from this place to his brothers, at the foot of Sideling Hill, and just after he had started down the other side of Scrub Ridge, a masked robber stopped him, and, pointing a revolver at him, demanded his pocket book and other valuables. Among other things taken was a gold watch which Mr. Scott prized highly as it had belonged to a deceased brother. While Mr. Scott had his suspicions, he never thought aloud, and no trace of the guilty party or the stolen property was found until a few days ago. Mr. Scott heard that a gold watch had been sold at the public sale of the personal property of John Daniels, Esq., by his executor, in Licking Creek township, and purchased by Jacob Strat, of Harrisonville. Mr. Scott called on Mr. Straight yesterday to see the watch, and as soon as his eyes fell upon it, he recognized it as the watch that had been stolen from him almost thirty-two years ago. Mr. Daniels was a farmer, and for many years served as Justice of the Peace, he also bought, repaired and sold watches, and it is said that the watch in question was purchased by him about twenty years ago, but none of the members of the family can remember from whom and he had no idea that it had been stolen, as he frequently carried it and tried to sell it on several occasions.

Church Notice.

Three Springs Charge, Methodist Episcopal Services, Sunday, June 9th, Zion, 10.30 a. m.; Wells Valley, 2.30 p. m.; Pine Grove at 7.30 p. m.

Sunday, June 16th, Quarterly meeting at Saltito—Love Feast on Saturday evening, June 15th, at 7.45; Sunday School at 9.30 a. m.; preaching and baptismal services at 10.30 a. m.; preaching at 7.30 p. m. by Presiding Elder, E. M. Stevens followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

June 17th, at 9.30 a. m. the First Quarterly Conference. Let there be a full attendance of all the official members, and all persons are cordially invited to be present at these services and worship with us.

WILLIAM J. SHEAFFER,
Pastor.

Buck Valley.

Memorial day was properly observed at this place. The exercises were under the direction of John Q. Taylor, Post 589 G. A. R. assisted by the Women's relief corps.

Early in the morning, the notes of the shrill fife and roll of the drum could be heard and many people assembled to the "G. A. R. grove," from whence they marched to the cemeteries at the Lutheran and Methodist churches and placed beautiful flowers over the resting places of our soldiers dead.

After decorating the graves the procession marched back to the grove and adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

The exercises in the afternoon consisted of speech making, recitations and music. Speeches were made by Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin, Prof. B. N. Palmer, Isaiah Lehman, Isaac Barney and Joe Lehman. Recitations were rendered by Misses Lillie Lashley, Margaret Scriver, Russ Hill, Bridget Hill, Della Hill, Lincoln's famous address, delivered at the consecration of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, was read by Isaiah Lehman and a poem was read by Geo. Lehman.

One of the nice features of the exercises was the part taken by the young folks, to whom it shall soon fall the duty to carry on these exercises and it is a pleasure to the veterans to see them taking hold of the work so willingly.

PERSONAL.

Edward Brake was at Mt Holly Springs a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Peck are spending this week at the Pan-American.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Johnson of Laidig spent Monday at the County Seat.

Mr. Michael Laidig was a caller at the NEWS office while in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parsons, of Fort Littleton, spent Monday in McConnellsburg.

J. G. Mellott and E. B. Fisher were pleasant callers at this office while in town Tuesday.

Miss Maude Ott spent several days this week with the family of Calvin Maun at Webster Mills.

Mr. Thoms Humbert and draughter Miss Rachel spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. S. A. Nesbit and Miss Cornetha Nesbit are spending a week with friends at Clearspring, Md.

Miss Grace Wink spent from Saturday until Monday with her friend Miss Bessie Morton near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Finiff and their son, of Hagerstown, are visiting their parents in Tod township.

Mr. T. J. Reeder and children, Emma, Mary, and Walter, of Taylor township, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. David Denisar of Franklin county spent Saturday and Sunday among friends on this side of the mountain.

Prof. B. N. Palmer and Miss Ollie Hess of Needmore were among the out-of-town people at the county seat last Saturday.

Boston Diehl, of Locust Grove, found time to call and see us a few minutes while in town Tuesday, attending the Convention.

Mr. John C. Wagner and family have returned to their home at Scotland, after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. Wagner's parents at Knobsville.

Dr. I. Singleton Garthwaite, who has resided at Webster Mills the past couple years, left Wednesday morning for Denver, Colorado, where he will locate.

Mrs. Mac. G. Lamberson, and Mrs. Jacob Lamberson, of Hustontown, spent a day or two the first of the week with Hon. and Mrs. Kirk of this place. They are sisters of Mr. Kirk.

Mrs. Davie Snyder, of Peoria, Illinois, after a visit to her sisters in Washington, D. C., and Waynesboro, Pa., is now spending a week with her sister Mrs. George W. Hays of this place.

S. S. Hann and Job Everts were in town last Friday attending a meeting of King Post. Mr. Hann says they killed a blacksnake down at his home on Thursday that measured 6 feet 4 inches.

Daniel Gilbert of Chambersburg was in this place last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Gilbert intends building a new barn on his farm east of town this summer. N. B. Henry of Clear Ridge is the contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Stevens and little daughter Grace, of Chambersburg, who had taken George Harris to his home at Saluvia, stopped on their way home on Monday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hays, of this place.

Miss Olive Stouteagle and her brothers, Amos and John, after spending about a month very pleasantly at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson in Brush Creek Valley, returned to their home in this place on Monday.

Hon. John T. Blair of Waynesburg, Greene county, and his sister, Mrs. Rachel Brant formerly of Thompson township, but who has been at Waynesburg for several months, are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson at Laidig. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mrs. Brant and Mrs. Blair.