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## THE FOURTH.

The Fourth came and went in McConnellsburg without leaving anything of special worth to the newsgatherer. There was not one person killed by premature explosions of old cannons, not a building burned, nor even an arm nor hand torn off by a cannon cracker. The celebration began on the evening of the 9d, by an innocent little lawn party. Toward midnight those who were trying to catch a little sleep were charmed by a chorus of sweet voices who were "doing the town" with national airs and "God Night Ladies;" but this was only a prelude, for as the Court House clock announced the arrival of Independence Day, the clanging of the court house bell, and some of the church bells, the firing of cannon crackers, the howling of dogs, the crowing of roosters, mingled with the shouts of the enthusiastic "celebrators" raised such a din that made the "order loving" people say ugly things about Jefferson for being responsible for an Independence Day.

With the exception of the small boy who never "lets up" on the little firecracker, the first half of the Fourth was quiet. In the afternoon the stores closed a couple of hours, and everybody went out to see the base ball game between our home team and St. Thomas. During the first half of the game it looked as though the St. Thomas people had never played—the game standing 18 to 7 in favor of our team and we thought them "dead easy." The St. Thomas people then got themselves down to business, and when the game ended, it was found that our boys won, by only one run.

In the evening for three or four hours, the boys kept one's ears ringing with the loud reports of the big crackers. This was interspersed with several nice displays of sky rockets, Roman candles, wheels, &c.

On account of harvest, not a great many out-of-town people came in. By eleven o'clock every body was tired, and went to bed and the old town relapsed into that serene quietude for which it is famous.

## Trolley News.

Last Friday evening's (Chambersburg) Valley Spirit says that the Chambersburg, Greencastle, and Waynesboro street railway company will construct a line from Greencastle to Waynesboro, and thence to Pen-Mar.

The Spirit also says that the further extension of this line, outside of the three places mentioned, is also under consideration. It is altogether likely from present appearances that a trolley line will be built to Upton and from there to Mercersburg. At this place connection will be made with a line that will shortly be built from McConnellsburg over the Cove mountain to Mercersburg. A party of capitalists have secured a charter for a line in this county. From this it will be seen that the southern end of Franklin county will have a trolley communication with the county seat of Fulton and Penmar's famous summer resort.

## May Get a Railroad.

Edward R. Wood, president of the Shade Gap railroad company, was at Burnt Cabins recently looking into the matter of extending his road to that place. His object was to ascertain as far as he might, what quantity of freight he would get to carry from that point in case his road was extended. He made inquiries of the merchants, lumbermen and other business people, and was favorably impressed and went away fully convinced that the extension would pay. The Shade Gap road is a branch of the East Broad Top, but is an organization separate from that road.

If the extension is built it will be done within the next two or three months, and it may then be ultimately extended to McConnellsburg.

## SERIOUSLY INJURED.

### Fell Twenty-Four Feet From the Top of a Cherry Tree.

Mrs. Martin Lake of Licking Creek township, met with an accident last week that, while serious enough in itself, might have cost the lady her life.

She was at the home of her father, Mr. Joseph Sipes, and had climbed up into a tree to pick cherries. So intent was she on getting her basket full of the luscious fruit, that she did not take into account the extreme heat until, darkness seemed to come over her eyes, she felt a dizziness, and in a moment she had lost her hold and was crashing down through the limbs, and struck the rough ground after a fall of 24 feet.

Fortunately, a young lady near saw the accident, and ran for help. When Mrs. Lake was picked up, a gash three inches in length was found in her scalp from which blood was flowing down over her face and neck. By a prompt application of cold water she was restored to consciousness, and it was not until the next day that she was able to be removed to her home.

She is said to be recovering as fully as might be expected.

## CONUNDRUMS.

What is the difference between a honey-comb and a honey-moon? A honey-comb consists of a number of small cells, and a honey-moon is one great sell.

Why is the sea more powerful than the earth? Because it has heaps of mussels.

What did Queen Elizabeth take her pills in? In cider (inside her).

When was Napoleon most shabbily dressed? When he was out at Elba (elbow.)

Why are hogs more intelligent than humans? Because they nose (knows) everything.

Mrs. Dawdle says one of her boys don't know nothing, and another does. The question is, which knows the most?

What is better than presence of mind in a railroad accident? Absence of body.

Why is the bridegroom generally more expensive than the bride? Because the bride is always given away, while the bridegroom is usually sold.

The following is, perhaps, the meanest thing ever written. Why was St. Paul like a horse. Because he loved Timothy.

Why does a blacksmith seem the most dissatisfied of all mechanics? Because he is always striking for wages.

Why is a patch of sweet corn like a dunce? Because it's always liable to get its ears pulled.

What is the difference between charity and a tailor? The first covers a multitude of sins; the second, a multitude of sinners.

Advice to parties who are in doubt whether to buy or hire a house: Of two evils, choose the "leased."

The first 'bus in America, after much discussion, has been decided to have been Columbus.

A man carrying a basket of mortar on his head must be a sub-lime character.

When may a man be said to be near selling his old boots? When he gets them half-soled.

At what age are the ladies most happy? Marri-age.

Why is the letter B like hot fire? Because it makes oil boil.

## Weicht—Fisher.

On the 26 ult. by Rev. W. D. Beall, Mr. Walter A. Weicht and Miss Lillie C. Fisher, both of Bethel township, were united in marriage. The bride who is a pretty blonde, looked charming, dressed in a costume of white organdie, lace and ribbon with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore the conventional black. The happy couple will reside at Siding Hill, where the best wishes of their friends follow them.

## A CLOSE CALL.

### Farmer John C. Heinbaugh Struck by Lightning While Driving a Mower.

Last Saturday afternoon John C. Heinbaugh who lives on the Jake Barnont farm in Ayr township, together with his son, was in a field making hay. Mr. Heinbaugh was cutting grass with a mower and his son had a scythe trimming up the corners. He noticed a storm gathering; but the sun was still shining, and in fact, it did not begin to rain for an hour after the time of the accident. While driving along, without any thought of danger, there dropped a bolt of lightning from the apparently clear sky, striking the mower and splitting one of the drive wheels in twain and knocking Mr. Heinbaugh to the ground in a dazed condition. The horses, greatly frightened, started to run, Mr. Heinbaugh's legs became fastened in the lines, and he was dragged a considerable distance before his son caught the team and disentangled his father.

For nearly a day and a half Mr. Heinbaugh was in a dazed condition, and his head and body were considerable bruised from being dragged over the ground.

His son felt the shock very perceptibly, but was able to go to his father's assistance, which alone, perhaps, saved him from a horrible death.

## Clear Ridge Loses Again.

The second matched game of base ball between the Clear Ridge team and the Tammany team of New Grenada and Waterfall, was played on the Waterfall grounds Saturday 6th inst.

Judging from the firm countenances of the Clear Ridge boys on their arrival, they were on the war path in earnest and fully meant to take home with them the nine scalps as trophies of war. But such hopes were soon shattered, and proved to be like snow-fall in the river—a moment white—then melts forever.

Score, 14 to 27, in favor of Tammany. X.

## Needmore.

The heat last week was intense. A number of teams that were working in the reapers were overcome by the heat.

Our marble dealer, Mr. A. Runyan, has been quite unwell for a few days. Our other sick folks are improving slowly.

Preaching at the Baptist church was largely attended last Sunday. Mr. Charles Graham, who has been working in Ohio for some time has returned.

Mr. Albert Sipe of Clearfield was visiting Mr. Emanuel Sharp last week.

Mr. Heeter of Dublin Mills was visiting in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lew Harris, Will Peck, and Mr. Chas. Lodge are among the early comers for school.

Mr. Anderson Mellott, our new mail carrier, has begun his four year task. If he continues as obliging as at present, he will give satisfaction to our people.

Our old friend, Mr. Silas Morgret, who keeps bachelor's hall on Water Street, was treated to a surprise on Saturday evening. Some of our aged townsmen, including a number of our neighbors supplied themselves with tin cups and started out to serenade him. They were disappointed in finding him a pleasant caller up town and had to search elsewhere. They did not fail in finding him. Men! Men! don't scold the boys when they start out to "whoop up" the fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gordon were spending some time at their farm in Thompson last week.

Our old friend Johnson Truax says the weather is too warm to enjoy either harvesting or the first chair on "Lover's Row."

Mr. Emanuel Sharp had the misfortune to have his garden destroyed by the breaking in of some wandering cattle.

## BINDER TEAMS RAN.

### Horses Frightened by the Loud Thunder, and Machines Broken.

The same bolt of lightning that struck John Heinbaugh's mower last Saturday afternoon, or, rather, the thunder resulting from it, came near doing some bad work among other farmers.

In Archie W. Johnston's field were four good horses attached to a binder. A. W. Johnston, Jr., was in the seat on the binder, and John Carbaugh, the driver, was just mounting the saddle horse to resume work after having oiled the machine, when—"Ker-boom"—went the clap of thunder and away went the horses with the binder. Mr. Carbaugh succeeded in landing himself in the saddle and after their running across the field he was able to bring them to a stand still. As it was it meant a disabled binder and a trip to town for repairs.

A mile distant in a big wheat field, seated on his binder with a trusty driver on his saddle horse, sat John F. Kendall. The sky was clear, the grain was standing nicely, and the frequent click of the knotted showed how fast the sheaves were being thrown off. It is a matter of no little satisfaction, after a year's ploughing and sowing, after the freezing of winter, the risk of drought, or the dozen and one other things that may come in to take away the fruit of the farmer's labors, to be permitted to gather an abundant harvest. We do not know just what Mr. Kendall's thoughts were on this particular afternoon but we do know that all at once there was a terrific peal of thunder, the horses sprang forth, fairly lifting the machine and its rider off the ground as frantically they galloped across the field. Had it not been for the cool headed driver, who succeeded in keeping them from running into anything that would cause a general smash up, there is no telling just what would have happened. He, at length, succeeded in regaining control of the team; and after taking an account of stock was glad to find that everything was all right except some trifling damage to the binder.

## Brush Creek.

The Fourth of July passed off unobserved by the people of our community; not even the old fashioned squib was heard to remind us of the anniversary of our Independence.

Harvesting is trump. The last of this week will see most of the grain in the shock.

Miss Cora Speer, of Saluvia, spent the early part of last week visiting her friend Blanche Barton near Crystal Springs.

Jesse Hixson, of near Philadelphia, who spent some time visiting friends and relatives in "Little Fulton" has returned to the former place.

Piper Barton, of Akersville, made a flying visit to Saluvia on Tuesday evening of last week. Business and pleasure combined.

Mrs. Maria Barton, whose illness was mentioned some time ago is growing weaker.

A festival was held at McKendree Saturday evening June 29. The proceeds for the benefit of the church.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hixson Akers of near Akersville died on Saturday afternoon and was buried on Sunday afternoon at Akersville. Rev. Campbell conducting the funeral.

Prof. C. E. Barton of the Cumberland Valley State Normal School is spending his summer vacation at his home in our Valley.

Frank Hixson, our genial butter and cheese maker, who was employed at the Everitt creamery for a time, has returned to his home at Crystal Springs.

Among the names of the new subscribers added to the News during the past week is that of Mr. Asie Spencer, of Bryant, Washington.

## HAYSTACK BURNED.

### George F. Mellott of Ayr Township Loses Ten Tons of Hay.

The Big Cove farmers have a rule to stack all the grain and hay out of doors that they have room for, and put the rest in the barn.

Acting on that principle George F. Mellott, had just completed a large rick of ten tons of excellent clover hay in one of his fields when that storm came up last Saturday afternoon. The lightning struck the rick, setting it on fire, and while an effort was made to save it, the fire which seemed to be all through it was so strong that the hay was entirely consumed, not even sparing the rails on which the stack was built.

A wagon containing part of a load stood near the stack, and it was with difficulty that it was saved.

## Locust Grove.

A few of our people spent the Fourth in Buck Valley, and a few went to Hancock; but the rain spoiled the fun at both places.

A number of folks from the Cove went over to Pleasant Grove last Sunday to attend the Children's service. The exercises passed off very nicely.

Mr. Calvin Morgret cut his knee very badly the other day with a grain cradle. The cut was about three inches in length and has made Mr. Morgret very lame.

David Smith was very sick part of last week. He is better now. Reuben Engle is quite poorly, and last week John Engle's youngest child was so sick that all hope of its recovery was abandoned. It is better now.

Simon Garland's new barn is almost ready for roofing. The hands have all stopped until grain harvest is over.

Mr. Job L. Garland, the accommodating mail carrier from Hancock to Locust Grove during the past four years, turned over the "checks" to David and Simon Garland the first of July. The new men are all right and will give no cause for complaint.

Simon C. Layton who carried from Locust Grove to Crystal Springs during the past four years, is succeeded by Harry Plessinger. Both these gentlemen are well worthy public confidence.

## Laidig.

Mrs. Albert Clevenger of Pittsburg is visiting the family of Hiram Clevenger.

John McIntyre and son of Six Mile Run spent Saturday fishing in Wooden Bridge creek.

Mrs. Samuel Blake is ill. Hiram Laidig sold a fine lot of cattle to W. F. Benner of Hopeville last week.

Harvesting is well on. The fly has hurt some of the wheat.

There was a good attendance at Sunday school at Laidig on Sunday afternoon.

Hiram Clevenger and Casper Brant have bought binders, and are well pleased with the work done by the machines.

Robert Edwards is home from Puritan, and at work in the harvest field.

Isa Stevens has gone to Bedford Springs to work in the Arandale hotel.

Etta Laidig will spend a few weeks with her grandfather, Nathan Barnett, at Hubbelsville, Huntingdon county.

J. F. Johnson is attending to the harvest on his mother's farm in Thompson township.

## Festivals.

There will be a festival near the Iron Bridge just west of Gem, Saturday July 20th. Music and amusements have been arranged for, and a good time may be expected.

At Sharp's Grove, on Timber Ridge, Saturday afternoon and night. Proceeds to be used towards the payment of the organ in Antioch church. Contributions solicited. Choice music furnished.

## GORDON—PECK.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Peck, July 7, 1901, in which Mr. Fred Gordon and Miss Clara W. Peck were made husband and wife, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Lewis Chambers.

The bride was very handsomely dressed in white organdie, trimmed with cream lace, and ribbon that reached the floor. The groom wore a navy blue suit. The groomsmen and bridesmaid were, respectively, John H. Peck and Miss Jessie D. Richards.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rotz, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shives, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Everts, Mr. Andrew J. Shives, Howard Pittman, Miss Lizzie J. Peck, Grant Brakeall, Henry Trotter and sisters Edna and Nancy.

After the ceremony and congratulations, a sumptuous dinner was served, and the company had a very pleasant time.

## Buried With A Snake.

As an attraction extraordinary for the butcher's picnic, at Wheeling, West Virginia, Prof. Charles Cooper hypnotized James Morris and putting a blacksnake under a spell buried the two in a box five feet under the ground at Mozart Park, where they were to be resurrected for the edification of the crowd. About daybreak the sentinel posted at the mouth of the air pipe leading down to the box was astonished to hear Morris begging to be relieved. The snake had come to life and had wrapped itself about Morris's neck. The guard brought assistance and soon had Morris and the snake above ground. Morris was almost dead, having barely saved his life by putting his hands at the sides of his neck so the full force of the snake's coil did not come upon his windpipe.

## New Grenada.

Charles Alloway and wife of Three Springs spent Sunday with Wm. Alloway.

The telephone line is now complete between here and Robertsdale.

Quite a number of our young folks spent the fourth at Cassville and Orbisonia.

Our boys were billed for a game of ball at Cassville on the Fourth. But rain prevented the game.

Mrs. Evelyn McClain and daughter Maud spent a few days with Dr. C. A. R. McClain at Cassville last week.

Our P. O. S. of A. boys are going to dedicate their new Hall July 27. They are going to give a whole day's picnic. Just read their posters and you will not miss coming to the gala day.

Tammany B. B. club of New Grenada, crossed bats with Clear Ridge on Saturday afternoon at Waterfall. Clear Ridge has a gentlemanly set of players, and we all know it. It was a five inning game. Score: New Grenada, 28; Clear Ridge, 14.

## Thompson.

John C. Brewer and Abner Weaver each lost a good horse from the intense heat while working in a binder.

Mr. Minie Lynch and Miss Gertie Peck visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lynch near Hancock last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Atkinson of Mercersburg drove over last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Atkinson will spend some time visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Simpson. Mr. A. returned Thursday evening.

Mrs. L. M. Shives and Fannie Brakeall were callers at Lizzie Pittman's Sunday.

Mrs. Moses Gordon and family were at Mr. Gregory's Sunday. Mrs. George Mellott and daughter, Mrs. Sue Johnston and children, Mrs. Ella Pittman, and Curly Stoner spent Sunday at B. R. Simpson's.

Our farmers are complaining that the wheat is not filled.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cline, of Dublin, were at McConnellsburg last Friday.

Miss Annie Engle of Clearfield is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Engle, at Whips Cove.

Miss Nellie Daniels is spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Daniels, near Harrisonville.

Harvey Stoner, of Lancaster, is spending his usual summer vacation with his father and sister in this place.

Dr. Bert Stevens, of Iowa, and his sister, Miss Hester, of Taylor township, were callers at this office last Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Shade, of Washington, D. C., are spending a few weeks in the home of Mrs. Catharine Bender in this place.

James S. Akers and Asa Mellott, of Whips Cove, drove to McConnellsburg last Monday morning and returned in the evening.

Miss Ella West, who had been spending a few weeks with her father at the Washington House, left last Friday for a visit among friends in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Philip S. Ott and sister, Mrs. John Souders, of the Cove, spent Thursday night of last week with their cousin, Mrs. Elmer Gordon, of Mercersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phenice, of the Little Cove, attended the installation services at the Lutheran church last Sunday, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Comer.

Mrs. Dwight Thompson and two children, Mildred and Frank, returned home to this place last week from a two weeks' visit among friends in Altoona, Tyrone and Mount Union.

Miss Mary B. Graves, Miss Abbie Graves, the Misses Andrews, Miss Yonker, Miss Agnes Booth, and Miss Clara Rankin, all of Warfordsburg, are spending the summer at Mountain Lake Park.

Miss Nellie Trout returned home last Friday evening after a very pleasant visit of three weeks among friends in the eastern part of the State. Nellie says she attended three weddings in the three weeks.

S. M. Clevenger was an early Monday morning caller. He is employed in caring for Mr. A. G. Grissinger who has been an invalid for some time. Sam has had a good deal of experience with sick people.

## Taylor.

The students of J. B. Cutchall's Normal are now taking a vacation and talking business.

B. S. Winegardner is attending Lamberson & Rancie's school at Hustontown.

Miss Grace Huston who had been attending school at Needmore, is home again.

Charles E. Stevens, and his best friend, Miss Verna Shafer, accompanied by his sister Miss Maud, spent the Fourth at Orbisonia.

The Union ball team are now ready to play.

The "Star" published at Hancock, Md., attempted last week to ridicule one of that town's most reputable business men, because, forsooth, that business man advertises dry goods, notions, millinery, &c., and announces that he takes in trade, eggs and poultry. Just why the "Star" man should see anything funny about that, is too much for us. We presume the Hancock merchants, like their McConnellsburg brethren, are willing to carry such goods as the wants of their customers seem to indicate; and to receive in exchange therefor, anything from a goose egg to a hoop-pole—if the egg is sound, and the pole long enough. Thomas J. Wiener, has found it to his advantage during the past year to advertise in the FULTON COUNTY NEWS, and has never failed at the end of a quarter to send us the cash for it.