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Personal.

Hon. Geo. A. Smith, of Rogersville, Tenn., is in attendance at court this week.

Clarence L. Sipes of Philadelphia is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

D. V. Sipes, accompanied by Master Paul Ott, was in Chambersburg last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Annie Rumel, of Chambersburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rumel, west of town.

Mr. William Black, accompanied by Miss Alice Hamill, spent Saturday and Sunday in Chambersburg.

Miss Stella Logue who is teaching at Foltz this winter spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mary Hoke.

Mr. Henry Fost of Bethel township was an early Monday morning caller. He came up as a grand juror.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grisinger, of New Grenada spent a few days among friends in this community this week.

Our veteran friend C. C. Kerling, of Dublin Mills, paid his respects to the News office while in town Monday.

Mr. Denton Peck of Thompson was among the number who made pleasant calls at the News office this week.

S. D. Stevens the "Singer man" of Chambersburg, spent Saturday in the lower part of this county on business.

H. K. Stevens, of Shippensburg, was greeting his many old friends in Taylor township last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Aaron P. Garland, of Belfast township, was in town Saturday. He intends having a public sale in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hess, who have been in Washington for some time returned to Thompson township a few days ago.

Miss Belle Stouteagle, who is teaching school in Franklin county, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in this place.

Michael Mellott who has been in Washington for some time returned to this county last week. His family came some time ago.

Mr. Morse Sloan who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sloan, returned to Parker's landing the first of the week.

Mr. Clarence N. Trout, of this place, returned to the Philadelphia Dental College last Thursday for another season's course of study.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Metzler of near Burnt Cabins attended the Bedford county Fair last week and visited friends in Bedford, Rainsburg, and West Dublin.

Dr. J. Grant Hanks, of Rays Hill, came down to town last Thursday. He was accompanied home Friday by Mrs. Hanks and their little daughter Helen who had been spending a week here.

Miss Mary Patterson who had been spending several months among friends in the West is home again. Among other places visited was Denver, and from Denver she made a trip into the Rockies.

Miss Maggie Unger who went to Colorado a couple of years ago on account of her health is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Unger in the Cove. She has derived much benefit from her trip west.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram G. Anderson, of Wells Valley, came down on Friday and staid until Tuesday among relatives and friends here. They were accompanied by their children Mary, Mabel, and Jordan.

Mr. George W. Chesnut of Bethel dropped in Monday and made ye printer's heart glad by dropping some cash—not only for his own subscription, but he had a pocket-ful that his neighbors had sent along for us.

President Roosevelt's Pastor.

A correspondent of the Huntingdon Local News says:

The readers of the daily press have doubtless observed that President Roosevelt, in taking up his official residence in the White House, has been a regular attendant each Sunday at Grace Reformed church, in Washington, D. C. This church, whose pastor is Rev. J. M. Schick, is a modest, unpretentious structure upon one of the avenues of the Capital.

It is likely that few of your readers know that Rev. Schick was pastor for several years, of the Reformed churches at Orbisonia and Saltillo, during the '80s.

He is a man who made a strong, wholesome impression upon the people and he is remembered by a large circle of warm friends among all the denominations of that section of the county. When he came on the field he was almost fresh from college, vigorous and ambitious. He found his denomination at Saltillo weak, both financially and numerically, and without a regular church building, but with indomitable energy he began the structure for which he himself helped dig the foundation and lay the wall.

Working side by side with the carpenters and other mechanics he had the satisfaction of helping complete an attractive place of worship. Members of other denominations generously contributed subscriptions and he had the satisfaction of afterward dedicating his church free from debt. For several succeeding years he served the church, preaching alternately in Pennsylvania Dutch and English. During the building he stayed with one of his country parishioners, often coming and returning on the bare back of a mule. Apparently obstacles redoubled his energy.

Many interesting anecdotes have been told of him. One of these is that while making a pastoral call he found the head of the house fitting stovepipe together after house cleaning. The pipe did not go together well and the member, becoming exasperated, said, "Brother Schick shall I swear?"

"No," said the minister, "I will help you."

Finally both became impatient over the poor fit. Standing aside and surveying his blackened hands the reverend said, "Now, Brother B—, you can swear."

"No," said the minister, "I will help you."

Needmore.

Quite a number of people passed through here on their way to the County Capital to attend Court.

Our farmers are almost done seeding and getting ready for corn husking.

Wesley McKee who had an attack of fever has a relapse and is dangerously ill.

Dr. J. S. Swartzwelder's wife is quite ill with fever.

Our other sick folks are improving rapidly.

This is the first scourge of fever our village has ever suffered. A careful examination has been made to find causes. We find it is raging in different sections of the county so we are not the only afflicted.

Mrs. Henry Truax and son Lee, who have been visiting in Clearfield, have returned home.

Messrs. Sam Martin, teacher at Webster Mills, and William Peck, teacher at Blackoak, spent Saturday night with Prof. B. N. Palmer.

Messrs. E. N. Akers and S. L. Wink, of Sipes Mill, were seen in town Saturday evening.

Miss Olive Hess, who is teaching at Franklin Mills, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. A number of young folks accompanied her to school on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Enoch Hart is on the sick list.

Miss Ollie Hess was a pleasant caller with Miss Annie May Everets on Sunday.

Mr. William Funk, manager of the mills on "Puffinberger Row," is suffering from an attack of Peridyspilitis, caused by the pasturing herds nearby. We hope for his speedy recovery.

HER GRANDMOTHER'S LIFE AMONG THE INDIANS.

Rebecca Regina Walter, Who Was Captured by the Red Men Nearly 150 Years Ago—One of Her Descendants Died in Reading a Few Days Ago.

[Mrs. Hillegass, whose death is reported below, was a sister to the mother of Mrs. James G. Lyon, of Taylor township, and a sister to the mother of the Sprock children, formerly of Brush Creek township.—EDITOR.]

With the death of Mrs. Mary Statler Sprock Hillegass there was removed one of the last links that bound the early days of this section to the present era.

Mrs. Hillegass was a granddaughter of Rebecca Regina Walter, whose experience as an Indian captive and her subsequent restoration to her home and friends is one of the most noteworthy incidents of the early days of Pennsylvania, when the red men roamed the plains, wandered through the forests and paddled on the river of this state. The story, according to tradition and history, is as follows:

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Hillegass was Joseph Walter, who sailed from Rotterdam in the ship "Robert and Mary," and arrived in Philadelphia December 30, 1740. Some years later he settled in the Conococheague, Antrim township, Franklin county, Pa. His name appears in the list of taxables in the township for 1751.

After the defeat of Gen. Braddock in July, 1755, the French and Indians overran the entire province west of the Susquehanna river. On November 2, King Shingas and Captain Jacobs, two Shawnee Indians, started out from Kittanning on a marauding expedition.

They killed many of the settlers in the Great Cove and in the Tonoloway settlement. They then crossed the Tuscarora mountain and devastated the Conococheague settlement.

It was during this expedition that Joseph Walter and several members of his family were killed and others carried into captivity.

Rev. John Steel, a Presbyterian minister, was preaching at the White Church, in the Conococheague settlement, at the time. He stepped into his pulpit and hung his hat and rifle behind him, and this was also done by many of the congregation.

On Sunday, while Mrs. Walter was at church, the Indians stealthily approached the Walter home. He was reading the Bible. The children were playing in the yard near the house. They observed the Indians and screamed. Mr. Walter grasped his rifle and walked to the door. There was a sharp report and he fell dead in the doorway, being shot by one of the redskins. The marauders then killed a neighbor who happened by and scalped some of the children. Then they set fire to the house and barn and left, taking Rebecca Walter and two younger brothers with them. When Mrs. Walter returned home from church she found her home desolate.

Rev. White and many of the parishioners undertook to pursue the Indians, but to no avail. After leaving the burning dwelling and barn the Indians compelled Rebecca to carry her little brother, but after going some distance, they grew tired of the child and one of the Indians killed him.

They were about to kill her also, but a squaw who had taken a fancy to her saved her life. The agony and suffering endured by her on the journey of over 200 miles was beyond description. She was compelled to walk the entire distance to Kittanning. Some years later the Indians were worsted in a conflict and the tribe moved to Ohio. Here Rebecca and her brother remained.

Rebecca was a captive for seven years when under a treaty made with the Indians she was released.

ed. This occurred at Carlisle on December 31, 1764. Col. Bouquet who conducted the negotiations, had notified all persons who had lost children at any time by having them stolen by the Indians to come to Carlisle.

All the former captives were huddled together on the bleak and wintry day. Most of these had been taken captive when quite young and had forgotten all save Indian language and custom.

Mrs. Walter walked up and down the line but could not recognize her child. She told her sad lot to Col. Bouquet, and mentioned that many years before she sang to her daughter a hymn of which she had grown quite fond. "Sing it," said the colonel. Then Mrs. Walter began singing in German the old familiar lines. She had scarcely finished the first verse when a girl came rushing out of the ranks and fell weeping into her mother's arms. It was Regina. She was now 14 years old, having been past 6 when captured. The reunion of the mother and daughter was a most happy one.

Some years later Rebecca married Casper Statler, who was one of the first settlers in Somerset county, coming from Franklin county. He traded at Greencastle and on several occasions was forced to leave his new home owing to the hostility of the Indians.

He was a genial and whole-souled man and for many years kept an inn. He was licensed in 1778. He died in May, 1778. His widow lived until 1826, when she died and was buried at Schellsburg, Bedford county.

Mrs. Hillegass, who died a few days ago at the home of C. H. Hillegass, in Reading, at the age of 93 years, resided at New Buena Vista, near Schellsburg, until 7 years ago when she removed to Reading. Although quite advanced in years she always maintained a jovial spirit and was fond of meeting people.

She enjoyed the friendship and esteem of many persons and was able to entertain them by the hour by relating incidents of her early life. She was an expert with the needle and did all her sewing without the aid of spectacles. She was never ill a day in her life, save until a month prior to her demise.

Must Pay For "Pufts."

An Oklahoma editor, who is a deep thinker, has fixed a table of rates for running things "not as they seem," says the Jefferson, Texas, Jimplecute, as follows: "For calling a man a successful citizen when everybody knows he is lazier than a government mule, \$2.74; referring to a deceased citizen as one who is sincerely mourned by the entire community, when we know that he will only be missed in the poker circles, \$1.08; referring to some galvanizing female as an estimable lady whom it is a pleasure to meet, when every business man in town would rather see satan coming, hoofs, horns and all, than seeing her coming towards them, \$3.19; calling an ordinary pulpit pounder an eminent divine, 90 cents; sending a tough sinner to heaven with poetry, \$5."

Hagerstown Fair.

During the week of the Hagerstown Fair, October 15th and 18th the Cumberland Valley Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Hagerstown including admission to the Fair Grounds and good to return at rate of \$1.25 from Mercersburg, and at correspondingly low rates from all other stations on the road. Excursion tickets not including admission, good to return until Saturday October 19th will also be sold from October 12th to 18th inclusive, at reduced rates. Ample train service will be provided to accommodate excursionists.

October frosts are bringing down the leaves.

Dealing by Telephone.

As a result of a horse sale by telephone, made by a Shippensburg man to a citizen of Carlisle last Thursday, and subsequently a refusal on the part of the former gentleman to turn over the animal to its alleged new owner, the courts will probably be asked to determine whether or not such a bargain is binding. The novel purchase is said to have been witnessed or heard by several gentlemen in Carlisle, who will testify as to what transpired, and will also assert that the prospective buyer had \$500 in his hand to pay for the horse when the telephone talk was held. The Shippensburg man admits holding the conversation, but refused to part with the horse; said he had changed his mind, and that such a sale would be illegal.

Plum Run.

Mrs. Bub Snyder and Mrs. Shade Truax who have been having a siege of typhoid fever, have reached the hungry stage, and are now improving rapidly.

Mr. Michael Mellott and Mr. Jake Hess arrived last week from Washington.

Mr. Wm. Hendershot is lying very ill with typhoid fever at Mr. Wm. Sigel's.

Mrs. Mary Snyder spent part of last week at the home of her son Jesse B. Snyder.

There will be a gathering of young people at Mr. Anson Well-er's for a merry time next Saturday evening.

Mr. Andrew Souders, our enterprising butcher, is doing a thriving business these days. He built a new barn this summer and expects to build a new house next summer. The house in which he is now living is one of the oldest houses in this part of the country, being built some time during the 18th century.

Mr. Grant Mentzer and family have moved to Waynesboro.

While going to Millstone Point last week, Mr. Moses Mellott invested a goodly number of mighty dollars in some hogs and a diminutive colt. On being asked whether he brought them home in a sack, he replied, "No, I put the hogs in the wagon and led the colt." But the colt became home sick and decided to return South to a more congenial climate. Mr. John Douglass, standing outside the store, heard a fearful racket on the public highway, and being quick thought, like Baron Munchausen, caught the small cyclone and turned it into the barnyard to ruminate. In a few minutes, a man looking like Moses, appeared, wild eyed and breathless. Upon seeing the delinquent safely caged in the barnyard, he relieved his feelings by a heartfelt, "You little black bugger!" and departed with the triumphant assertion that the diminutive was "not a dummy anyway." Better watch him closer next time you turn him out to graze.

Brother Chambers added another to his long list of marriage ceremonies last Wednesday. This time he united the hearts, hands and lives of Mr. Daniel E. Deshong of Belfast and Miss Mary A. J. Carbaugh of Ayr—two estimable young people.

A proclamation has been issued by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of public instruction, designating Friday, October 25, as Autumn Arbor Day. The superintendent requests the teachers and pupils of the public schools throughout the state to observe the day by the planting of trees and by other suitable exercises.

According to the report of the chief inspector of the postoffice department for the last fiscal year, no less than 1,635 post-offices were robbed, 37 stage coaches were held up and 656 mail pouches were stolen. In a smaller country these figures would evidence an epidemic of crime against the mails, but this is a big country and the statistics given are not so startling as may appear at first glance.

Josie Deming Dead.

The many friends here of Mrs. Josephine Deming were pained to learn that she died at her home in Madison, Wis., on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Deming was a niece of the late Aunt Rebecca Hoke of this place, and was here at the time of Mrs. Hoke's death, and remained for, perhaps, a year afterward; and three or four years ago she spent a few weeks among friends here on her return from a trip through Europe.

Mrs. Deming, whose maiden name was McMurray, was married several years ago, and after a few months of most happy wedded life, her husband died. She possessed a most lovely christian character, and spent most of her time in charitable and other forms of christian work.

Pleasant Ridge.

The farmers are busy seeding. Mr. Pittenger spent Saturday evening at Michael Bard's.

C. M. Dixon has been with us for some time.

Joe W. Lake, who has been ill, is getting better.

Logue Shives and wife are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shives.

Uriah Kline thinks some one likes honey, as one of his bee caps disappeared one night. You will be caught yet; too much stealing.

Misses Winifred and Katharine Metzler spent last Sunday with their friend Miss Linna A. Deshong.

John Bard and wife and Miss Anna Deshong and gentleman friend spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Knobsville.

Mrs. David Kline is still very ill.

Miss Ella Kline is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hershey, of Laidig.

Miss Irene Hockensmith, who had been visiting in Buck Valley, has returned home.

Mrs. Susan Kline and daughter Ella, and Mrs. Florence and Jennie Wink spent Saturday at Wm. Wink's.

Mrs. Rash, who has been sick, is some better.

Mr. Aaron Garland and wife spent Sunday in Licking Creek township.

Miss Sadie Barber is employed at Joseph Deshong's a couple of weeks.

Miss Linna A. Deshong accompanied Rev. Pettinger and wife to their home this week, and to see her aunt at Waynesboro.

Mrs. Martha Strait is visiting her sister Mrs. Rebecca Truax this week.

William Hockensmith is employed at Aaron Garland's.

Miss Martha Bard and her friend spent Saturday and Sunday at Knobsville.

Mrs. Eliza Decker.

Mrs. Eliza Decker, wife of John J. Decker of Bethel township died at a hospital in Baltimore, October 4, 1901, and was interred at Warfordsburg on Sunday October 6.

Mrs. Decker was a daughter of the late John H. Fisher of Bethel township, and was married to John J. Decker May, 28, 1871. The husband and five children, namely, Mrs. Wm. McKee, of McKees Gap; Roy, of Republic, Ohio; Miss Cora of York, Pa.; and Lola and Howard, at home, survive. Two sisters, survive, Mrs. H. P. Palmer, and Mrs. Wm. Booth. Her aged mother is also living.

Eor thirty years Mrs. Decker had been a consistent member of the Christian church, and was beloved by a large circle of friends. About a year ago, something like cancer—Sarcoma, it is called—made its appearance in her side, and caused her much suffering. Some three weeks ago, she was sent to a hospital at Baltimore, an operation was performed, and in a few days thereafter she died.

A. S. Sheldon, representing Earl Bros., of Chicago, Ill., spent Sunday at the Green Hill House.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mellott of Pleasant Ridge spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. Cornelius Doyle of Harrisburg is visiting friends in town this week.

Dr. George M. Robinson returned to Washington, D. C., Wednesday.

Miss Emily Virginia Greathead of this place is visiting in Clearspring, Maryland.

Misses Ada B. and Etta R. Mellott called at the News office while in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Houpt of Altoona spent last week among friends in this county.

Mr. J. Frank Sloan of Wilders, Indiana, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sloan.

Miss Katharine Horner Cook spent part of last week with Miss Blanche Patterson at Webster Mills.

Rev. McCloskey of the Methodist Episcopal church of this place has been quite ill for several days.

Mr. A. U. Nace, Horace Nace and wife, and Miss Dixie Robinson, all of this place, were in Chambersburg Monday and Tuesday.

Bedford's leading jeweler, J. W. Ridenour, and that town's most skillful physician, J. A. Clark, spent Tuesday night in town.

G. W. and J. D. Mellott last week drilled for Isaac P. Hendershot in the Cove, a well. When down 35 feet it all at once became a gusher. Isaac now has a pump for sale.

Miss Mollie Mellott, who a few months ago returned from Washington, came up to town with her granduncle Mr. Runyan of Needmore, and spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Runyan.

The Presbyterian congregation of McConnellsburg had the privilege of listening last Sabbath to two excellent sermons from Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., of Pittsburg. Dr. Robinson has been a warm personal friend of the pastor ever since their days in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa. For thirty years Dr. Robinson was pastor of Market Square church, Harrisburg, and since then has been professor of Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and Church Government in his Alma Mater until last May, when he resigned on account of impaired health.

Rev. W. A. Stevens, D. D., of Carlisle, Secretary of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund of the Methodist Episcopal church, preached last Sunday morning at Fort Littleton, at Knobsville in the afternoon, and at McConnellsburg in the evening. Twenty millions of dollars is the sum proposed to be raised and the portion raised by this conference will be devoted to the four following objects, namely, Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Dickinson College at Carlisle, M. E. Hospital at Philadelphia, and the Preachers' Aid Society.

Dr. Jesse D. Bucher, of Bridge-water, Va., and his brother-in-law W. H. Abbot, of Saltillo, Pa., were very pleasant callers at the News office Saturday morning. Dr. Bucher spent his boyhood days on the farm in Tox township on which Mr. Nat Rots now lives; but left that place about thirty-six years ago, and cast his lot in Virginia, first teaching in the public schools, and later organizing and conducting normal schools. Like many other teachers, he felt that he could not afford to spend his entire life working for glory, so he took a course in dentistry, and is now a successful practitioner. His mother, at the age of 82 years, is living near Shirleyburg. Dr. Bucher and the Editor of the News were school mates at Prof. Frank Davis normal in this place in 1864. How many of the old boys and girls remember the outing we took to Roaring Run?