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## SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

William Connelly Shoots at a Squirrel and Hits His Brother Charlie.

Last Saturday William Connelly aged about 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Connelly, of Tod township, was in the woods a short distance above the fields, and his brother Charlie, aged 14, was down a short distance inside the field. William saw a squirrel running along the top rails of the fence, and in a moment his gun was to his shoulder, and thinking of nothing than stopping the squirrel quick, he fired. At the moment of firing, his brother noticed him and yelled, "Don't shoot this way!" but he was too late, for being in line with the squirrel by the time the last word had escaped from his lips, the gun had been discharged and Charlie had received part of the contents of the load. One shot penetrated the center of his forehead, a second entered just below the right eye, and a third passed through the lobe of his right ear. William was so badly frightened when he saw what had happened, that he did not look whether he had hurt the squirrel, but ran to his brother's assistance.

Dr. Dalbey was at once summoned, but he felt that the boy's chances of recovery were better with the shot in his face, than to probe much to get them out. Charlie is getting along well, and will likely be all right in a short time.

It is something of a coincidence that James T. Connelly, father of these boys had an experience similar to this when he was 16 years of age. He and his brother were in the woods hunting. James was carrying across his shoulder an old flint lock gun, and his brother was walking just behind him. A stumble caused the hammer to be struck against an obstacle, the gun was discharged, and the brother received the load in his head causing his death.

It has been but a few years since Barney, another brother of James, was shot to death by a party of ruffians while in the discharge of his duties as provost marshal in one of the western territories.

## Winters-Brady.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1901, at the Methodist parsonage, Berkeley Springs, Miss Laura Brady of Warfordsburg and Mr. Samuel Winters of Dott were united in marriage by Rev. W. D. Beall.

The bride looked very charming, dressed in blue broadcloth, trimmed in white silk, with hat and gloves to match. Miss Agnes Booth was maid of honor, and was dressed in brown, trimmed in white, with hat and gloves to match. Mr. Edward Ritz was best man. The groom wore the conventional black. Others that witnessed the ceremony were—Misses Sadie Winter, Maggie Gartner, Elmer Barnhart, and Archie Eader.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, and the groom is a successful young farmer, who has a large circle of friends which join in wishing them a long and happy life.

## Miss Fannie C. West.

As was noted last week in these columns, Dr. West of this place, was called to Pittsburg on Monday of last week, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his sister, Miss Fannie C. West. When he reached there early Tuesday morning, he found that she had died on Sunday evening, and Tuesday afternoon, her remains were interred in Uniondale cemetery, Allegheny, beside those of her father, mother and two sisters.

Dr. West has living one sister, the wife of Rev. Dr. Wallace, a United Presbyterian minister of Sewickley, Pa., and one brother, Edward, now 80 years of age, of Appleton, Wis. Dr. West's father was a civil engineer and lived with unimpaired mental faculties until he was almost 95 years of age.

## BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

A Delightful Family Gathering at the Old Homestead of Hon. J. T. Richards.

On Wednesday the 27th ult., at the old homestead of Hon. John T. Richards in Buck Valley, there was quite a gathering in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. J. Clayton Hixson, the only daughter of Mr. Richards.

In response to invitations issued by her husband, about forty persons met to honor the occasion, and to grace the board sumptuously spread at noon to supply the wants of the inner man and to bring about that harmony of feeling and action which is known only by those who eat together as a common family. It is needless to comment upon the bountiful preparations that had been made for this particular part of the day except to say that the appearance of the heavily laden tables and the zealous actions of those seated about them seemed to announce with a common voice "All things are now ready." There was one fowl among the many, however, that was a genuine "e pluribus unum" and deserves the distinction of special mention—a 3 1/2 pound turkey of the pure bronze breed—a choice bird, fit to grace the table of a king.

Mrs. Hixson was the recipient of very many useful and beautiful articles from those who were present, and also from several who were unable to attend, yet who wished to remember her in some substantial way. With their presents arrayed together in the midst of a happy company of friends and relatives, there was a striking similarity between this and a wedding day.

To a certain degree the occasion proved also to be a family reunion—four out of the seven children of Mr. Richards being present, and Albert, of Wellington, Kan.; Cecil, of Des Moines, Ia.; and Dr. Howard, of Dunkirk, N. Y., being unable to get there.

Those of the children present were, Jacob L., of Blaine, W. Va., with his wife and married daughter, Kitzmiller, who, in turn, had her daughter with her, thus making the four generations represented; Dr. J. Nepper, of Fallsington, Pa., with his wife and grown son and daughter, and Rev. T. Davis, of Germantown, Md., with his wife and two of his three sons.

Among the friends present may be mentioned, Ex-Sheriff Frank Mason, of McConnellsburg; N. B. Hanks, Esq., Mrs. John Lodge and son John, of Emma-ville; George Ensley and sister Ella, of Mattie; Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin, of Crystal Springs; and James Mellott and wife, (daughter of Judge Daniels); Mrs. Dr. James McKibbin, Mrs. S. E. McKee, Mrs. George McKibbin and daughter Maggie, Ralph McKibbin, George Winter and wife, Miss Emma Fisher and Miss Retta Hixson—all of the neighborhood. Owing to the wintry weather many were detained who would otherwise have been present. It proved to be a very enjoyable day and all wished each other many such days, and, at least, one such occasion.

## Edwards-Hann.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hann, of Taylor township, Thursday, November 28, 1901, at high noon, when Robert Edwards and Miss Virgie Hann were united in marriage by Rev. Jackson, pastor of the U. B. church. The bride, handsomely attired in cream satin carried a bunch of white crysanthemums. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was prepared. The bride and groom were the recipients of many useful and handsome presents. Both are well known and popular young people, and their many friends extend congratulations.

## DOES FARMING PAY?

If Not, Is it the Fault of the Farm, or the Farmer?

Some forty years ago there lived in Belfast township, this county, two brothers, James J. and Joseph B., sons of Elias Mellott. The elder, "Jack" as he was familiarly called, married Miss Harriet, daughter of the late Samuel Harr of Ayr township, and later the younger, "Joe" married Harriet's sister, Miss Lizzie. After a few years spent farming in their native township, through the influence of their wives, doubtless, they were led to cross the mountain and cast their lots in Ayr township, in that part known as the "Corner." Jack preceding Joe. The capital possessed by either of the brothers at that time consisted of little else than healthy bodies, industrious and frugal habits, backed by strict integrity in their dealing with their fellowmen and wives that knew how to work and save.

Joe's first venture was to buy the Hauger farm of 269 acres in 1868, for \$7,000, paying what little money he had on it, and trusting his own pluck and energy for the deferred payments. We may add just here that he paid for it, and it is his home to-day.

Three years later he bought a farm of 92 acres in Belfast township for \$1,000. In 1877 he paid \$250 to his brother J. W. for a lot in McConnellsburg.

In 1867, he purchased the old homestead in Belfast, containing 250 acres, for \$1100. Three years later, he purchased the Webster farm of 386 acres in Ayr township, for \$7,000. In 1892 he bought 500 acres from J. Walker Johnston and A. W. Johnston, and a short time ago, purchased from Captain Skinner 862 acres. While he has sold some of the above purchases, he owns to-day about 2,000 acres.

While several children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mellott, some of them reaching manhood and womanhood, but one, an unmarried daughter, is living.

Jack Mellott did not invest in so many farms, but he raised a set of boys who inherited the traits of their parents for land accumulation, and they are now among the most substantial citizens of the Cove.

The father owns the John Mosser farm just north of the Woolen Mill. The holdings of his sons are as follows: George F., owns the Col. James Johnston farm; Will, the Jimmy S. Kirk farm and the original farm of his father; Samuel owns the old "Thomas Patterson" farm; Jacob, the Conrad Lump farm and the Nick Hohman, Sr. farm, and Row has recently purchased two farms from Captain Skinner—the Big Cove Tannery property, and an adjoining farm known as the Skinner farm. These are all desirable and valuable farm properties.

This little "write up" is made without the knowledge or consent of any of the parties concerned. They are not the kind of people who would parade any success before the public, but, as the politicians say, "Don't talk, but saw wood."

There should be a lesson in it for those who sit around on the fence and swear about hard times.

More depends upon the man, than upon the business.

## Back Run.

William Ott killed some fine porkers last week.

Jacob Motter has gone to Riddesburg, where he has secured employment.

Miss Olive McEldowney, of Gem was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Thomas.

Mrs. Hunter Thomas and Miss Rachel Thomas spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hershey at Knobsville.

Miss Elsie McEldowney spent last Saturday among friends in this neighborhood, and was accompanied home by her sister Olive.

## GONE TO THEIR REST.

People Who Have Been Called to the Other World During the Past Week.

**MRS. REBECCA TRUAX.**  
Mrs. Rebecca Truax died at the home of her son Urner, in Licking Creek township, last Thursday, and was buried at the Siding Hill Baptist church on Saturday.

Mrs. Truax was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Truax, late of Belfast township deceased, and widow of Samuel Truax, who died May 5 1900. She had been an invalid for a long time, having had a stroke of paralysis about seven years ago.

She was born May 12, 1850, hence she was aged 51 years, 6 months, and 16 days. She is survived by one son, Urner Truax; a brother, Thomas Truax, of Belfast township; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Deshong of Belfast township, and Mrs. Frank Mason of McConnellsburg. She was a loving wife and mother, and bore her long period of illness with that christian faith and submission, that gave her peace and perfect resignation in her last hours.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder C. L. Funk.

## MRS. MARY McDONALD.

At her home near Williamsport, Franklin county, Pa., after three weeks of patient suffering, from an attack of inflammation of the bowels, on Wednesday morning, November 27th, at 9.20 o'clock, peacefully occurred the death of Mary McDonald, wife of William McDonald, aged 63 years, 3 mos., and 23 days.

Mrs. McDonald formerly lived in Fulton county, and removed with her husband and family from the Thomas Sloan farm near McConnellsburg, to the David Gillan farm near Fort Loudon, in the spring of 1894, and resided there until the spring of 1899, when they had sale of their stock and bought the residence which they occupied at the time of her death.

Funeral was held Friday November 29, at 10 a. m. at Brants church. Interment at cemetery near the church.

Mrs. McDonald was a kind and affectionate wife and mother, a devoted christian, and was beloved by all who knew her.

She assured her family and friends that she was prepared to meet her Master, having often expressed herself that her lamp was trimmed and burning, and she was ready, waiting for the Bridegroom to come.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harry N. Bassler pastor of the Reformed church.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by her husband and the following children: Joseph and Mrs. Wm. Rinedollar, Shady Grove; Mrs. Geo. W. McCurdy, Fort Loudon; Mrs. Harry Laman, Markes; Miss Sallie and Mrs. Adam Betz, Chambersburg; Watson at Morris, Ills.; Clarence, at Sterling, Ills., and Walter and Mamie, at home; also, these sisters and brothers: Samuel Anderson, and Mrs. Martha Wible, Clear Ridge, Huntingdon county; Levi Anderson, Three Springs, Huntingdon county, and Mrs. Sallie Figart, Huntingdon county.

Here we see the falling tears,  
Here we hear the parting knell,  
But we know in that blest land,  
We shall never say farewell,  
Here our loved ones bid good-bye,  
As to rest they enter in,  
But when all with Jesus stand,  
Parted hands shall clasp again,  
O how blessed it will be,  
When our loved ones there we meet,  
What a day of wondrous joy,  
When we there each other greet,  
Though we see our loved ones go,  
Yet through Christ a crown they win,  
And some day, 'twill not be long,  
Parted hands shall clasp again.

Parents should look somewhat to the home study of their children and not leave the whole matter to the teacher. The pupil who does some home study regularly, will make a great deal more progress than the one who does not.

## AFTER SCHOOL BOARDS.

A Letter From This County to the State Superintendent.

"Oct. 31, 1901.  
"DEAR SIR—There is a number of children in ——— township, Fulton Co., Pa., who are not attending school. The parents of these children are very well able to clothe these children, and send them but they are not doing it, and the children are growing up and are a disgrace to a community like this. The school board does not seem to be doing anything to enforce the law. I hope you will do something so as to get the board to act on the matter. The president of the board is ——— P. O. is ——— The secretary is ——— P. O. is ———"

"Hoping you may take some action of the matter as soon as possible,  
I remain, yours respectfully,  
A. FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

"P. S. These children live near the schools and have no reason whatever for being out of school."

The above is an exact copy of a letter sent from a township of this county to the State Superintendent, except the name of the township and the name and P. O. address of Secretary and President were given where I have left the blanks.

It so perfectly fits other cases that I deemed it a public duty to publish it when sent to me by the State Superintendent. It is the duty of each and every member of each and every board under his oath to make an honest effort to enforce the law. Public education is a matter of public economy.

The schools cost a fixed amount of money, are of estimable value in the formation of character, and should have the support of every parent or guardian, if not voluntary then compulsory. I trust all boards will take warning from this and other letters sent in, as the State Superintendent may by Section 7 of Act July 11, 1901, withhold one-fourth of the appropriation from any district neglecting or refusing to enforce attendance law in a manner satisfactory to the State Superintendent.

Respectfully,  
CLEM CHESNUT.

## Horse Thief Foiled.

That John A. Wister, proprietor of Foltz flour mill, is not minus his fine bay mare, used in the delivery wagon, is due to his precaution in putting on his stable door a good lock and possibly also to the would-be thief becoming alarmed. Entrance was gained to the stable on Sunday night through a buggy shed, which communicates with the stable.

The halter was taken from the mare and the bridle put on. It is evident that an attempt was made to open the lock on the inside, but either the lock withstood his attempts, or else the thief was frightened away, for the stable was found locked the next morning and the mare inside with the bridle on. Mr. Wister can congratulate himself that he is not one of that numerous class of individuals, who locks the door after the horse has been stolen.—Mercersburg Journal.

## Alarming Increase in Mormonism.

Bishop Fowler asked in the Methodist Missionary Conference that \$10,000 be appropriated for the opening of mission schools in Utah, which have been closed as he believes that through such schools alone can Mormonism be at all successfully combated.

Dr. Buckley said Mormonism is alarmingly on the increase in this country, the land of its birth, and that many of its converts would as quickly die for the faith that is within them as would any member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He said Mormonism will flourish 300 years hence. Education alone will wipe out Mormonism.

## LOOK OUT FOR HIM.

Heavy Set Man, With a New Buggy and Fine Bay Horse.

A number of families in the upper end of the county have been victimized recently by a stranger, who is working the paper and envelope racket. He manages to visit the homes when the men are most likely to be absent. His satchel contains packages of large envelopes, sealed, and said to contain 12 envelopes and 12 sheets of paper. Half of the packages, the smooth tongued stranger explains, contain money in sums of not less than one dollar and from that to ten dollars.

The small sum of one dollar buys a package. To show that everything is fair, he allows his victim to draw a package "for fun," and when this is done he opens it, and out drops a five dollar bill every time. When he has proved that he is just traveling around for his health and for the purpose of helping people to his surplus of the "long green," he accepts a dollar and allows a package to be drawn, which when opened, happens to be one of the half that does not contain money. To encourage a second and third trial, he offers as a premium a set of silver knives and forks to any one purchasing three packages. As soon as he gets the three dollars it just occurs to him that he gave the last set he had to the family down the road, and that he will return with more in a few days. After working a day in a community, a long drive sets him in a new one miles away and he repeats his little game.

## Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Strait and son Lewis, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Taylor township. Rev. Pittenger conducted Thanksgiving services at the Green Hill Presbyterian church Thanksgiving morning.

Mrs. Hass who had been visiting relatives at this place, has returned to her home at Little Capon, W. Va.

Russell Mellott who is employed at Clearfield, is visiting friends at this place.

Mrs. Amy Hann is suffering from a serious injury to her shoulder, the result of a fall while visiting at the home of her son R. R. Hann.

Miss Maria Betz, of Clearfield, who has been in ill health for some time arrived here last Monday, and will spend some time at the home of her sister Mrs. H. E. Austin. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Hattie.

Mrs. W. C. Mann was called to McConnellsburg last week on account of the serious illness of her sister Miss Mary Daniels.

Among the large number of sportsmen from this vicinity who spent Saturday on the mountain, was John H. Kline. Although 68 years of age, he succeeded in killing a deer. "Ginger" seldom fails to get one or more each season, and enjoys the sport as a true sportsman should.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kline were visiting relatives in Franklin county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hann spent a couple of days in McConnellsburg last week where they had taken their little daughter, Edna, for surgical treatment. Drs. Curtis and Dalbey, performed a successful operation and they hope the little patient can be removed to her home in a few weeks.

The western mail now departs from Saluvia in the evening, and remains at Rays Hill over night. This change will be a great convenience to the contractor who resides at Rays Hill.

## Married.

At the Lutheran parsonage, December 28, 1901, by Rev. A. G. Wolf, Mr. Ervin H. Miller of Hustontown, and Miss Florence J. Bishop of Knobsville.

## 88 Churches.

In our article last week a 0 crept into the 5 box and made us say 68 instead of 58 churches in this county.

## PERSONALS.

Something of the Movements of People You Know.

Logue Hess and his sister, Miss Fannie were at the county seat Monday.

George W. McCoy of Fort Littleton spent a few hours in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Chesnut of Dublin township spent Wednesday in town.

S. A. Nesbit and Miss Netha have been spending the past week at New Bloomfield, Perry county.

Mr. A. W. Trittle of Dixon, Ill., is spending a few weeks with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trittle in this place.

Mrs. P. Elwood Stigers, of Hancock, spent a few days recently with her friend Miss Belle Coudy in Baltimore.

Mrs. Carrie Miller who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens, returned to her home in Chambersburg, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newberry of Altoona, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Laidig, a few days last week.

Prof. B. Newt Palmer of Needmore, spent a few days in town last Saturday. The school directors seem to be following him around.

Nicholas I. Finiff, accompanied by Miss Mollie Ewing, returned Monday after a visit of ten days among friends at Newville and Chambersburg.

Elmer Suders who has been in Beaver county for some time is visiting his mother and other friends here, and expects to return about the holidays.

W. Logan Sloan and his nephew Charles T. Sloan, Jr., who had been spending a few weeks among relatives and friends here returned to Buffalo, N. Y., last Friday.

Misses Minnie Mock, and Belle Stoutegale and Prof. N. E. M. Hoover, Franklin county teachers, spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes in this county.

Dr. W. F. Teeter, accompanied by B. A. Roudabaugh, Chambersburg's bachelor sportsman, spent Monday night at McConnellsburg. They came in here to rest from the toils of a hunting expedition in the Little Cove.

## Taylor.

Some of the farmers have corn to husk yet.

James Cutchall has his new barn completed. Joseph Sipes and son Homer were the builders.

Will Heefner is building a new barn; will soon have it completed. Z. B. Barnett put a new end to his barn a short time ago.

D. J. Miller built a new end to his house, put a new roof on the old, and added a new porch which adds greatly to the appearance of the property.

Will J. Shaw brought in a fine 4-prong deer on Thanksgiving day, that weighed about 150 lbs.

Prof. D. C. Stunkard, of Bedford, drove down to his brother-in-law W. S. Gracey's on last Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, they bagged considerable small game, and on Saturday morning the Prof., W. S. Gracey, John Gracey, and Squire Sam Gracey broke for Siding Hill and brought in a fine doe. The Prof. is a good, jovial fellow, and had a fine Parker gun but he missed a fine deer at 20 steps.

Our schools are full and progressing nicely. John Vallance from Harrisonville was visiting his sister, Mrs. H. L. Shaw over Sunday.

There will be prayer meeting at George W. Dushong's Thursday December 5. Captain A. Dotterman and General John Pedden will preach at the home of George W. Deshong Friday December 6, at 8 o'clock and at J. L. Richards Saturday December 7, at 8 o'clock and December 8, at 10 o'clock, 2.30, and in the evening at 7.30. Come one, come all.