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How McConnellsburg Won in the Fight for Court House and Jail.

[The following very interesting article is from the pen of J. P. Barron, Esq., editor and proprietor of "The Bloomfield Democrat," an up-to-date newspaper published at Bloomfield, Indiana. Mr. Barron, or "Jim" as he is remembered by the older folks here, spent part of his early life near this place, his father owning the Judge Morton farm east of town.—Editor.]

EDITOR NEWS:—I greatly enjoy looking over your paper as it comes to me from week to week. Although nearly half a century has elapsed since as a boy, I left old McConnellsburg, I see many family names that were familiar to me in the long ago, and a very few still remaining that were my associates in boyhood.

My father moved to McConnellsburg about the year 1847, purchasing the old Fasnacht farm adjoining town on the east and north east. [The farm is now owned by Judge Morton.] We lived there then till 1854 when we sold and moved to Iowa. It was during this period, about 1850, that the new county of Fulton was organized. I remember the event well. There was quite a struggle to get the bill through the legislature, as we had the old county of Bedford to fight which, of course, kicked hard against parting with so much of its territory. But we were able to convince the legislature of the justice of our cause and finally won. Then came the contest for the county.

The competing points were McConnellsburg, Licking Creek, (Harrisonville) and Fort Littleton. Licking Creek was the most central but the place was small and not a desirable location for a county seat, Fort Littleton was too much to one side of the county but it made the fight with the expectation of getting a slice from Huntington county added on. McConnellsburg was the central north and south, but only about a mile or so from the Franklin county line. There was, in fact, no really good central location. The enacting bill required the competing points to furnish the money to build the Court House and Jail, at least, \$10,000. Licking Creek was unable to raise the money. McConnellsburg raised the money, and felt dead sure of getting the County Seat; but when the Commissioners met to decide, Fort Littleton came up smiling with a bundle of notes running up to twelve or thirteen thousand dollars. The McConnellsburg fellows were thunder struck. They had not dreamed of such a thing. But they hustled around, secured a postponement to another day, went home and raised some more money came back and by smart effective work, finally prevailed on the Commissioners to award them the County Seat.

There was a good deal of feeling among the Fort Littleton people over the result, as they thought they had been unfairly treated, I remember the circumstance well, because my father was interested in both places—having a farm at Fort Littleton which my oldest brother farmed, and I, a boy, had to do the plowing for the wheat crop while he went round the county as one of the Committee to hunt up subscriptions for the County Seat.

The leading men who were instrumental in getting the new county and the County Seat have, I presume, all long since, passed to the other shore. I remember some of them—Hon. Mark Dickson, Scott and Calvin Fletcher, Dr. S. E. Duffield, Johnston Work, W. C. McNulty, the Hoke's, Elias Davidson, and others whose names I do not now recall.

I will not extend this article longer, but if you find it of sufficient interest to your readers to publish it, may, as I have leisure, give you some further reminiscences of the olden time.

J. P. BARRON

Scott Mellott has purchased a new buggy and was out trying it the other day. Scott says it runs as "slick as a whistle."

Mosser—Fisher.

One of the chief social events of the season took place at the Washington House in this place on Wednesday evening of last week when Dr. John Wesley Mosser and Miss Elizabeth Woollet Fisher were united in marriage.

Landlord and Mrs. Woollet had thrown their capacious buildings wide open, and at an early hour in the evening one hundred and sixty invited guests were present to join in the celebration of the joyous event.

At eight o'clock the deep mellow tones of the piano, at which Miss Gertrude Sipes so gracefully presided were wafted through the halls, giving notice that the hour had "arrove."

In exact time with the accents of Lohengrin, the groom, with Merrill W. Naceas best man, passed through the hotel office and down the long dining hall until they reached Rev. W. A. West D. D., who was to utter the official announcement that would make bride and groom man and wife. The bride, with Miss Mary Scott Sloan as maid of honor, now followed, and in a most beautifully solemn ceremony covering a period of exactly five minutes, the happy couple were receiving the hearty congratulations of their friends.

The next hour and a half was spent in serving refreshments, which were entirely in keeping with the well known hospitality of the host and hostess.

The bride dressed in cream lainsdowne trimmed in applique and liberty silk, looked very pretty, and the groom never looked more happy nor handsome.

Of the bridal gifts, we can only say that as we took a survey of them a day or two later as they were arranged in the parlor upstairs, they made us feel we had fallen into a wholesale and retail jewelry establishment.

New Grenada.

Cleaning house and making sun-bonnets.

No. 4 school closed Tuesday 8th inst.

Harry Houpp, wife, daughter, and grand-daughter, of Hollidaysburg, visited his brother Samuel Houpp, a few days.

L. H. Wible of McConnellsburg, visited our town one day recently.

Harry Ashton of Broadtop City was here on Sunday.

Harry Willet of Patterson, Pa., is visiting friends in the Valley.

Martha Mills left Monday for Philadelphia to enter the Pennsylvania Hospital to take a course as trained nurse. Our best wishes go with her.

Hooky and Aunt Lib spent Sunday recently at Fort Littleton with friends.

James Keith of Eagle Foundry, visited his brother A. D. Keith over Sunday.

E. W. McClain made a business trip to Altoona.

Henry Truax is preparing to build a new house.

Glover Horton is on the sick list.

Grant Wallace has moved to Three Springs.

Widow Barton has moved to near Enid, from Brush Creek valley.

William Lockard has moved to Woodcock's Mill property.

H. Clay Cornelius is suffering from rheumatism.

Quite a little excitement prevailed here last Tuesday. A Mr. Grimeson of Huntingdon, had driven into town, and his horse in some way became frightened and with the buggy attached dashed through our town twice and thence up Broadtop mountain. The runaway was not captured until it reached Broadtop City, a distance of seven miles. The top of the buggy was wrecked as the vehicle crossed the bridge leading from this place. The sample case containing choice confections bounced out and fell into the creek, the horse lost a shoe, and Mr. Grimeson had to walk through the mud to Broadtop City.

Samuel Alloway who was hurt in Woodvale mines is able to go to work again.

Myers—Kendall.

Among the most prominent social events of the season was that which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall in Ayr township on Tuesday. Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather which prevented about three dozen of us old folks from being present, about one hundred and twenty persons assembled to celebrate the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall's daughter, Miss Mabel Winifred, to Mr. J. Martin Myers, of the firm of Hege & Myers, Mercersburg's leading merchants.

The spacious double parlors were beautifully decorated, and at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. George W. Reiser at the organ playing a beautiful wedding march, Miss Orpah, a younger sister of the bride, entered with most becoming dignity, proceeded to the bridal arch, and untied the satin ribbon. Next came the best man Mr. Charles T. Burgner and the maid of honor, Miss Nora A. Conrad, both of Chambersburg carrying a large bouquet of carnations; following came the bride and groom, the former gowned in Paris mousseline trimmed in chiffon and satin applique, and carrying a rich bouquet of Maresch Neil roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Grove, assisted by Rev. S. B. Houston. After the congratulations of their friends an elaborate breakfast was served.

The bridal presents were such in value and quantity as will be entirely satisfactory to the accomplished young bride; and if the weather meant anything in connection with the wedding, it was the clouds dropping a few tears on the young Franklin county fellow for coming over and taking one of our best girls.

The bride and groom will spend the next ten days in the "eastern cities" where merchants usually have business about this time in the year.

McKibbin.

Boyd M. Lake and sister, Miss Date, have gone to Philadelphia, where they expect to find employment.

Nearly all the children of Philip Morgret's school are suffering from whooping cough.

William L. Spade has just returned home from Johnstown.

"Squire" Smith, who has been seriously ill for some months, is no better at this writing.

John Clevenger, of Hustontown made a trip through our vicinity last Saturday.

Miss Eva Bedford spent last Sunday afternoon as the guest of Miss Blanche O. Peck.

Some of our prominent farmers are engaged burning lime kilns.

Misses Queen and Grace Lake spent Saturday evening with their aunt, Mrs. Scott Baumgardner.

Rash Wink intends sawing a large lot of timber for Mr. W. H. Mellott and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lake.

Miss Delphia Truax spent Sunday at J. Miller Truax's.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Feight was buried at Pleasant Grove last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Funk spent Sunday with the family of B. F. Bedford.

Albert Mellott closed a very successful term of school to-day (Monday) at Pleasant Grove.

Howard L. Mellott is treating his residence to a new yard; also, a garden fence. Howard is one of our champion hustlers who does not believe in giving the chickens possession of everything.

David G. McDonald of Thompson township recently sold a hog that weighed 300 pounds; also, 11 shoats that aggregated 1370 pounds and two brood sows, receiving for the lot \$143.00.

Mrs. Kate Hess of Thompson, and Mrs. B. F. Shives of Ayr, spent last Thursday night with friends near McConnellsburg.

Perla May Wilson.

The eldest daughter of Henry and Willamine Wilson, of Clear Ridge, died at the home of her brother Charles, in Franklin county, April 3, 1902, aged 16 years, 10 months, and 18 days.

She was cut off in the midst of her youthful years, and when life seemed most promising.

The 18th of March, her brother moved to Franklin county. She accompanied them to their new home and contracted a bad cold, which developed into pneumonia. All that loving friends and skilled physicians could do, was of no avail and would not stay the ravages of the disease. Toward the end of her illness, when she knew the end of her life was near, she gave the blessed assurance that it was well with her soul. She said she loved the Saviour and was ready to go. She had been a bright, healthy, intelligent girl, was mild in disposition, kind in manner, and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. No death for a long time has caused such general sadness over the community in which she was reared.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a father and mother, one brother, Charles, one sister, Sadie, at home and a host of other friends.

Her remains were taken from her brother's to her home on Clear Ridge last Thursday evening and were interred in Clear Ridge cemetery Friday afternoon. She was borne to her last resting place by ten of her girl friends. Rev. Dressler preached her funeral sermon from Psalms 39: 4.

Saluvia.

Mrs. George W. Mellott, who has been dangerously ill the past few weeks, is slightly improved.

Reuben Mellott, and Will Deshong, of Johnstown were called to this vicinity by the death of Mrs. A. W. Deshong last week.

Miss Maggie Michael, of Everett, spent several days last week very pleasantly at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Harris.

The Presbyterian Sunday school, closed a very prosperous year last Sunday under the management of James A. Stewart, superintendent. The school will be reorganized next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock by Rev. West.

James Deshong, closed a very successful term of school at Shane's last week, and left Monday for Shippensburg, where he will attend the C. V. S. N. S. Mr. Deshong is one of our most progressive teachers, and with the training of that school, is destined to rank first in the profession.

W. H. Minick, of Everett, spent Saturday night at the home of his father, James Minick.

Brazil Minick of Chambersburg was visiting his uncle James Minick, last week.

John A. Hauman has had his pension increased from eight to ten dollars per month.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Austin, left Monday morning for Minneapolis, where they purpose making their home in the future.

They have the best wishes of a host of friends, who regret to see them leave, as theirs was one of the most hospitable homes in this county.

Gem.

There will be a spelling school at Cross Roads school Thursday evening. The school closes on that day.

The spring examination was held at Needmore last Saturday.

Howard and Amos Mellott of Sipes Mill spent Saturday evening and Sunday with their teacher at her home.

Samuel Hess and wife have moved to their new home at the George Mellott place.

Blair Truax has returned home again after completing his school in Ayr township on Saturday.

W. L. Peck and D. A. Fisher have each purchased a new horse.

Misses Elsie and May McEl-downey are going away to work soon.

B. F. Daniels raised his new barn last Saturday.

Barton—Brandt.

From the Shippensburg Chronicle.

Prof. Charles E. Barton, of the chair of grammar and Latin of the Shippensburg State Normal School, was married Wednesday evening, April 2, 1902, at 8.30 o'clock, to Miss Edith M. Brandt, daughter of Mr. P. K. Brandt, cashier of the First National Bank of Newport, Pa. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride and was performed by Rev. A. F. Lott, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The wedding was a very quiet one, only relatives being present. Prof. and Mrs. Barton left on the midnight train for Philadelphia and New York and will return to Shippensburg in time for the Spring term at Normal.

The bride is a graduate of the Normal School, of the class of 1900, and is a very charming girl, both in personal appearance and manner. Her return to this place will be a great pleasure to her many friends here.

Prof. Barton is a native of Fulton county and graduated from the Normal in 1891. He has been a member of the faculty for several years and is regarded as a strong and successful teacher. Just now he is seeking election as Superintendent of Fulton county and his friends earnestly desire his success, as he is admirably equipped for the position in every respect.

The Chronicle unites with the friends of Prof. and Mrs. Barton in tendering warmest congratulations and best wishes.

Owl Creek.

Oliver J. Oakman and his lady friend were visiting relatives in Buck Valley last week.

Miss Glenna Decker who was going to the Cove the first of April has postponed it till the 14th.

Miss Roxy Sipes is going to spend the summer with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sipes, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Deshong, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Deshong, Mr. Milton Decker and son Chester, Mr. Ferdinand Decker and son Russel—all gathered at the home of Baltzer Decker and surprised him with a big pile of wood. Mr. Decker is very proud of the wood that his sons and sons-in-law chopped him for he had a sore hand and could not cut any. Mr. Decker met with an accident last Friday coming home from Harrisonville, just as he crossed the creek at R. R. Sipes' his horse began to limp. Mr. Decker noticed there was something wrong. He made out to get to the gate to give Mrs. Sipes the mail, and telling Mrs. Sipes about his horse, she discovered that the horse had a nail in his foot. Mr. Decker getting out of his buggy, took hold of the horse's foot to raise it up, when the horse began to kick. At last he got the horse quiet, and raised his hoof again and saw that it was a 10-penny nail and that it was very rusty. Mrs. Sipes got a pair of pincers and while Mr. Decker held the horse's foot Mrs. Sipes pulled the nail out about half way when it became, restless again and began to kick. When Mr. Decker, got him quiet, his grand-daughter Goldie, who was with him got out of the buggy and finished pulling the nail out with her fingers.

Misses Ada and Rebecca Mellott were visiting Forest Dale school last week.

Milton Decker our old fur dealer is heart sick this week. He has to put a new fence around his garden, and can't deal in hides. Milton thinks there is nothing like dealing in skunk hides.

Miss Goldie Mellott was visiting her second cousin Mrs. Howard Hollenshead at Harrisonville, last Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Mellott of Hyndman was visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Mellott, near Pleasant Ridge last week. But she will return to her home on Monday. Her daughter Goldie, is going with her.

Mrs. Baltzer Decker and Mrs. Wash Mellott are on the sick list.

Miss Ida C. Woodal.

Miss Ida C. Woodal daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodal of Tod township died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Wash-abough last Sunday afternoon aged about 24 years.

Miss Woodal had lived with the Washabough family last summer, and had returned about a week before her death to stay this summer.

Last Friday afternoon she began to show symptoms of measles, on Saturday she felt worse, but not confined to her bed, and on Sunday morning she walked downstairs; but about nine o'clock she showed very alarming symptoms of heart failure. Her physician and friends were immediately sent for, but all saw that her days were numbered. About noon she asked to see her pastor, Rev. Wolf. He being absent, Dr. West was called. She talked to him very freely of her soul's welfare, and gave to him and all others who had the privilege of hearing her, the evidence that the death of a true Christian is only a step. Such simple, child-like trust was marvelous! Not one word did she utter expressing a doubt of what her future would be; but like a little, tired child, she trusted her Saviour.

Every relative was spoken to, or of, in a loving thoughtful way; and calmly she selected her pall-bearers. She did not forget her faithful physician, and asked that the money she had, might be paid to him. She asked that her friends might visit her grave once a month, at least. When some one said to her "You may get well," she replied, "No, I shall not.—Not long ago, I lay awake a whole night thinking I might get measles; and I then asked my Saviour whether I would get well if I got them, and he told me I would not." She even expressed regret that her death was so near the time of the Kendall wedding, and requested not to be buried before Wednesday.

As far as possible her wishes have been respected, and her body is placed in its last resting place in Union cemetery this (Wednesday) forenoon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Deshong.

Mrs. Mary Ann Deshong, wife of Abram W. Deshong of Licking Creek township died Tuesday April 1, 1902, Aged 55 years 4 months and 3 days. Mrs. Deshong had been suffering about two years with cancer of the breast, which was the cause of her death. Thirty-two years ago, she became a member of the Sideling Hill Christian church, and had since that time been a most faithful and exemplary member. Her funeral occurred on Thursday. Her remains were taken to the Sideling Hill Christian church where in the presence of a large congregation, an able and impressive sermon was preached by Rev. S. L. Baugher, of Needmore. She was interred in the cemetery at that church.

She was the mother of 14 children—4 sons and 10 daughters. She is survived by her husband, 1 son, and 8 daughters; and by 10 grand-children, 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Mrs. J. A. Rummel.

Mary, wife of Ex-sheriff J. Alfred Rummel, died at their home, near Gettysburg, Wednesday April 2, 1902, aged 46 years and four months.

Mrs. Rummel had been sick about five weeks, and the immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She was interred Saturday in Evergreen cemetery at Gettysburg.

She is survived by her husband and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummel were residents of this place for many years, and she is most kindly remembered by her many friends here.

James A. Rummel and George Doyle of this place, attended the funeral.

TEACHERS NOT FORGOTTEN.

Death of Abner Mellott Revives Memories of First Day at School.

MR. EDITOR:—In reading the "News" of recent date, the name Abner Mellott, brought back memories of forty years ago, when the writer, then a little boy of five, went his first day to school. Surely will his pupils at the Cross Roads, in Belfast township, read with sorrow of Mr. Mellott's death and recall pleasant memories of his kindly patience toward us.

Among my many other teachers for whom I cherish a warm friendship and kindly regard, I love to recall the names of Abimaz Runyan, Elijah Palmer, Milton T. Reeder, W. Frank Hart, and Geo. B. May. And as the white hairs increase in number, more fully do I realize the earnestness and appreciate the worth of these true moulders of human character. As Whittier says,

"Still sits the schoolhouse by the road
A ragged beggar shunning;
Around it still the sumacs grow
And blackberry vines are running.

"Within the master's desk is seen,
Deep scarred by raps official,
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jack-knife's carved initial;
The charcoal frescoes on its walls;
Its door's worn sill, betraying
The feet that creeping slow to school,
Went storming out to playing!"

Loving school mates in life's hard school, how few we find lament their gain and our loss, as they pass above us!

We always welcome the News—it is a friendly visitor.

That Harper, Kansas, baby, told of in last week's News, does not create any alarm here. Kansas is full of children "well formed and showing signs of intelligence." Usually the ones leaving Kansas for fear of a drought, are those who are not very fond of water.

Yours, as ever,

E. P.

New Murdock, Kan.

M. E. Appointments.

Among the appointments made by the Central Pennsylvania conference of the M. E. church last Wednesday the following are of interest to our readers:

William Moses, Bellwood; Geo. M. Shimer, Center and Sandy Ridge; John Vrooman, Glen Hope; John B. Durkee, Karthaus; Geo. W. McClain, Munson; W. W. Reese, Ramey; Ellsworth M. Ailer, Warriors Mark; R. H. Gilbert, Berwick; E. E. A. Deavor, Hazleton; W. A. Carver, Airville; Bruce Hughes, Greenville; Joseph E. Ott, Harrisonville; J. R. Melroy, Hustoutown; Henry M. Ash, Liverpool; A. D. McCloskey, McConnellsburg; Alex Lambertson, Buruham; H. W. Seibert, Burnt Cabins; J. H. Diebel, Clearville; H. K. Ash, Ennisville; J. D. W. Deavor, Millintown; P. F. Eyer, Saxton; W. J. Sheaffer, Three Springs; Oliver S. Metzler, Emporium; Harry W. Newman, Mexico; Owen Hicks, Montandem; Amos S. Baldwin, Williamsport.

Sipes Mill.

Their was a large crowd at Singing last Sunday evening at Ebenezer.

Among our Sipes Mill students who took the examination at Needmore were Amos and Howard Mellott.

Capt. C. T. Dixon is on the sick list.

Wm. Layton and wife of Whips Cove visited Mrs. Effie Wink Sunday, and Daniel H. Mellott visited J. N. Daniels; also Newton Knable visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Mellott.

Henry Shaw and wife of Bedford county, is visiting Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mellott.

Charlie Hixson and his mother Mrs. Louisa Hixson, of Emmaville, came over to McConnellsburg Monday. Mrs. Hixson expects to remain a couple of weeks among friends here, as it is her first visit to this place since our Centennial in 1886.

Mr. Logue Bass spent last Thursday at the county seat.