

# The Fulton County News.

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## PEDDLER DROWNED.

Solomon Sager, a Russian Jew, drowned at Gregory's Fording.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Solomon Sager a pack-peddler who was "working" the lower end of the county was drowned at Gregory's fording in Thompson township.

He took dinner Wednesday at the Jonathan Shives farm up on the side of Dickeys mountain. From that place he went down to the creek, and up to the iron bridge at Gregory's fording where he intended to cross Licking creek, and go toward Hancock.

Jared Pittman lives on the Andrew Shives farm a short distance down the creek from the bridge. Sometime during Wednesday afternoon, Sam Smith, who is employed at Mr. Pittman's, noticed something floating down the creek which was very much swollen from the recent rain, and he got a pole and fished the object out which proved to be a peddler's pack. Later a cap was found.

The matter was soon noised about the neighborhood, and on going to the bridge a cane was found, and part of a coat hanging to the bridge.

Word was sent to Hagerstown where a sister and half-brother of the peddler lives, and the half-brother, Simon Sager came, reaching the scene of the supposed drowning Saturday.

In the meantime, a systematic search was made for the body. On Saturday three skiffs were joined by chains, so that by means of drag hooks the whole bottom of the creek might be examined. With men in the skiffs, and others on the banks with poles with hooks in the end, a careful search was made until about four o'clock, when Jacob Hewett, Esq., prodding in from the bank, felt an object, which proved to be the body of the missing peddler. Mr. Hewett succeeded in getting hold of the peddler's clothing with the hook on his long pole, and brought the body, which was lying on the bottom of the creek, to the surface, and dragged it out to the bank.

An inquest was held, and the body was left at Jared Pittman's until Sunday morning, when Ed Bushong sent a team out from Hancock and had the body conveyed to Hagerstown.

While no one is known to have witnessed the terrible accident it is believed that when the peddler reached the middle of the bridge, he was fatigued from carrying his heavy load, and he straightened himself up meaning to rest his pack on the railing; and that when the weight of the pack came on the railing, the railing gave way suddenly precipitating peddler and pack a distance of ten or fifteen feet into the muddy seething waters below.

## Sipes Mill.

Orpha Snyder closed a very successful term of school to-day (Monday).

Lloyd Mellott fell off his fathers limelike and sprained his shoulder very badly, last week.

O. T. Mellott burnt his limelike last week.

Miss Lillie Wink, Orpha Snyder and L. S. Wink visited Anthony Mellott last Sunday.

Rev. Joseph Ott preached a very good sermon at Ebenezer last Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Mellott is lying critically ill.

Clarence Mellott a young hustler was through here selling medicine to the afflicted.

Quite a number of our young people from Sipes Mill attended the spelling school at cross roads last Thursday evening.

Howard Mellott has got the fiddle. He says all he needs is the beat.

Prospects for a very progressive Sunday school at the Sideling hill Christian church is good as they had over 75 members enrolled last Sunday.

Rev. R. H. Hoover spent a day or two in town this week.

## Democratic Candidates.

The Fulton Democrat contains the names of the following gentlemen who have announced themselves as candidates subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention to be held in this place on Tuesday June 3, 1902. The names are given in the order of their announcement.

## LEGISLATURE.

W. H. Nelson, of Ayr; and S. W. Kirk, of McConnellsburg.

## PROTHONOTARY.

Frank Mason, Tod; George A. Harris, Licking Creek; James P. Waltz, Tod; and Philip J. Barton, Taylor.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Samuel D. Mellott, Bethel; Samuel H. Hockensmith, Taylor; Silas Holly, Brush Creek; George Sigel, Union; J. H. H. Lewis, Bethel; M. M. Bender, McConnellsburg; W. L. McKee, Brush Creek; E. L. Peck, of Thompson.

## New Grenada.

Mr. Jacob Black is afflicted with neuralgia.

J. H. Edwards and wife of Portage were circulating among friends in New Grenada and Wells Valley a few days last week.

John Mills has returned from Bosswell, Pa., reporting business in mechanical line very slow there.

Levi Truax and wife, of Enid, visited friends in New Grenada on Sunday.

Hon. S. W. Kirk was shaking hands with his many friends here last Saturday.

Richard Alloway and wife of Woodvale, visited Richard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Alloway.

Jesse O. McClain, Robertsdale's enterprising merchant, was in our village awhile Saturday evening.

Misses Elizabeth and Laura Foster, who have been in Altoona all winter, arrived at their home in Wells, on Sunday, looking hale and hearty.

John Thomas, wife, and daughter Ethel, attended the funeral on Sunday, at Saltillo, of the daughter of Samuel Thomas.

That terrible noise and confusion heard on Thursday in Well Valley, and supposed to be made by a flock of wild geese, was not made by geese at all. No, they were not geese nor geese, although they might be called "ducks." It was just a nice party of twenty-two ladies of the Valley, assembled at Mrs. Jane Truax's at a quilting party, quilting two quilts. Such a merry-go-happy crowd, the reader can imagine, and that fine dinner, too, was another most important feature.

Rev. W. S. Finney of Orbisonia, enroute from Everett, where he had attended presbytery, passed through our Valley stopping a couple days with friends at Wells Tannery, thence to New Grenada when Dr. Campbell transported him to Robertsdale.

Brint Lamberson of Hustontown, was in our town on Saturday hunting school directors.

Mitchel's gospel wagon, the first one ever known to go through here, went through on Friday.—Wouldn't hurt to have such a wagon stop here awhile, if it would improve the moral part of this vineyard.

## Covalt.

Quite a number of our young men will leave for bark peeling next Monday.

D. H. Truax and Ira Diehl went to Hancock last Monday, but on account of the high water, did not return till Wednesday. Carl had the misfortune to fall into the creek.

Hartman Truax and Ira Diehl purchased a nice young horse last week.

With last week's issue the Everett Republican entered upon the ninth year of its life in the field of journalism. The management has great reason to be proud of the success that has attended the career of the Republican. It is a model county weekly and deserves continued prosperity.

## THREE FIRES.

Three Fires in Three Days is the Record of the Past Week.

"It never rains but it pours" should be applied to fires. Nearly a score of years has elapsed since this town or immediate vicinity was visited by a fire.

Last Thursday evening, Mr. A. L. Alexander who lives at the toll-gate just east of town, noticed a blaze starting in a straw-stack in a field belonging to M. R. Shaffner near the toll-gate. Going at once to the stack, he was able to extinguish the flames, and extract from the stack a pine torch that had evidently been placed there by the person who fired the stack. Luckily, the stack was wet from the recent rains, and did not ignite readily, or else Mr. Shaffner would have had ashes instead of rotted straw for a fertilizer this spring. Just in this connection we are authorized by Mr. Shaffner to say that he will pay one hundred dollars for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to that stack.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening the frame stable standing on the alley at the rear end of the lot the property of Mrs. Sarah Pittman just east of the Cooper House, was found to be on fire. The stable was practically empty. The roof had a tight floor, and contained a little cornfodder and the floor was covered with chaff and hayseed. Notwithstanding the fact that the roof was very damp, two minutes had not elapsed from the time the first spark of fire was discovered until the entire top of the building was wrapped in flame, and burning like a pile of tinder boxes.

At the first alarm of fire, the hose was promptly attached to a fire plug, and a stream of water turned on the burning with so much effect that in a few minutes the fire was extinguished. While the roof was destroyed and the weather boarding above the mow floor heavily charred, the building below the mow was not injured in the least. Had it not been for the water supply, the Cooper House property would likely have been destroyed and perhaps many other buildings.

About five o'clock last Saturday, the roof of the dwelling of John Kuhn, near the pike, about three miles west of McConnellsburg, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. Kuhn was in town at the time. Soon the neighbors gathered, but the fire had gained such headway that but little of the contents of the house could be saved. With the exception of the cook stove, a few chairs, and other articles of less importance, all the bedding, clothing, organ, and other furniture was destroyed. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Kuhn, as there was no insurance.

"And now to wit, Wednesday morning" as the lawyers say, we have another fire, to write up. Tuesday evening the exciting cry of fire, fire, was heard on the street and soon everybody was anxiously enquiring where it is? where is it? Soon the sky was lit up in the eastern part of town and the crowd ran in that direction. About 8 o'clock the new frame stable, wagonshed, and corn crib of Mr. John Fox a few hundred feet east of the borough line on the turnpike had been set on fire. There being about a ton of hay in the mow it was but a few moments until the whole top of the building was wrapped in flames.

The fire hose was brought as soon as possible and attached to a plug which soon put the fire out, but not until the building and contents were practically destroyed. We refrain from making any comments, but hope to be able to give our readers some interesting reading later.

Mr. H. W. Killian who has been engaged in the jewelry repair business here during the past eight months, closed up his business here and went to Chambersburg, Tuesday.

## Memorial Day.

Steps are being taken by King Post G. A. R. to properly observe Memorial Day in this place.

Addresses will be delivered by Hon. S. W. Kirk and M. R. Shaffner, Esq.

Mrs. George W. Reischer will have charge of the music.

The Sabbath schools, with their teachers, are requested to attend, and to assist in the distribution of flowers at the respective cemeteries.

Committee on Flowers: Mrs. Lou Jackson, Mrs. Nick Roettger, Mrs. P. F. Black and daughters, Mrs. Abram Runyan, Mrs. James W. Rummel, Mrs. J. E. Rummel, Mrs. Matilda Helman, Mrs. C. C. Bender, Mrs. Henry Comer, Misses Nellie and Mertie Comer, Mrs. D. C. Fleck, Mrs. D. T. Fields, Misses Olive and Murney Grissinger, Mrs. S. M. Cook, Miss Catharine Cook, and Miss Netha Nesbit.

Exercises begin at the Court House at 1 o'clock p. m.

## D. C. FLECK, A. RUNYAN, D. T. FIELDS, Committee.

## Whips Cove.

We are glad to note that the health of Miss Alice Hart is much improved.

A Sunday school has been organized at Whips Cove church, and much interest is being manifested. A Sunday school might very properly be called a bible school, for its main object is to afford an opportunity to study the bible systematically. It seems to me that every boy ought to attend, and assist in making it a power for great good. No one can stay away with the excuse that he has no need of the good book. There was a pleasant "singing school" conducted at the church last Sunday afternoon by Belle Diehl and Emma Winters.

Plessinger and Garland have finished sawing shingles at W. L. McKee's. In attempting to move their machinery away from Mr. McKee's, they had the misfortune to break a spindle, the steam gauge, the inspirator, and other parts.

D. A. Baker is still visiting his mother and other relatives in Maryland.

Ed Diehl has the paint ready for his new building. C. C. Mellott has been engaged to put it on.

Caleb Mellott and Boston Diehl, our champion crosscut sawyers say, if you have any wood to saw, just bring it along.

Miss H. Belle Diehl our skillful seamstress, is kept busy now.

Miss Julia Mellott has gone to Harry Plessinger's to do general housework.

Mr. Emory Diehl accompanied his friend Miss Blanche Barton, to her home in the Valley a few days ago.

Our popular harness maker, W. V. Hart, has just finished and shipped a fine lot of harness to Jonathan Cope in Chester county.

The large gray driving horse owned by Elijah Mellott, and sold to James Whitfield, for 75-100 dollars was seen hauling goods for a peddler.

Last Tuesday Luther Darr and Thomas Bloom, of Everett, were playing with a revolver. It is the same old story. Bloom had removed all the cartridges from the revolver, that is, he thought he had. It happened that one remained. In a playful way he pointed the firearm at Darr and pulled the trigger. The ball struck Darr in the back. While the wound is not necessarily a fatal one it is very painful.

J. G. Reischer of the firm of Geo. W. Reischer & Co., left last Saturday for the eastern cities to buy a stock of goods for their spring trade. He was accompanied as far as Baltimore by his wife.

Ed Reischer has returned home after completing in Lancaster county his first term of school.

## Saluvia.

O. E. Hann's three children are suffering from an attack of measles.

Harvey Strait left for Philadelphia last week, where he has secured a position with John Bain's force of linemen, on the Western Union.

Mrs. George F. Metzler, of Harrisonville, left for Philadelphia Monday to be present at the graduation of her son Oscar Metzler, who will complete his four year's course of pharmacy.

Seymour Polk, who resides on John Ewing's farm, has been suffering from an attack of hernia for several months, and is in a very serious condition at this time.

Rev. and Mrs. Pittenger spent several days with friends in this vicinity last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis arrived at Harrisonville, Thursday. He will preach at Siloam next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock and Green Hill at 7.30 P. M.

The Green Hill Presbyterian Sunday school reorganized last Sunday. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year; John S. Harris, superintendent; W. R. Speer, assistant superintendent; C. H. Mann, secretary and librarian, and Emory Pittman, treasurer. The annual report of the secretary showed the school to be in a very encouraging condition.

## Gen.

Mrs. Kate Hess spent last week with her sister Mrs. D. A. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hess spent Sunday with Mr. Hess's mother.

Austin Lynch started Saturday last to Virginia, where he has secured employment.

Job Harr and a Mr. Patterson, of Franklin county, were seen coming across the mountain Saturday bringing with them two nice cows. Job is a farmer, girls.

Mr. G. J. Mellott spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother-in-law Mrs. Smith, in Bedford county.

Arlington Garland preached an able sermon at Cross Roads school house last Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. There will be preaching at that place, on the second Sunday of each month during the summer season.

There was a pound party conducted very nicely at Mr. McEl-downey's, last Friday evening. A number of invited guests were present, namely, Norman Akers, Levi Morton, Anthony Mellott, B. N. Palmer, Albert Mellott, Logue Wink, S. R. Martin, Joseph Mellott, Austin Lynch, T. E. Wink, Grover Peck, Bliss Lynch, Harvey Snyder, Loyd Ray, Harvey Sharp, Ed Simpson, Rennie Sharp, Corde Snyder, Lillie Wink, Orpha Snyder, Anna Culler, Millie Lynch, Bessie Morton, Emma Mellott, Tempie Snyder, Irene Pott, Cora Funk, and Mattie Funk.

These young people amused themselves very pleasantly with games, music &c., and had a good time.

## Fire at Franklin Mills.

An old land mark near Franklin Mills went up in smoke on Thursday night, or more properly, on Friday morning, as it was after the midnight hour when discovered by Mrs. J. H. Lewis, who first discovered the light from the burning shining into her bedroom. They were both on fire at the same time which points strongly to be the work of an incendiary.

The property was but recently purchased by Aaron H. Lanehard from J. Ed Golden, and is known as the Jacob Younker farm and is situated about two miles north of Franklin Mills. The buildings were built well on to a hundred years ago and were in a good state of preservation. The loss falls heavily upon Mr. Lanehard and no tangible reason can be assigned why this dastardly act should be perpetrated upon him. There was no insurance carried on the building. Loss about \$700.—Hancock Star.

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## Mr. L. E. Price, Dead.

The subject of this notice will be remembered as the husband of Mrs. Catharine Barber, formerly of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Price visited friends in this county two years ago, and last winter Mrs. Price and her son Albert spent several weeks here. Their home is in Michigan.

The Price family arose in their usual health on the morning of April 2, and after breakfast, Mr. Price went to the creamery. On his way returning he was attacked by a severe pain in the back part of his head. During the day he became unconscious, and died the next day, aged 56 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

Mr. Price was born in Livingston county N. Y., went to Michigan in 1853, was married to Miss Catharine Barber in 1874.

Mr. Price was an excellent citizen, and won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact when visiting here.

The widow and son have the sincerest sympathy of their Pennsylvania friends.

## Kate Dagenhart.

From a newspaper clipping we get the following information concerning the death of a lady who was born and reared in Ayr township this county. "Miss Kate Dagenhart, who has been bedfast for nine days of running fever, died Monday morning, April 7, 1902 at her home in Bloomington, Illinois. Miss Dagenhart was born 50 years ago near McConnellsburg, Pa., and had lived in Bloomington over twelve years, having come here to make her home with her brother, the late Philip Dagenhart, who was a well known engineer on the C. & A. She leaves a foster sister, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, of Peoria; a brother, Mr. J. A. Dagenhart, of Chambersburg, Pa., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. Dagenhart. Miss Dagenhart inclined to the Baptist denomination in her religious belief and the funeral, which will be announced later, will be in charge of that denomination. Mrs. H. H. Johnson, of Peoria, is expected to be here today to attend the funeral."

## Sideling Hill.

Judging from the number of Mellotts whose names I see in the Fulton County News from time to time, I believe there are enough in Fulton county to lick the whole British army in South Africa. Well, nobody need be ashamed of the name. My name's Mellott, and I am proud of my ancestry.

The Mellott Lumber Company are cleaning up logs at Franklin Mills. They are pushers.

William Golden came near losing a very valuable horse, from running a nail into his foot. I don't mean that the horse run a nail into Mr. Golden's foot, nor do I mean that Mr. Golden run the nail into the horse's foot. The horse, in the old fashioned way, tramped on a nail and it penetrated the horse's foot causing the horse great pain.

Walter Weicht and Mr. Hess have bought a traction engine and a sawmill and are going to saw for J. T. Bridges.

R. J. Layton is busy building a wagon shed, and Reuben is just now the proudest man on earth. When he is not working at the shed, he is in the house singing "Rock-a-by baby on the tree top". The baby is a boy.

Roy Garland has purchased a new buggy. Look out, girls. Who'll be the first to get a ride in it?

Tol Bridgosis buying lots of timber. His recent purchases were made from J. L. Garland, Reuben Mellott, and Ezra Mellott & sons, and others.

The new oil company has a capital stock of \$10,000. They will get oil if they go down deep enough. Henry Rehner an expert mineralogist located seven belts on Reuben Mellott's place.

Some one is hunting on the mountain. Don't forget that it is out of season and that the game warden has his eye on you.

## Big Cove Tannery.

The spring birds are singing. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Ray were in McConnellsburg last Saturday afternoon.

Misses Mary Mellott and Ocie Mellott and John Gress and Bruce Kelly went to Knobsville last Sunday.

Jacob Crouse and John Carbaugh spent Sunday at George Deshong's.

Miss Esther Sloan and Mrs. Sappington spent Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Sanner Ray's.

There was a large number of people attended Lutheran preaching, Sunday.

Jessie Richards was working for Mrs. George Bivens last week.

Rev. Himas Mellott will preach at Laurel Ridge, April 27th at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosley Byers and family, Miss Ella Little of Hancock, John Keefer and Earl Everts of Plum Run, and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Shives and little daughter Netta, were at Joseph L. Richards's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bivens and children Marie and Horace, spent Sunday at James Bivens's.

Miss Mary Mellott has quit working for Mrs. Roe Mellott.

Our school closes on Wednesday of this week.

Our friend Loyd Ray takes a trip across Scrub Ridge quite often.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deshong were visiting Mrs. Deshong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Peck.

## West Dublin.

Levi Hockensmith, Ed Deshong, Howard Deshong, and Charlie Mumma of Licking Creek, were at Epworth League at Fairview, Sunday evening.

Samuel Blake and family, have moved to Orbisonia.

Albert King and son Lloyd, of Altoona, spent a few days last week with Albert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram King. Albert has been unable to work nearly all winter on account of rheumatism.

Most of the schools of our township closed last week.

On account of the heavy rains during the winter, our roads are very much washed. Much might be saved to taxpayers if the roads were properly drained, and the drains kept open.

Fannie Brant who spent the winter in Wells Valley, will live with Casper Brant's family during the summer.

Pearl Keebaugh of Dublin Mills is employed at J. E. Lyon's.

S. S. Wilson is ahead with potato planting, having planted some on March 26, which are up.

The cold and wet weather has kept back garden making and spring plowing in this community.

George W. Sipes of Wells Valley, huckster through this community, became too sick last Monday to continue his work and had to go home, leaving part of his route unfinished. We are glad to learn he is somewhat better. William Deshong who has lately moved to the Valley took Mr. Sipes's place on Friday.

H. K. Markley and George W. Fisher were here last Friday night; and Mr. Markley, who is D. D. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. of this county, installed the officers of McConnellsburg Lodge: N. G., D. Malloy; V. G., G. B. Daniels; I. G., Geo. A. Comer; L. H. Wible, secretary, and Dr. A. D. Dalbey treasurer were elected last fall.

Herbert A. Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy of Webster Mills, while exercising in the gymnasium at the school at College Park, Md., on the 3d inst, fell and fractured his elbow. He was sent at once to Baltimore where the injured member had skilful surgical attention, and his arm will soon be all right again.

Harry K. Markley of Warfordsburg returned last Wednesday evening after a visit among friends in Juniata, Clearfield and Blair counties.