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Clem Pays His Respects to Those Who Opposed His Re-election.

In submitting this my ninth and last annual report, there is but little to be said different from other reports.

In 9 years, Ayr has built 2 new houses, both good, the last fine, and furnished all of her ten with slate blackboards. Belfast has built two new houses, furnished the two with slate boards and one with patent furniture. Bethel has built three new houses and furnished all her schools with slate boards. Brush Creek has built three new houses, one for two schools, and repaired two others, furnishing all with patent furniture and slate boards.

Dublin has all good houses and slate boards in the nine years, and will build one new house for another school the coming year. Licking Creek has built two new houses and put in one slate board. McConnellsburg has put in slate boards, and organized a High school, in a rented room.

Taylor has all good houses and had nine years ago. Thompson has put slate boards in, all, and has engaged patent furniture for all to be put in the coming year. Tod has built two new houses for new schools and has put slate boards in all but one. Union has built six new houses, one in place of one burned. All are fine. Wells has built one new house and an addition to one for another school. Only two have good blackboards, and No. 2 house is a very poor one. This shows that the material improvement has been considerable.

The corps of directors in nearly all cases has improved thus accounting for material improvements. Public sentiment has improved the body of directors, and the well qualified, enthusiastic, and devoted body of teachers has made the public sentiment. So after all, all rests on the teachers.

I have made a steady fight for better salaries. It has been mostly successful too. Too much praise cannot be given to the teachers as a class. The policy has been to drop or prevent the employment of teachers who were not fairly successful, after a fair trial.

The local institute work has been the strongest single factor in building up the working power of the teachers, and rousing public sentiment. A teacher's personal and professional growth is measured by the interest in and attendance on these meetings. I have in the past 16 years attended and taken part in near about 400 of these meetings. Let me urge teachers and superintendent to keep up this work. In the prosecution of school work I have traveled over 20,000 miles and spent about \$500 that a miser would have saved.

We have built up a school system where none existed.

We have placed libraries in by far the greater part of our schools.

We have saved thousands of dollars to the people of the county by the closer attention to business methods by boards. The spread of intelligence and growth of character, emanating from our improved schools has cut the business of our courts down to almost nothing.

The last term was a particularly strong one in the quality of teaching.

Never did any man have the more complete confidence of teachers than I have. I believe I did and still have the confidence and support of all worthy people. For the support of the unworthy I never cared, but courted their hate.

I even believe I hold the full confidence of the directors although the majority of them May 6th voted to throw down the work that has been done by electing a non-resident, who has never taught but one or two terms in the county several years ago, over

several men finely qualified, who had grown up in the work.

Charity will say that these sworn officers were merely carried away by the desperate political efforts and peculiar argument (?) of a knot of boodlers, gamblers, sots, and libertines, aided by the mercenary hirelings of a certain book company, hoping to fasten a monopolistic hold on the county, and did not vote according to their sober judgment.

The greatest compliment ever paid to me is found in the forces (not among the directors) arrayed against me and the means used to upset the sober judgment of the directors, and violate the sentiments of nine-tenths of the people.

I flatter myself that a man who could fill the superintendency years ago, will rattle around in it very lonely now.

I leave the system in pretty good shape. If my successor shall spend his time, money, and brain power for the advancement of the schools as I have done, I pledge him my hearty support. But if he shall simply seek to make a nice easy job of it merely for the money he can save out of it, I can assure him his place will be no enviable one.

Let me thank all who have supported the work in the past, and ask all to stand by that work in the future, for the dearest interest of any community is the education of its children, and in the efficiency of its schools depends the virtue, happiness and prosperity of a people.

Resp,
CLEM CHESNUT.

Sipes Mill.

Albert Mellott, one of our successful teachers, has gone to Franklin county to get some muscular development in the harvest field.

Mrs. Malinda Swope and family, who were visiting Mrs. Swope's mother, Mary Mellott, returned to their home at Coalport, Clearfield county last Monday.

Chas. D. Mellott returned to Clearfield county, Monday.

Edward Swope visited friends in Everett recently.

Miss Lillie Wink is clerking in Mrs. Matilda Akers's store while Mrs. Akers is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Rev. Hendershot preached an able sermon at the Sideling Hill Christian church last Sunday.

David Hollenshead and Sherman Bard visited Anthony Mellott last Sunday.

Now here is the answer to Hustontown's question:

In the first problem, the father was 71, the son 38, and the grand-son 18 years.

□The second, the grandfather could be father, brother, father-in-law; and the grandmother could be mother, daughter, sister, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law. Now we have two. There was another father, mother, son, daughter, and sister, which is 5, and these added to the first 2, makes the 7.

Miss Essie B. Truax is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles S. Mellott.

Milton Mellott had six hands employed last week digging out his gold mine. Now, boys, is your chance to get some gold.

Miss Louie Truax and Miss Mary J. Mellott were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Mellott Friday night.

Milton Mellott's little daughter Blantena, is very ill. Dr. Swartzwelder is her physician. Milton's new barn is nearly finished.

Mrs. Tom Mellott spent Saturday afternoon at Mr. Milton Mellott's. Tom went to the mountain to gather huckleberries. He says he ate about half a bushel. Dr. Hoop is attending him now.

Mrs. Wm. Selsor of Mercersburg visited John and Annie Selsor in this place last week.

Good as Gold.

George W. Sipes, druggist at Carlisle, died a few days ago at the age of 34 years. A few years previous to his death he had joined the Royal Arcanum. Five days after the funeral his wife received from the Royal Arcanum 3,000 good dollars.

The Royal Arcanum society was organized twenty-five years ago with nine members. To-day there are 27 grand councils and every state and territory, besides a number of British provinces, have councils of the Royal Arcanum. New York state has 62,000 members, Pennsylvania has 29,000. There is a total membership of 250,000, and there have been 25,000 death claims paid. The cash assets of the organization is \$2,121,000, with a reserve fund of \$1,640,000. The cost of maintaining the society is eighty cents per capita—the lowest of any society.

Don't you think your wife would find \$8000 handy to have about the house, in case you should be called away from her and your family? How long will it take you, judging from what you are laying by now, to get \$3000 ahead? More years than you've got to live, if you stay in Fulton county.

If you knew how to add \$3000 to the value of your estate—to add it quickly, easily, and surely—would you do it?

Here's the know how. Apply for membership in any Royal Arcanum Council. (There is one in McConnellsburg, and many of the best business men are members.) If you are 35 years of age, it will cost you \$2.94 monthly payments and \$1.00 quarterly—no more or less. If you are under 35, it will cost you less; if above 35, more. Should you feel like carrying \$1000 instead of \$3000, then you pay just one-third as much a month. Don't be worried by what an insurance agent may say about the Royal Arcanum. Remember, he is not in business for the Arcanum.

Don't wait until disease fastens itself upon you. Then you can't get in. Only men who can pass a satisfactory medical examination can get into the Arcanum or into any other insurance organization.

Needmore.

Miss Pearl Hart and Miss Floy Beach, of Indiana, who have been visiting friends in this vicinity, started for their western home on Monday. They will spend a few days with relatives in Pittsburg.

Uncle John Shafer fell from his porch, a distance of four to six feet, on Saturday last, and sustained some severe bruises and sprains. We hope he may be able to be out soon again.

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those who attended the festival at Fairview, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sipes, of Hustontown, were visiting Mr. Sipe's brother, George W. Sipe, the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel H. Sipe, spent last Wednesday in McConnellsburg.

C. R. Davis, spent Saturday night with friends in Wells Valley.

Emory Pittman, of Harrisonville, was visiting his uncle John Nelson, near McConnellsburg, the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer, spent Saturday night with friends at McConnellsburg.

Miss Amanda Mellott, who has been employed by James Minick as housekeeper the past few months, was called to her home in Belfast township last week on account of the serious illness of her daughter.

The average attendance of members and friends of the Green Hill Presbyterian Sunday school, the past quarter was 50. Average weekly contributions 86 cents. Amount contributions to Foreign Missions \$1.60. Home Missions \$6.00 and County Sunday School Work \$1.00.

Owing to Children's Day exercises at the Green Hill M. E. church next Sunday the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The township auditors, James A. Stewart, R. P. Schooley, and overseer of the poor, Alex Skipper held a conference at Harrisonville Saturday evening.

Miss Myrtle Deshong, of Harrisonville, has gone to McKeesport, where she has employment.

James Minick, has been seriously ill the past week.

Frank Eitemiller, Mr. Benner, and Miss Jackson, of Pittsburg, and Miss Blanche Patterson of Webster Mills, spent last Monday evening with friends at Harrisonville.

Miss Ira Nelson, and Miss Sadie Rotz, of McConnellsburg, spent Friday with Mrs. S. K. Pittman, at Harrisonville.

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Almost!

When J. Kendall Johnston erected his new building a few years ago, in which he now resides and has his store, he added one of those greatest of conveniences—a nice wide back porch. During the season of hot weather this is readily transformed into a summer kitchen, and with an oil stove out there the heating of the inside of the house is averted. Last Sunday evening dinner had been prepared, the wicks on the oil stove turned down and the family seated around the table in the dining room, when they were aroused by the cry of fire. Rushing out Mr. Johnston found that the oil in the stove had ignited and was blazing, up to the ceiling. Unmindful of the danger Mr. Johnston seized the red-hot stove and hurled it into the back yard while by the prompt application of water by the other members of the family the fire was subdued. Mr. Johnston's hand was severely burned.

Dynamite Fire Crackers.

A law passed by the last legislature prohibits the manufacture and sale of dynamite fire crackers. It reads as follows: That from and after the passage of this act any person or persons manufacturing or selling fire crackers containing dynamite, chlorate of potash, or any explosive except that which contains ordinary gunpowder composed of saltpetre, sulphur and charcoal, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for a term of not less than six months and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Peightel-Stotler.

At the residence of the bride's grandfather in Seward, Illinois, on the eleventh of June by Rev. Hardin, Mr. Omert Peightel, a former McConnellsburg boy, was married to Miss Ethel Stotler, a charming young lady of Seward. Omert's eastern friends join in wishing him and his bride happiness and prosperity.

Stung By a Locust.

While Hunter Truax of Wells township was plowing corn last week, a locust alighted on the back of his neck and didn't do a thing but sting him. His neck swelled to enormous proportions, and he suffered great pain. The timely application of tobacco juice and turpentine seemed to counteract the effects of the poisonous sting, and Mr. Truax has recovered from his unpleasant experience without any serious consequences.

New Grenada.

Mrs. H. H. Bridenstine accompanied by her daughter Alice and son Harry, visited the family of Dr. McClain at Cassville.

Mrs. R. F. Stunkard and daughters, Myrtle Shore and Mary Barnett, of Hubersville, visited friends here on Friday.

Mrs. A. D. Keith and her daughter Sarah spent Sunday with friends at Eagle Foundry, and attended children's services at that place.

Miss Ella Black who has been at the State Asylum at Harrisonburg for sometime, arrived home, and is in very poor health.

Mad dogs are again in the Valley. G. W. Foreman found one in his barnyard attacking his stock. Two rifle balls ended the career of the unfortunate canine.

On Monday evening, June 23, fire destroyed the dwelling house and most of the contents—the late residence of Lewis Bergstresser at Waterfall. The origin of the fire was from a pipe or flue in the attic. No one was at home but Josie, and when fire was first discovered, it was too far gone to save the house. Only a few articles were saved—and they were broken—having been thrown out of the windows in time of the excitement. Auntie Rachael was

visiting friends at New Grenada when the fire occurred. She is 82 years old and it leaves her for the first time in her life, without a home. Kind friends are looking after her welfare. Wm. G., the only son at home, was in a back field plowing, and got to the fire too late to secure 69 dollars which he had laid away in the house. The house had a small insurance.

Our Tammany ball team played a match game on Saturday with Clear Ridge—the first game of the season. At the end of the fifth inning the game stood 7 to 4 in favor of Tammany, when some dispute arose concerning changing pitchers and our Tammany boys walked gentlemanly-like off of the field, much to their credit, thus ending the game.

Mrs. John Thomas and daughter Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Houpp spent Sunday with friends at Saltillo.

Maddensville.

Having noticed for sometime that the happenings of our lively little town have not been recorded in the News, I have come to the conclusion that the correspondent must have either broken his pen or lost his pencil; so here goes for a few items:

The fine showers that came during the past week, have revived vegetation—and made the corn fields and potato patches fairly smile.

Harvest time is here and hands are very scarce. So is the wheat and hay.

I have just been informed of a fishing social that was held along the banks of the Aughwick. It was well attended and a pleasant evening was spent. Those present from a distance were, Horace McNeil and Miss Utley of Saltillo, Pa.

S. H. Charlton has for some time been hauling bark to Saltillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose McElwee and two children, of Huntingdon, are visiting the family of Mr. Isaac Park.

Miss Jennie Linn visited her friend Miss Carrie Charlton last Sabbath a week.

George Charlton and Alonzo McCoy who have been absent for some time, are home visiting their parents for a short time.

A little daughter of Thomas Ramsey, was buried at Walnut Grove on Monday June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Laidig and little son, spent a day recently in Maddensville visiting old acquaintances.

Dr. W. S. Madden of Johnstown has taken up his abode in Maddensville.

Amaranth.

June 23.—Dr. J. M. McKibbin was at Hancock last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mellott spent Sunday with Benedict Oax and family at Robinsonville.

Mrs. Pearl Rice was the guest of the Misses Mary T. and Nora H. McKibbin last Sunday.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Deneen spent last Sunday with Robert Carson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stahl, Mrs. Louie Sigel and two daughters, and Miss Maggie Shanck were recent guests of Joseph Brady and family.

Uriah Diehl of Whips Cove, is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

81st Birthday Anniversary.

Twenty-six invited guests assembled at the residence of Geo. M. Myers of Bethel township, on Sunday June 22, 1902, to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. Abram Deshong, the aged father of Mrs. Myers.

The affair was more of a success because it was a complete surprise to Mr. Deshong.

A sister aged 85 years, and totally blind, also shared in the surprise with him.

Mr. Deshong is a veteran of the Civil War, and for his age, is a hearty and well-preserved man. Many useful and valuable presents were given him on this occasion.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Kendall of Ayr township are rusticationing at Bedford Springs.

C. T. W. Rider and W. H. Fix of Pittsburg, are spending a few days with their families near this place.

Mr. Frank Robinson, of Cumberland, spent a few days last week with his mother and sister in Bethel township.

George Summers of this place is taking his annual harvest vacation on "the farm" in Huntingdon county.

Miss Stella Sipes hands us an answer to the Hustontown correspondent's first question, namely, grandfather, 71, father, 38, and son, 18.

Holy communion at St. Paul's Lutheran church in this place next Sunday morning at 10:30. Preparatory services, Saturday at 2:30.

Preaching and communion services at Antioch Christian church Sunday morning, July 6, at 10 o'clock, and preaching and communion at May's Chapel at 7:30 in the evening of the same day.

Miss Lenore Hann of Taylor, and Miss Ethel Booser of Saltillo spent several days last week with their sister Mrs. W. H. Fix, west of town.

Mrs. Eliza Crosby of Lowville, N. Y. is with her sister Miss Rebecca Pott whose condition has not improved greatly since she had the "stroke."

Miss Annie Irwin of this place left on Monday morning for Tyre, N. Y. to accept a position as stenographic secretary to a lady who is a physician, lecturer, and author.

Wells Tannery.

Bruce Spangler of Pittsburg is home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler. Bruce has been a victim of typhoid fever for some time, but is regaining his usual good health.

Mrs. John Wishart and daughter returned recently from Sharpsburg, Md., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Blackford.

Mrs. Elsie McDaniels (nee Sheeder) of Everett visited relatives in the Valley last week.

Misses Alice and Nora Griffith have returned home from Derick city. They brought with them a fine piano.

H. B. Gano and John Allen spent a Sunday recently in our village.

Jerrie Sprowl has gone to a hospital in Altoona. He has our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. He has been a great sufferer for two years.

Miss Mae Carper of Illinois is visiting M. C. Greenland's family.

George A. Stewart has gone to Pittsburg on business. Moody has hold of the reins on the farm.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather last Saturday evening, there was a large crowd in attendance at the Neelkie Social which proved a great success both financially and socially. The Chamberlain quartette were present and acquitted themselves with credit.

Mrs. J. M. Sipes and children of Saxton are visiting friends in the valley.

Miss Mae Carper of—, Illinois, is spending some time with her friend Margaret Greenland.

Mr. John Wishart who has been dangerously ill for sometime is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDaniel of Everett, are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Greenland.

C. R. Davis and Mrs. James Horton of Salvia were among those from a distance who attended the social on Saturday evening.

School.

The Normal School will begin at Needmore Monday, July 7.

B. N. PALMER.
Needmore, Pa.