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FULTON COUNTY.

First Election for Township Officers in Belfast, and Bethel.

The first election for township officers of Belfast township in the county of Fulton was held at the house of Daniel Lake, on the 21st of March 1851. The election officers were, Judge, Philip Morgret; Inspectors, John Karney and Ephraim Lake, and Clerks, Abraham M. Peck and Bartimeus Smith.

The candidates for the respective offices, and the votes each received are as follows: Constable, Elias Mellott, 50; judge of election, George H. Sipes, 66; inspectors, Job Garland, 28, and Jacob K. Wink, 21; Supervisor, David Palmer, 49, and Jacob Lake, 46; auditor, Ephraim Lake, 26; overseers of the poor, John Morton, 21; James Lake, 21; school directors, Jacob P. Dishing, 56, William Lake, 49; township clerk, Samuel Truax, 12.

BETHEL.

The first election of Bethel township in the new county was held at the school house near John Daniels' on same date as above. John Daniels was judge, Isaac B. Hunter and Jacob Garland, the inspectors, and Joseph Bernhard and Stillwell Truax, the clerks.

The candidates and the vote for each are as follows: judge, Lemuel Gordon, 131; inspectors, Jno. Hendershot, 56, John Charlton, 49; constable, Charles Barney, 131; supervisors, John Rank, 64, Nicholas Garland, 63; school directors, Amos C. Stigers, 117, Benjamin Gale, 81; overseers of the poor, Philip Gordon, 41, Peter Fisher, 40; auditor, William W. Kirk, 63, Jason Hanks, 2; assessor, John B. Hooper, 86; township clerk, John Stillwell, 42, William F. Cardiff, 6; For removal of election 79, against removal 4.

Big Cove Tannery.

The Salvation Army is holding a camp meeting in David Lauver's woods three-fourth of a mile west of Big Cove Tannery. Everybody is welcome to attend these meetings.

Among those that attended the Grangers Picnic last week from the Tannery was Himmel Harris, Charles Crouse, Charles Deshong accompanied by Miss Millie Lynch James Gordon, Walter Shaw, Joseph Swisher and Harry Richards. They all report a good time.

Rebecca Carbaugh has been dangerously ill at the home of G. W. Deshong the past week but, at this writing, she is reported better.

Everybody is wanting rain in this part of the Cove; but all wishes fall in dry weather. Miss Emma Mellott who has had fever, we are glad to say is able to sit up; and Miss Maude Rinedollar was out driving one evening recently.

Millie Crouse and Etta Reese were thrown off one of David Rinedollar's spirited horses recently. The girls were not hurt, but badly scared.

Covalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gailey G. Chambers of Philadelphia were visiting Mrs. Chambers' parents last week.

Rev. William Hendershot expects to return to college.

Mr. Willard Hatfield left Monday for New York where he has employment.

Mr. Wm. Sigel is repairing his house on the Pittman farm into which Mr. Joseph Mellott expects to move soon.

The Salvation Army has moved from near Hancock to the Big Cove.

Dayton Peck sold a fine lot of hogs last week.

Daniel Rash is hauling lumber to Hancock with his engine.

Rev. Anthony will preach at Oakley September 14th at 3 P. M.

Is this a correct question? A man has \$17 in two-dollar bills and quarters; if twice the number of bills equals the number of quarters; how many has he of each?

Letter from Johnstown.

DEAR EDITOR.—As it has been a long time since I have been to Fulton county, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am still living and doing well. I have been in Johnstown Pa., since the 18th of Jan. last, and since that time have seen a very great many curiosities and some things of very great interest.

The greatest industry of this city is the Cambria Steel Company's works, which extend from upper Conemaugh to Coopersdale a distance of 5 1/2 miles and covers about 250 acres. They employ about 15,000 men and boys and pay from \$1.25 to \$7.00 per day. Every two weeks they pay out over \$300,000 to the laboring class of men about Johnstown. I saw an estimate in the Johnstown Democrat, one morning, that there were over 20,000 men carried their lunch every day in the city besides all who can take their meals at home and at restaurants.

I see a great many Fulton county people here, and meet some nearly every week. I see some of Dr. Wishart's people every day. They, like myself, and many others of Fulton, are getting along fine. The wages paid to tradesmen in this city is very good, indeed. Plumbers get \$3.50 per day for 9 hours, and painters, \$2.50 for 8 hours. I come under the head of painters. I partly learned my trade in Fulton before coming here. I went as far as I could go there, then came here and now am prepared for anything that comes under the head of painting and wood finishing or paper hanging.

I would like to say to any or all who want work at fair wages, to come to Johnstown. You need not be idle one day after you get here.

The great explosion which occurred here in the Cambria mine in July was quite a sad affair. I was at Grand View Cemetery on Sunday after the explosion and saw 17 funerals besides what were buried elsewhere. There were 46 unrecognized, which were added to the unknown plot at that place along with those of the great flood of '89, which makes now a total of 962 in the unknown plot.

Wishing the News and all my old friends much prosperity, I remain, as ever yours,

J. C. HORTON.

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C. M. Brant is building a wagon-shed and corn-crib 20x30. M. D. Mathias and D. R. Mumma are the carpenters.

Frank C. Mumma and family of Wilkensburg are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Michael Laidig and wife spent Sunday at Waterfall.

John Deavor has gone to Millersville to school.

Two of the members of Harrisonville Lodge I. O. O. F. from this place drove to Warfordsburg Saturday to attend a meeting of the Warfordsburg Lodge and Banquet. One of the party had not been over the road for forty years, and noticed many changes.

Some of the land had been cleared and some that was then cleared is now wood land. When he was over the road at that time he walked from Salvia to Hancock in less than six hours. Arriving at Warfordsburg the party were well entertained in the homes of the Warfordsburg brethren. In the evening quite a number of the Warfordsburg brethren, members of the Harrisonville and McConnellsburg Lodges and of the Clearspring Lodge assembled at the Warfordsburg Hall and had a pleasant session. After the session a splendid banquet, consisting of ice cream, cake, chicken, ham, bananas, pickles, and coffee, prepared by the ladies of Warfordsburg, was served to the Oddfellows present and their families. Much credit is due the Warfordsburg members for the splendid entertainment provided.

Hicks For September.

Warm weather will very likely prevail at the opening of the month. On and touching the 2nd and 4th no one should be surprised with energetic rain storms, wind and thunder. The chances are that cooler weather will result and from the 4th to the 7th frosts will occur in the northern portion. The elements will react into storm conditions of more or less energy about the 7th to the 9th, progressing from west to east. About the 11th may be expected many curious phenomena in earth and air—electrical storms, earth currents, auroral lights and seismic shivers. A storm period will be central about the 13th, which will bring much stormy and unsettled weather. From the 17th to the 19th will be one of the most dangerous periods in September, which time will bring the equinoctial storms. Cool nights and frosts will come again. The last storm period will fall about from 22nd to 27th, the outcome of which cannot be definitely predicted.

Wells Tannery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart have started on a western tour. Harry Baumgardner visited relatives in Saxton this week.

Hilda Wishart and her little friend Miss Miller of Huntingdon are visiting in the family of Mr. Harvey Wishart.

Master Levi Johnston is visiting relatives in Rays Cove.

Mr. Jerry Sprowl has returned from the Altoona hospital very little improved in health.

Emory Horton of Everett, is visiting his sister Mrs. Belle Anderson.

Minnie Swope and her brother Jack are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. George Swope of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheeder of Everett spent Sunday in the home of A. S. Greenland.

Mrs. Amanda Spangler who has been in Philadelphia for treatment returned to her home last Thursday.

Mrs. Daisy Bently of Washington D. C. visited her cousin Mary Baumgardner last week.

Mrs. Belle Markley and daughter Mrs. Truax, of Altoona, are visiting friends in the Valley.

The primary school opened Monday with Miss Susie May of Robinsonville, as teacher.

Mrs. William Horton of South Fork, is visiting her daughter Bessie Bivens of this place.

Those who attended the annual Methodist picnic held in the Elias Grove spent a pleasant day.

Miss Ada Gaster of Pittsburgh, accompanied by her sister Miss Margaret of Altoona, made a business trip to the Valley last Saturday.

The Wells Tannery base ball team played against Eoid and New Grenada last Friday. The score was 17-6 in favor of Wells Tannery.

Mrs. V. D. Schenck and Miss Markey of Loysburg, attended the picnic last Friday.

Warfordsburg.

Corn and buckwheat are suffering from the drought.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gordon of this place, and Miss Jane Gordon of Pigeon Cove, spent a week at Atlantic City.

Thomas Stoner and daughter, Miss Cora of Lashley, spent some time here last week.

Dr. James N. Kirk left last week for Roanoke, Va., where he will spend sometime.

J. C. Fisher and family of Dott spent Sunday with Mr. Alfred Mellott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Greer of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Greer's father, Mr. Job Mann.

Mrs. Job Mann and son William are spending several weeks with friends and relatives at Johnstown.

Master Willie Kirk spent part of last week with the family of his uncle, Judge Kirk, in Pigeon Cove.

THE DEATH ANGEL.

Persons Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

JOHN H. PECK.

John H. Peck, one of the oldest people in this county, died at the home of his son-in-law, Dallas Lynch, in Belfast township, last Saturday morning, and was buried at Zion church, on Timber Ridge, on Sunday, Rev. Lewis Chambers conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Peck was born in this county in December 1817, and was, consequently, almost 85 years of age. In early life he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and had the reputation of being a very skillful horse-shoer. He was a man of remarkable constitution, and it is said that never, during his long life, was he sick enough to require the service of a doctor until his last illness, of about two weeks, and his death was the result of a general collapse, incident to advanced age.

In May 1843, he was married to Mary, daughter of Jacob Sipes deceased, of Licking Creek township, who survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Peck, fourteen children were born, seven of whom are living, namely, Riley, of McConnellsburg; John W., of Johnstown Pa.; Carl, of Portsmouth, Va.; Martha, wife of Dallas Lynch, Amanda, widow of the late Monroe Lynch, Charlotte, wife of Cornelius Crouse, and Jane wife of David Crouse—all of this county. He is survived, also, by 36 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. His father's name was Henry Peck, and his brothers—Moses, Peter H., William, Job, Isaac, Jacob, James and his sisters Annie and Elizabeth—have all preceded him to the other world.

ELIZABETH GEINGERY.

Miss Elizabeth Geingery died last Wednesday evening, aged 67 years, 5 months, and 10 days, and was buried in the graveyard at the Lutheran church Thursday evening, her pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf conducting the funeral services.

During the past fifteen years, Miss Geingery had her home with the family of Mr. John Comer of this place. With the exception of her sister, Mrs. Susan Egulf, she is the last member of a family of thirteen, the Geingerys being among the early settlers in this county. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. She had been sick but a few days the immediate cause of her death being a violent hemorrhage.

Pleasant Ridge.

William and George Tayman of Plum Run visited their uncles Dr. and Wesley and George Hoop last week.

Lewis Mellott and family have moved to Allen Skiles' farm in Belfast township.

Mrs. Agnes Deshong and Miss Josie Chesnut of Hustontown spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Linna A. Deshong and her mother.

Mrs. J. L. Garland and three children spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Deshong who has been ill, but is now some better.

Dr. Hoop is having a new house built. John Bard and son Virgil are the carpenters.

Quite a number of the neighbors turned out last Friday to help Matthew Mellott get his mill race cleaned.

Richard Deshong had a well drilled by Thomas Wink and Jno. Mellott.

Charley Mellott and Etta Hockensmith attended camp at Crystal Springs.

Miss Ada Hann left for Huntingdon county last Saturday.

Erastus Bard, who has been home for a couple weeks, has returned to Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Anna Hockensmith and Mrs. Florence Wink were pleasant callers at Rev. Ott's last week.

Local Institutes.

For Ayr, Thompson, Bethel, Union, Brush Creek, Belfast at Needmore Thursday, September 11th.

For Taylor, Licking Creek, Wells, at Hustontown, Saturday, September 13. Institutes begin at 9:30. All teachers are expected to be present and as many directors and friends of education as can be present are invited.

CHAS. E. BARTON,
County Superintendent.

Salvia.

Miss Effie Cutchall, of Hustontown, spent several days the guest of her sister Mrs. W. R. Speer, last week.

William Strait sold his driving horse to a gentleman from Robertsdale, last week.

Mrs. Bair, of Lancaster, who had been spending the summer at the home of her son, W. E. Bair, was called to Newport last week on account of the dangerous illness of her husband.

Mrs. Haight, of Metzler who had been spending several weeks visiting at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. J. E. Ott, returned to her home Tuesday. She was accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Ott and their little son, who will spend a short vacation with friends at that place.

Miss Jessie Wishart, of Pittsburgh, and sister Mrs. George Fockler, of Johnstown, who had been visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, of Harrisonville, returned to their respective homes, Friday.

J. Bernard Wishart, of Borden town, N. J., who had been spending a week's vacation at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, returned to his home Monday.

Mrs. Vernon Skipper, and Miss Sue Sullivan, of Tyrone, who had been visiting Mrs. Skipper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mann, returned to their home Monday.

Miss Cora Speer, left Monday, for Tyrone, where she expects to spend the winter.

Norman and Ernest Skipper of Tyrone, who had been spending their school vacation at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mann, returned to their home, Monday.

Miss Sadie Hann, of Chambersburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna R. Hann, and other friends at this place.

Geo. A. Harris, Esq., W. C. Mann, Prof. N. E. M. Hoover, Hiram Cleveger and George F. Metzler of Harrisonville Lodge, attended the I. O. O. F. banquet at Warfordsburg, Saturday night. Mr. Metzler was accompanied by Mrs. Metzler.

A force of carpenters are busily engaged in erecting buildings on the reunion grounds, and putting it in condition for the big crowd next Friday.

Isiah Kline, left Monday for Bedford, where he has secured employment as lineman on the Western Union Telegraph line.

Mr. Mowery and wife and Mr. George Truax spent last Friday at Morgan Deshong's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Anderson and family of Mercersburg, drove to Dublin Mills and spent a few days with Mr. Anderson's parents; from there they went to Decorum, Huntingdon county, where Mrs. Anderson and daughters Hazel and Mary spent a week with Mrs. Anderson's sisters, Mrs. Metzler and Mrs. Montague.

Our hustling townsman, P. Fred Black, has a tree on his lot in this place that is now bearing a crop of eight varieties of pears. It is a wonder that Fred did not graft apples, peaches, plums, quinces and huckleberries on the tree, and then one tree would answer the purpose of a whole orchard.

Mrs. J. K. Vandyke returned to Philadelphia last Saturday after having spent a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Rexroth of the Fulton House.

Maddensville.

A good rain would be appreciated by the people of this neighborhood. In spite of the dry weather, farmers are busy plowing and making ready for their fall seeding.

Mrs. Kirk Ferrenberg is very sick with pneumonia and pleurisy also, Mrs. Wm. Gearing is very sick.

Ervin Brown, Harry Wilson, Ned Reibert and Howard Ramsey have all gone to Robertsdale to work in the mines.

Ciel Fortney and family are visiting Mrs. Fertney's mother, Mrs. Margaret McDonald.

Miss Bertha Madden and sister Mrs. Laura Park, spent last Friday afternoon with Lizzie Evans. Miss Bertha has been a teacher in Altoona for several years. She will soon go back to teach there again this winter.

Mr. Wesley Snyder, a former resident of this vicinity, but who has been residing in Iowa and California for the past 37 years, is visiting his many friends and his old home near this place.

Miss Bertha Locke spent last Sunday evening with her friend, Lizzie Evans.

Dr. Heaton, of Saltillo, passed through our town last Saturday.

George Charlton made a flying trip to Three Springs last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Henry, who has been spending sometime with her mother Mrs. Isaiah Madden, has returned to her home in Six Mile Run.

Dr. W. S. Madden and Prof. Geo. Ashton, attended church at Walnut Grove last Sabbath.

Plum Run.

Mrs. H. W. Wink has been spending the last week in Chambersburg, visiting her sister Mrs. Grant Mentzer.

All Hancock, and apparently a good part of lower Fulton, attended the baptism of several converts to the Salvation Army in the historic old Potomac. It is to be hoped its waters are permanently healing.

Our community was greatly saddened by the death of our esteemed friend and neighbor, Mrs. Yeakle last week. Her funeral was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

Frank Yeakle of Iowa, and Newton of Illinois, were called home by the death of their mother, but did not arrive until the day after the funeral.

Mrs. Amanda Slacker is on the sick list at present, also, Mrs. Ella Covalt.

Mr. Moses Mellott is very busy putting up a new barn in which to house his "Little Cyclone," which, by the way, has grown to be a "cyclone" of considerable size by this time, and as lively as cyclones usually are.

Mrs. Ella Feicht intends beautifying the interior of her house by a coat of paint next week.

We hope to hear the jingle of wedding bells soon. The young people are getting married at such a rate they will soon all be working in double harness, when the "Benedicts" will have to take the novel method of having a second ceremony performed to keep the custom from dying out.

John E. Gore of Virginia, spent the past week at Jesse B. Snyder's.

William Conner and family returned to their home in Waynesboro after visiting relatives in Fulton.

William Wigfield had the misfortune to cut his foot pretty badly about three weeks ago and is still crippled with it, as it is not healed.

William Mellott of Sky, Rockingham county, Va., and his brother, Simon L. Mellott, of Johnstown, Pa., are visiting their old home friends near Sipes Mills. William rode up from Harrisonburg, Va., on his bike, making a hundred miles a day. Simon has sold his farm near Sipes Mills to Mrs. Susan May.

Needmore.

Lee Funk is "whipping" the grain from the straw for the farmers. The oats yield is good.

Miss Minnie Mellott and Miss Jess Cornell attended the meeting at Great Capon Saturday and Sunday.

B. N. Palmer returned from a cycling trip Sunday evening. His register shows a distance of 210 miles traveled.

Mrs. E. H. Morgret has returned from a trip to Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Peck are taking a visit to Philadelphia.

Miss Minnie Funk is quite ill with typhoid fever, but she is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. Sappington.

Mrs. Barnhart has been sick during the past few days, but is better again.

Miss Opal Sharp has been spending several days with her cousin Beatrice Sharp.

Rev. Black of Norfolk, Va., was the guest of Rev. S. L. Baugher when on his way to Conference. He preached an able sermon at Pleasant Grove Sunday evening.

Mrs. Baugher who has been visiting in Virginia the past few weeks will return Monday.

Dublin Mills.

D. P. Anderson, assisted by H. B. Locke, has made some fine improvements on the Kesselring property, lately purchased by Mr. Anderson.

D. K. Knepper is making frequent trips to Wells. What is the attraction?

Harry Walker is all smiles—a son.

C. E. Stevens and Chas. Knepper attended the Wells Valley picnic Friday afternoon. They report having a good time.

Mrs. S. Chas. Barton who has been spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, left for Homestead, Pa., last Saturday.

H. B. Bergstresser intends to move to Three Springs this fall. Success, Harvey.

Charles Knepper who has been home from Kiteairn the past few weeks with typhoid fever, which, fortunately, was of a mild form, returned this week. Charley enjoyed his vacation as we are sure he had a fine time during the latter part. We wish him success.

Joshua W. Heeter is employed on Broadtop by Adam Black.

Mrs. Hannah Walker was the guest of her son Harry on Sunday last.

Winegardner, Stevens, and Heeter attended the ball game at Clear Ridge Saturday afternoon and festival at Fort Littleton at night.

Harvey Bergstresser and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Bergstresser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Knepper.

Mrs. Thomas B. Stevens and son Ed of McConnellsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with Jas. H. Fields and family.

Chas. Knepper passed through this village on business Saturday. Part of our sporting boys expected, on Clear Ridge base ball grounds Saturday afternoon, to get a skunk, but did not get it, if our team was composed of scrubs. They report the Ridge players gentlemen.

Preaching was largely attended at Dublin on Saturday night.

Some of our boys attended preaching at Hustontown Sunday night.

John Spangler died at his home at Cassville, Huntingdon county, a few days ago. The deceased was a native of Franklin county and was born March 20, 1808. He was aged 94 years, 4 months and 28 days, being the oldest man in Huntingdon county. Upon reaching manhood he was united in marriage to Eliza Kizer, Franklin county, who died in 1865. They moved to Cassville in 1853. He was the father of Wm. H. Spangler of Wells Tannery.

Only male persons between the age of 15 and 25 years can be sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory. Attorney General Elkin has so decided.