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SLOAN-TROUT NUPTIALS.

Evening Wedding in the Presbyterian Church.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the marriage, on Wednesday evening October 2, 1902, at the Presbyterian church in this place, of Mr. W. Logan Sloan of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss M. Eloise Trout, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Trout near town.

When our reporter entered a few minutes before 8 o'clock, he found the brilliantly lighted auditorium well filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties. A huge pyramid of flowering plants capped by a mammoth calladium, occupied the altar place. The organ platform was a perfect bower of evergreen and the "amen" corner to the left of the pulpit had received its share of attention from the decorators.

The wedding party was in the Sunday school room at the rear of the auditorium. Just before the clock struck 8, the thrilling notes of Lohengrin were wafted from the organ bower by the accomplished performer, Miss Anna Dickson, the felt doors opened, and the groom accompanied by the "best man," his brother Clarence of Detroit, Mich., emerged and walked up the side aisle to the right of the room, stopping at the upper end of the aisle and facing the pulpit. Now, from the little room came George M. Robinson and Merrill W. Nace, two of the ushers, who walked up the middle aisle, and at a distance of perhaps five yards they were followed by Clarence N. Trout and F. McN. Johnston, the other two ushers. Then came the bridesmaids—first, Miss Dix Robinson, and then Miss Scott Sloan, and then Miss Mary Sloan, and then Miss Mary Trout, passing up the aisle singly about the same distance apart as the ushers. Miss Bess Trout maid of honor and sister of the bride came next, and last came the bride leaning on the arm of her brother Daniel F. Trout. As the bride and her brother went up the middle aisle, the groom and his best man advanced from their position at the head of the side aisle. The bride and groom meeting at the head of the middle aisle, were now in position for the ceremony. To their right as they faced the minister who stood just in front of the altar, stood the four ushers and the best man, and to their left were the four bridesmaids and the maid of honor, so arranged that the whole party formed almost a circle around the minister. During the ceremony the brother of the bride stood just back of the bridal couple.

As soon as the ceremony, which was performed by Dr. West, was concluded, the bride and groom passed down the middle aisle into the "little" room, followed by Merrill Nace and Miss Robinson, George Robinson and Miss Scott Sloan, Clarence Trout and Miss Mary Sloan, F. McN. Johnston and Miss Mary Trout, and Clarence Sloan and Miss Bess Trout. Carriages which were in waiting conveyed the wedding party to the home of the groom's sisters Misses Marion and Jessie Sloan, where a reception was held at which about a hundred and fifty persons were entertained. It was the original plan to have the reception at the bride's home, but on account of the serious illness of her mother, the arrangement was changed.

The bride and groom will in a few days begin housekeeping in Buffalo, N. Y., where the groom has a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company.

There will be an Epworth League convention at Hustontown on Saturday, Oct. 11. Quarterly Conference at 4 p. m., same place. Preaching and Communion service at Clear Ridge Sunday morning 10 a. m.

J. B. MELROY,
Pastor.

A Plea for More Good Reading.

ANNA M. STYDER.

It seems strange that among the few pleasures and recreations accessible to the common people, especially to the hard working farmers, their equally hard working wives and their children, who make up such a large percentage of our rural communities, good literature, which would give them so much pleasure and lasting benefit should be so greatly overlooked.

Now, that winter is close at hand, with its long evenings, try, if possible, to start in with a few good books by well known authors even if you can afford but two or three; and, then, try to add to them gradually as your means will admit and it will not be long, (if you read them and have the right kind of books,) until you will begin to take great pride in your growing library.

If you think it too feminine to indulge in a taste for fiction, you might try history or biography. There is plenty to choose from, and I can assure you it is far better than simply gossiping or getting through the evenings as best you can.

A gentleman once told me he had been in the habit of presenting the different members of his family with books on birthdays, Christmas, etc., and in that way quite a fair sized library, all of standard works and in good binding, was being accumulated, and in a way, too, in which they did not feel the cost so much as if they had all been bought at one time. The father is an up to date business man, scholarly and cultured, and has taught his children to appreciate the inestimable benefits to be derived from a close acquaintance with the sayings and teachings of our great men—both past and present.

Who among us would not be proud to number among our personal friends our great men (and women, too)—those men and women who have put in an enduring form the rich treasures of their minds for the benefit of rich and poor alike. Yet they are neglected, and we trudge on thinking we are getting all we can out of life. Deluded mortals!

A friend from another state, who was a strict church member, and who boasted that she never read a story in a paper or magazine, and never touched a work of fiction of any kind, once showed me a book which she had bought of an agent by subscription, which by the way, is a very poor way to buy books, saying it was the best book she had ever read, and one she thought every one ought to read. I looked at the book, and found it was a sensational account of the life and murders of a noted highwayman who had taken the lives of several people, and finally ended his bloody career on the scaffold. I laid it down, and replied that I had no taste for "blood and thunder" stories, and did not think such stuff fit for any one to read.

My friend's, standard of morality was all right, I suppose, but her standard of literary excellence was certainly not high, and her intellectual field poorly cultivated. Better leave your ground barren, than sow it with thistles.

Another thing—don't buy cheap books, in paper binding. There is no necessity of spending money unnecessarily on gilt edges and fancy bindings; but you will find it pays to get books with good paper and print and plain substantial cloth binding which will stand plenty of usage—for books are essentially for use and not show—to be read and re-read until they become friends to you. A book which will not bear more than one reading, is not worth the space it occupies on your book shelves.

By all means interest the children in reading. They will be more interested in their studies; their minds will become more alert and receptive; and the taste

for good reading thus formed in childhood and followed all through their school years, will be an invaluable aid to them in their school work and a blessing to them all through life.

In our day and age, the world of business calls for the alert, intelligent, wide awake boy or girl; and there is no place nor demand for those who have not the grit to push ahead, or energy to improve their minds so they may be fit to fill any place which may be open to them, and feel that they are doing their duty by their employer as well as themselves.

The world demands your best, and will have it if you are to succeed.

New Grenada.

Our Democratic friend C. B. Stevens of McConnellsburg, spent last Wednesday and Thursday in this place on business.

Arthur Foster is suffering from a felon on his finger.

Samuel Alloway a driver in the Woodvale mines got a rather serious squeezing a few days ago by being caught between the roof and the car. Sam says he has been squeezed many a time, but it never hurt like this.

J. A. Repper and wife, of Greensburg, are visiting Mrs. Repper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Foster in Wells Valley.

W. S. Hunter has closed his dental parlors, and gone back to the Philadelphia Dental College. During the past week he relieved a number of our people of aching molars. Billy is quite an expert extracting teeth.

The goat has broken loose again in old 773 I. O. O. F., and bumping some more new members in. The boys say 'Squire Samuel Gracey was bumped on last Friday night. How is it, Sammy? Since the first of last January twenty-seven new members have been admitted.

A number of our citizens are attending court this week.

Wm. Alloway is putting an addition to his dwelling by adding another story to the kitchen. Black diphtheria has broken out at Woodvale. Five cases and one death—that of Grace Trout, daughter of Wm. Trout. The rest are recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cunningham are spending a week with friends in Trough Creek and Cold Spring valley.

Rilla and John Houck visited in Trough Creek Valley, stopping at James Keith's.

Late last Tuesday night Dr. R. B. Campbell was returning to his home in this place from a professional visit at Robertsdale. While driving along the mountain this side of the water trough, and where there is below the road a very deep rocky hollow, some kind of a wild animal darted across the road in front of his spirited Hambletonian mare, which frightened her. In a moment she had plunged down over the high embankment taking with her the Doctor, buggy, and lantern, crashing through fallen tree tops, over rocks, logs, and through underbrush. The buggy was soon upset and the doctor managed to free himself from the tangle, but his lantern had been extinguished and lost. As soon as he could gather himself up, he went to his faithful little mare, when he found her doubled up under the buggy and dead. The Doctor made his way to New Grenada the best he could, gathered a force of men and went back, and with their assistance got the wrecked buggy back to the road; but he regrets very much the loss of the faithful animal. The doctor escaped without serious injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Funk and little daughter Opal, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mason and children Wm. Jennings and Geneva of Republic, Ohio, took advantage of the Washington excursion and are visiting friends in this county. Miss Jennie Funk sister of Mr. Wm. Funk also accompanied them home, and expects to remain in Pennsylvania a year.

CARLISLE PRESBYTERY.

Annual Meeting at Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church.

The annual session of the Carlisle Presbytery was held at Dry Run, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday of last week.

The report of the committee on obituaries set forth the deaths of Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Erskine, of Newville, and Rev. Dr. S. C. Alexander, of Millersburg.

The Pine street Presbyterian church, Harrisburg, was the place chosen for the next sessions of presbytery to be held in April. Rev. Joseph Stockton Roddy, Harrisburg, was elected moderator to succeed the Rev. George Fulton, Waynesboro.

The trial of Rev. O. H. McGowan, of Carlisle, was postponed at the request of the prosecuting attorney until an adjourned meeting of the presbytery at Carlisle on December 2. Mr. McGowan was convicted for a crime in the Cumberland county courts.

The installation of Rev. Seth R. Downie, as pastor of the Presbyterian church at York Springs, was arranged for October 23, at 2:30 p. m.

The resignation of Rev. Horace G. Clair as pastor of the St. Thomas and Rocky Spring Presbyterian churches having been presented and the call of the Millerstown congregation been approved it was arranged that Mr. Clair be installed on Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p. m. He is to preach at Millerstown, Wright's church and once a month at the Buffalo church at Ickesburg.

Rev. A. F. Waldo, of Lebanon, was appointed to declare the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian church, Chambersburg, vacant and pastoral relations dissolved between the Rev. T. J. Sherrard and the congregation.

Rev. T. J. Ferguson, of Hagers-town, was chosen chairman of a committee to arrange for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. W. A. West, of McConnellsburg, to the ministry.

The report of the committee on home missions set forth that the contributions average 66 cents per communicant member and the contribution of forty-nine out of fifty one churches to foreign missions show that the offerings average 1.07 per member. Forty-five churches gave \$1706 for the cause of freedmen, or about 19 cents per member.

Commissioners to the general assembly were elected. The clerical commissioners are: Rev. Dr. George S. Chambers, and Rev. C. O. Bosserman, Harrisburg; Rev. William B. Cook, Steelton; Rev. F. T. Wheeler, Newville; Rev. J. G. Rose, Mercersburg. The lay delegates are: Mr. Hayes Shippensburg; Mr. Reed, Chambersburg; Mr. Gross, Harrisburg and Mr. Raiston, Mechanicsburg.

Saluvia.

George A. Harris was at Chambersburg Thursday on business.

George R. Sipes, who is employed at Clearfield, is visiting his family at Harrisonville.

John G. Metzler, who had been visiting relatives at Clearfield, returned to his home at Harrisonville last week.

Mrs. Denton Fohner, and daughter, of Fannettsburg are visiting Mrs. Fohner's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Strait and other friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. S. K. Pittman, of Harrisonville, was called to Tyrone last week on account of the dangerous illness of her sister, Mrs. George Calderwood.

Miss Sadie Hann, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Hann, and brother O. E. Hann, returned to Chambersburg, Thursday.

Mrs. Beckie Hockensmith, who is employed at McKeesport, was called to Harrisonville last week on account of the serious illness of her father, Stillwell Deshong. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metzler, and foster-daughter, Miss Wilson

of Rainsburg, were visiting Mr. Metzler's brothers, John G., and George F. Metzler last week.

The first local institute for Licking Creek township this term will be held at Siloam, Friday evening Oct. 10. Questions: Text books—kinds, and how used; Primary work: The patrons. Teachers, and patrons, are earnestly requested to attend.

Samuel Strait, who had been employed at West Dublin the past summer, is busily engaged on his farm near this place, lately acquired of his father, Jacob Strait.

Mason Daniels, who is employed at Buffalo Mills, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Daniels last week.

Miss Ella Mann, spent Friday, with friends in Wells Valley.

Mrs. A. M. Hixon, of Emmaville, is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Fair-play, were visiting Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Daniels, the first part of last week.

Miss Dora Deshong who is teaching near Rays Hill, spent Saturday and Sunday, at her home.

Miss Metz, of Rays Hill was the guest of Miss Dora Deshong over Sunday.

O. E. Hann and Charles H. Mellott continue seriously ill.

D. D. G. M., J. V. Deavor, installed the following officers of Harrisonville Lodge I. O. O. F. last Saturday evening: N. G., N. E. M. Hoover; V. G., George A. Harris; and treasurer, Hiram Clevenger, George A. Harris, was elected representative to Grand Lodge at Lebanon.

Nathan Mellott and son, of Sipes Mill, were visiting Mr. Mellott's son Charles H. Mellott, Sunday.

Wells Tannery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart returned from their western trip the 1st inst. On the evening of that day fifty members of the Sunday school that Mr. Wishart has so faithfully superintended for the last nine years, met in Mr. Wishart's home and gave them a most enjoyable reception. Refreshments were served to all present. Mr. and Mrs. Wishart confess this to be the greatest surprise of their life, in the way everything had been planned.

W. M. Clippinger who has been at Nanty Glo for the summer, spent a few days with his family.

Charles and Alfred Stunkard have returned to their home, we presume to attend school. They have been employed at Greensburg.

Mr. Tate of Brush Creek has moved into one of W. H. Baumgardner's houses, and will haul lumber for Comer and McGowan.

Harvey Wishart is attending the encampment in Washington.

Mrs. A. S. Greenland is in Philadelphia having her eyes treated. Her many friends hope that she will return greatly benefited.

Mrs. J. C. Kirk is visiting relatives in Clearfield.

Our painters J. C. Kirk and Mark Lodge have gone to Everett to put the polish on several houses.

Big Cove.

Mrs. A. C. Troupe, of Philadelphia will spend a few months with her daughter, Mrs. D. M. Kendall.

Mrs. J. F. Johnston and sons, Walter and Ralph return this week from a two weeks visit with friends in Allegheny and Lawrence counties.

Misses Anna Johnston and Ella Johnston leave Thursday for the west. Miss Anna goes to Gamett, Kansas, where she will spend the winter. Miss Ella goes to Avery Iowa, to spend a few weeks with her brother Elmer.

D. M. Kendall and A. W. Johnston, Jr., left Tuesday morning for Washington, D. C.

John F. Johnson of Laidig spent a few hours in town Monday.

OCTOBER COURT IN SESSION.

Judge Stewart of Franklin County Presiding.

Court was called at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, and owing to Judge Swope's continued illness his place on the bench was occupied by Judge Stewart of Franklin county.

After hearing the reports of the constables, the roll of jurors was called and James Henry of the grand jury was excused, as was, also, Jacob Gordon of the petit jury. Casper Miller and Carl Gallaher of the petit jury were excused on account of sickness.

Charles B. Stevens of McConnellsburg was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

The following bills were then presented to the grand jury by the District Attorney:

Commonwealth vs. Harry Chester Smith. In this case there were four indictments, namely, (1) sending threatening letters, (2) sending threatening letters, (by mail), (3) sending threatening letters, and (4) writing, uttering, and publishing obscene literature, pictures, &c. The grand jury found true bills in every case.

On Tuesday morning the first hour was spent in selecting a petit jury for the trial of Smith. The prosecution then proceeded but had not gone far when Judge Stewart announced that the anonymous letters and the genuine writing of Harry Chester Smith could not be used in evidence, and took the case away from the jury, who were allowed only the disposition of the costs. After deliberating, the jury decided that the county should pay the costs, and the prisoner was free and the case ended.

In the matter of the Commonwealth vs. Mrs. Emma Wolf charged with surety of the peace and attempt to shoot another on oath of Sallie Spriggs, the grand jury found a true bill. The case was tried before the petit jury Tuesday and Mrs. Wolf found guilty. Up to time of going to press, sentence has not been passed.

In the indictments against Watson Plessinger charged with f and b. and statutory rape, on oath of Gertrude Garland, the prosecution not appearing, the grand jury ignored both bills, and costs were placed on prosecutor.

The grand jury found a true bill against George Walker prosecuted by Dr. Dalbey for furnishing intoxicating liquor to minors. Case has not reached petit jury yet.

The grand jury finished their work and were discharged Tuesday afternoon.

The Ayr township Road plow case is before the court this (Wednesday) morning.

The rest of the proceedings next week.

Mrs. Mary C. Bennett, Dead.

Mrs. Mary C. Bennett, who spent seven weeks visiting friends in this place and in Franklin county, was fatally injured in Harrisburg last Friday by jumping from a street car going at full speed. She was at once taken to a hospital and died on Saturday morning, and her funeral took place Monday evening. She was aged 65 years.

Returning to Harrisburg she took a Third Street car intending to get off at Muench Street near her home; but when she came to Muench Street, the car did not stop, and she became excited and jumped off, falling and fracturing her skull.

She had not told her family of her home coming, as she wished to surprise them. Mrs. Bennet was a daughter of the late Andrew Hamilton of this place.

Anthony Spade near Emmaville last week picked an apple of the "Captain" variety that measured 14 1/2 inches in circumference and weighed 22 ounces.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bender are happy over the arrival of a young daughter.

John Bender is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bender.

Mrs. G. W. Hays is visiting her sister Mrs. James H. Irwin in Washington, D. C.

H. C. Miller and Willie Mentzer of Burnt Cabins called at the News office while in town last Saturday.

Prof. O. S. Johnston of Pittsburg, Kansas, is spending this week among his friends and relatives here.

John H. Wilt of Waynesboro spent a day or two this week with his daughter Mrs. Annie Nesbit of this place.

D. A. Garland and Harry Hess of Belfast township were early callers at the News office last Thursday morning.

Our genial friend W. A. Villance of Harrisonville called while in town last Wednesday and pushed his subscription ahead to late in 1903.

Protracted services will begin at Pleasant Grove church on Monday evening following the third Sunday in October, conducted by Rev. Baugher.

Mr. John E. Locke of Brad-dock, Pa., is spending a few days with friends at Fort Littleton. He spent a few hours at McConnellsburg last Saturday.

So many of our friends called this week that if we were to give even half of them personal mention we would have to leave out some of our patent medicine locals.

At a meeting of a committee for that purpose, Mr. C. H. E. Plummer of New Grenada was on Monday, placed on the Republican ticket as a candidate for prothonotary.

Hon. D. H. Patterson, of Webster Mills, and L. L. Cunningham of New Grenada have been drawn to serve as grand jurors at the U. S. District Court at Scranton, October 20.

There will be a reunion of the Twenty-second Pennsylvania cavalry at Everett on Thursday October 16. All comrades of that regiment are most cordially invited to attend.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reinsner of this place went down to Fredericksburg, Va. Mr. Reinsner came home Saturday and Mrs. Reinsner will remain visiting her father and other friends a few weeks.

After spending a week in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Gress of Tod township, Mrs. John Laub has returned to her home in Greencastle, accompanied thither by her sister Miss Katie Gress.

Charles H. Wissner, who spent several months in this place a few years ago, and later enlisted in the military service of the United States and went to the Philippines has returned, and is now visiting his father at Fredericksburg, Va.

On next Monday evening, Oct. 13th a public meeting will be held in the United Presbyterian church to which the public is cordially invited. The following subjects will be considered: 1. The Evils of the Drink Habit. 2. The Remedies for These Evils.

Clarence a son of Geo. F. Mellott of Ayr township a few days ago cut his hand with a corn cutter. The young man suffered much pain and it was feared that septicemia would set in, but it is now reported that that danger is passed and he will soon be all right again.

The Everett base ball team has made something of a record this season. They played 2 games with Huntingdon; 3, with Bedford; 3, with Dudley; Saxton, 2; and 1 each with Hyndman and Salemville,—and won all. What a lucky thing for them that they didn't play McConnellsburg.