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FATAL DEER HUNT.

Joseph H. Gracey Shot and Instantly Killed by a Fel-low Hunter.

Last Saturday morning Joseph H. Gracey of Wells Tannery was accidentally shot through the head and killed instantly while hunting deer on Siding Hill Mountain. What is known as the Sprowl property, consisting of several hundred acres on top of Siding Hill on the State Road was purchased about a year ago by a party of sportsmen of Altoona. This property lies in one of the best deer hunting sections in the county.

Last Saturday morning a party composed of J. H. Daugherty, Ernest Meredith, E. H. Westover, Joseph H. Gracy, Charley and Frank Sprowl, Abe Burkett and Maurice Bivens went out on the mountain to a point about 3 1/2 miles south of the Sprowl House, and having reached what is known to hunters as the Hoopole Thicket, they formed themselves into line for a "drive." About ten o'clock they had the thicket pretty well closed in, when a large deer sprang into the open, and the whole party opened fire. It was an exciting moment for the hunters and as the report of their Winchesters and Breach Loading shot guns rang out in quick succession, they rushed forward toward a common center and soon had lying before them a 180 lb buck. As they gathered around the prize some one inquired, "Where is Joe?" Joe was called, no reply. Going in the direction of the point where he was last seen, in a few minutes his lifeless body was found on the ground with a bullet hole through his head, he evidently having been in line with the deer when someone shot.

Of course, the deepest consternation seized, and the dead form of their companion was tenderly carried a long distance until a road was reached where it could be conveyed by a vehicle.

The public, at least, does not know which one of the hunters fired the fatal shot. It is probably that not even the man who killed Mr. Gracey knows it himself.

The deceased was a son of the late Hon. Thomas Gracey of this county, and was about 35 years of age. He is survived by his wife. A member of the Presbyterian church, he enjoyed the esteem of a large number of friends.

Interment at Wells Valley M. E. church, Monday afternoon.

Birthday Party.

A delightful evening was spent at the Union Hotel at Sixmile Run on the sixth of November. The occasion was a social gathering of nineteen of her young friends to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Miss Ada B. Mellett of this county who has been employed at the Union Hotel at Sixmile Run during the past five months. The young lady received many nice presents, among them an album and music box combined. After refreshments had been served the party engaged at various games, while the Chamberlain brothers furnished delightful music.

A GUEST.

Big Cove Tannery.

The salvation army have pulled up stakes and started to their home at last, after an eight weeks' service.

Army prayer meeting at Reuben Hill's on Thursday night of this week. Come one and all and make these meetings a success.

Corn husking is about over and hunting is taking its place. Look out, boys, for your heads or your lives, which are usually more valuable than rabbits.

Mrs. G. W. Deshong is still a cripple from rheumatism so that she cannot attend to her household duties.

James G. Kendall, of the Cove has been a very sick man for several days.

Sunday School Convention.

The twenty-first Annual Convention of the Taylor and Dublin Sunday School Association met at Center M. E. church, Oct. 25, 1902.

The convention opened by Rev. Melroy leading Devotional Services.

Rev. Lewis Chambers was elected president and N. E. M. Hoover, secretary. Bro. Chambers thanked the convention for honor conferred upon him.

The topic, Influence of Sunday School in Community, opened by N. E. M. Hoover and further discussed by J. H. Lohr, Jacob Strait Hiram Clevenger and Bro. Chambers.

These points were made:

Great influence depends upon people of community. Business methods should influence Sabbath School workers. Church members, should do their duty to have a good influence. More than half of the conversions come from the Sunday school.

At the close of forenoon session H. B. Huston and J. H. Lohr were appointed a committee to audit the account of the treasurer. This committee found a balance of \$1.50 in treasury.

Afternoon session opened by singing No. 64, in Praise and Promise. Devotional Services led by Jacob Strait.

Scripture Lesson, Mark 1: 11. Singing No. 90.

Emma Laidig read a paper on How to Awaken a Greater Interest in S. S. Work. Discussed by J. H. Lohr, Rev. Jackson, Hiram Clevenger and Jacob Strait.

Superintendent should become acquainted with needs of school, have original questions, and good music.

Sunday school officers and teachers should be more interested.

Revival of religion would awaken greater interest. More Christian love needed in Sunday school teaching.

Should Parents compel their Children to attend Sunday School? was next discussed. Rev. Jackson thinks some authority should be exercised in this direction.

How to prepare to teach the Lesson, was discussed by Rev. Melroy, J. H. Lohr, Bro. Chambers and Rev. Jackson. Teachers should begin early in the week to prepare the lesson, and inform themselves well upon it. Teaching requires knowledge of what precedes and what follows the lesson. Teachers should have a preparatory course.

Importance of S. S. Books and Papers opened by J. L. Kesselring. Be careful about these books. Bro. Chambers emphasized the importance of Truth, Rev. Melroy thinks a good library is a benefit to a Sunday School.

The evening session was well attended and topics all discussed.

The following officers were elected: Pres., W. C. McClain; Vice Pres., J. L. Kesselring; Secretary, N. E. M. Hoover; Cor. Sec'y, Emma Laidig; Treasurer, Huston Heeter.

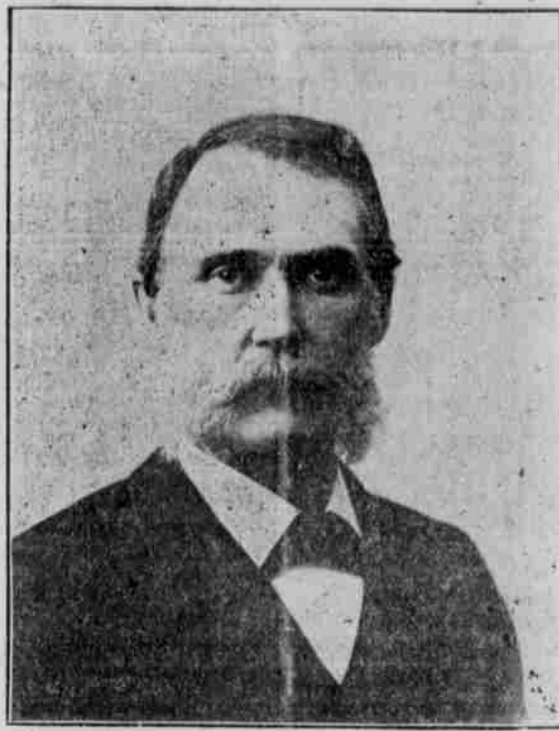
Executive Committee—Pastors of M. E. and U. B. churches at Hustontown, Hiram Clevenger, Grace Huston and S. C. Gracy.

Miss Georgia May.

Miss Georgia May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. May, formerly of Everett, died at her home in Redlands, Cal., Tuesday morning. Miss May became ill while attending the State Normal school at Shippensburg several years ago and since then has been failing. With the hope of restoring her health, her parents removed to California last February. The deceased is survived by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. May's four other children preceded Miss Georgia to the world beyond. Miss May was a member of the M. E. church. She was a beautiful, winsome young lady and a general favorite. She was about 25 years of age. The body was brought to Everett for burial.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Last Chapter of a Series of Interesting Reminiscent Articles on McConnellsburg a Half Century Ago.



EDITOR JAMES P. BARRON.

Bloomfield, Ind.

EDITOR NEWS:—When my father moved to McConnellsburg in the fall of 1846, the Mexican War was in progress. The first evening of our arrival the sound of the drum and fife greeted our ears. There had been for a number of years a military company there, but it had dwindled down until there was only about a dozen of the company left. James Beckwith was the Captain. They were endeavoring to recruit the company up and get it in shape to go to the war. For some reason they failed to secure the desired number of recruits, or, if they did get them, their services were not needed, and after the excitement passed away the company was left to drop out of existence.—

George Downs played the drum and there were few who could handle the drum sticks as well as he. Samuel Irwin played the fife. The next spring there was a company marched through town from Campbelltown [St. Thomas] on their way to the seat of war.— Charles Campbell was the Captain. They stopped in town for dinner. It was a very warm day in the spring, and the boys not being used to the march, were already tired and foot-sore, although they had only come from Campbelltown. We boys, of course, were on hand, and when they resumed the march a lot of us went with them out three or four miles and carried their knapsacks for them. They were a nice looking set of men.

The one whose knapsack I carried was a sergeant or lieutenant and did not look as though he would be able to stand the hardships of war. I remember when he shook hands with me at parting that his hand was as soft as a woman's. Poor fellow! I wonder what ever became of him.

The only names that I remember that went out to the Mexican war from Fulton county were David Fore, Jr., and William Polk. I saw the latter's name mentioned in your paper a few weeks ago and I was surprised to learn that he was still living [Mr. Polk is still living, at Knobsville, this county.] He must be a very old man. Both of those men were often at our home, and my older brothers used to get letters from them when they were in Mexico.

We did not receive the news of the world's events as quickly as we do now. The telegraph had just been invented and there was a line through McConnellsburg from Chambersburg to Pittsburg but there was no office in McConnellsburg. We did not get daily papers, and when there was a battle fought, it would probably

be a week or two after, before we would get the full particulars. The telegraph line through McConnellsburg was constructed about 1845. We were then living at Ft. Littleton and I remember hearing a man say in dead earnest that he was going to town to see the boy ride along on the telegraph carrying the news. My own boyish mind often pondered over how in the world could they carry any news on a line of wire.

At that time the Pennsylvania Central railroad was not built. I can remember hearing the men discuss the probabilities pro and con of the road coming by the way of McConnellsburg. The only way to get goods from the eastern cities to Pittsburg and the west was by the canal and by wagons. There was a company which owned a fast line of teams from Chambersburg to Pittsburg making the trip through in five days. Besides these there were many other individuals who freighted to Pittsburg. They all had then six horse teams and big heavy wagons. It made business brisk along the pike and gave business to the taverns of which there was one every two or three miles.

I can remember seeing a string of wagons in winter when the leaves were off the trees on the pike, on the mountain almost from top to bottom. Some of the drivers had bells on their horses. The wagon yards at the taverns in McConnellsburg would often be crowded with wagons. All this made business for the landlords, and markets for the corn and oats of the farmer. Another source of revenue to the farmers was the great droves of cattle, sheep, and horses that would come in from the West going to the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. These had to be fed corn oats and hay and pasture. I doubt if your county has ever had better times since than in the old days of the six horse wagons and the stock droves.

An interesting event to the citizens of McConnellsburg was the passing through there in the summer of 1849 of President Taylor, Old Rough and Ready. He was going through to Pittsburg, traveling by stage coach as any other private citizen would do. There were no palace cars furnished for the president in those days by big railroad companies. They traveled like other people, and paid their own way.

General Taylor arrived in town about noon and stopped at the old Union Hotel [Fulton House] for dinner, kept then by Mrs. Windle. The citizens gathered in en masse to pay their respects to the old

HEARSE UPSET

And Undertaker Seriously Injured at New Grenada.

The body of Roosevelt Schenck who died at Loysburg last week was brought to New Grenada for interment; and on last Saturday afternoon, as Mr. Karns, the undertaker, was about to leave the cemetery with his hearse, he had to descend a very steep grade to the township road, and in attempting to do so, upset the hearse, and fell forward to the ground between the horses, which became frightened and before Mr. Karns could be rescued, he was dangerously kicked and tramped, receiving serious injuries about the head. The hearse was completely demolished.

New Grenada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galbraith of South Fork, are visiting Mrs. Galbraith's mother Mrs. Catharine Duval and Frank Thomas's family.

John Mills of Altoona is home enjoying a few days hunting and visiting friends.

Mrs. Nace of Woodvale visited friends here last Sunday.

Clay Cornelius of Woodvale was in our village on Sunday.

Charles Thomas and family of Sallito, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Duval of Clay township Huntingdon county, visited friends here last Sunday.

Dr. R. B. Campbell attended the sesqui-centennial anniversary celebration of George Washington at Mifflin Lodge F. and A. M. on Thursday night.

Miss Lizzie Baker of Wells Tannery spent Sunday at N. G. Cunningham's.

Isaac Chilcote and Martin Elias of Coles Valley each raised a new barn the past week.

Moody Stewart of Wells Tannery was a visitor to our city on Sunday. Moody is a jolly good fellow, only he don't vote the right way.

Saluvia.

Miss Edie Cutchall of Hustontown spent several days very pleasantly the guest of her sister Mrs. W. R. Speer last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sharp, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. David Aller of Westmoreland county are visiting Mrs. Aller's sister, Mrs. Lucinda Cutchall and other friends at Harrisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Strait were visiting Mr. Strait's sister Mrs. Robert Mellott of Big Cove Tannery Saturday and Sunday. George A. Harris and Ferdinand Decker were called to Sipes Mill on business Saturday.

Rev. W. A. West spent several days calling on his parishioners in this vicinity last week.

hero. I thought it a great honor to be able to shake hands with the president of the United States and the great hero of the Mexican war. In appearance General Taylor was a short heavy set man with gray hair. It was but a short time after that he sickened and died.

With this communication, I will close my series of reminiscences of life in McConnellsburg fifty years ago. I have enjoyed writing them very much, as they recalled many scenes, events, and friends of other days, the remembrance of which was very pleasant to me.

I will, in the near future, with your permission, Mr. Editor, give some description of this country where I now live, thinking it may be of interest to some of your readers.

Thanking you, Brother Peck, for your indulgence with me so long, and wishing you and your readers many years of happiness and prosperity, I bid you, for the present, good bye.

Yours fraternally,
J. P. BARRON.

THE DEATH ANGEL.

Persons Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.
MRS. SOLOMON I. MILLER.

Maria, wife of Solomon I. Miller of this place, died at noon last Sunday, aged 65 years, and 10 months, and was buried in the Methodist Episcopal graveyard on Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller's maiden name was Hull, and she is survived by Isaac Hull and Mary, wife of D. T. Fields, both of this place; H. Hull of Dakota, and Mrs. Sarah Lesig, of Fannettsburg; also by her husband, and one son, H. Vincent Miller of Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Miller's death was unexpected, as she had been in her usual health up to last Friday evening, when she had a severe attack of cramp, which was probably followed closely by a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Miller was of a quiet inoffensive disposition, a good neighbor, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends.

JOHN SHARPE.

SALUVIA, Nov. 10.—This community was shocked by the sad intelligence that John Sharpe had died suddenly at his home Saturday morning at the advanced age of 77 years, 3 months and 12 days. Mr. Sharpe had a stroke of paralysis several months ago but had regained his normal health and attended the election Tuesday. Friday he seemed to be unusually well, enjoyed a hearty dinner and supper, and retired at his usual time. A short time after he had retired, his son Edward, hearing a noise in his father's room, investigated and found him sitting on the side of his bed. His limbs were rigid, and he was unconscious, and remained in that condition until 4 o'clock next morning when death claimed him.

Mr. Sharpe was one of our prosperous farmers, and had resided on that one farm for more than 45 years. He was one of our most progressive citizens and enjoyed the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends. He had been married three times and had survived his last wife about 12 years. He was the father of 15 children, 10 of whom survive, namely, George in Indiana; Jacob, at Knobsville; William in Indiana; Mrs. John Rudolph, in Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. James Taylor, Hustontown; James, who resided with his father; Mrs. T. Irwin Sipe, Harrisonville; Mrs. H. C. Mumma, Pleasant Ridge; Mrs. Elias B. Deshong, Harrisonville, and Edward who resided at home. He is also survived by 24 grand-children; one brother Matthew Sharpe, Pleasant Ridge; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Hann and Mrs. Elizabeth Strait at Saluvia, and Mrs. Israel Hill of Bethel township. He was an active Democrat, and frequently elected to local offices which he always filled in a creditable manner, and a faithful member of the Siding Hill Christian church for a great many years. His remains were laid to rest in the Siding Hill Christian cemetery, in the presence of a very large number of relatives and friends Sunday morning. Services were conducted at the church by his pastor Rev. Baugher, and were a fitting tribute to one whose life deserved only words of commendation.

MRS. JACOB CLOUSER

Mrs. Elizabeth Virginia Clouser wife of Jacob Clouser, was born January 15, 1847, and died November 4, 1902, in Ayr township, near the place of her birth, aged 55 years, 9 months, and 19 days. Mrs. Clouser had seemed to be enjoying good health until about midnight of Wednesday, October 29, when she was seized with excruciating pain in the stomach from which she never recovered. During her illness, she seemed to be getting well at times, and be worse at other times. During

THE COUNTY INSTITUTE.

All the Teachers Here but Two; Lecture Course Fine, and Big Houses.

Superintendent Barton has much reason for gratification at the success that is attending this his first institute. Owing to the favorable weather, his teachers are all here but two—and one of those two is sick. Everybody seems to be taking this week off and in consequence the day sessions, as well as the evening lectures attract full houses. There have been no disappointments, in number or quality of the instructors or lecturers.

The lecture on Monday night by Mr. Prince was a model of literary excellence, and on Tuesday night Mr. Riggs kept the house in uproarious laughter from start to finish. The Marion Wilson Quartette will be here to-night (Wednesday) and from present indications you want to get there in time if you want to get a seat. Detailed proceedings next week.

Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Elijah Baldwin and Baldwin Fraker of Fort Littleton, spent Sunday with the family of John Baldwin.

Lee K. Kline purchased three small mules last Thursday from Mr. Hoover, a stock dealer.

The telegraph men are busy working on the line putting on new wires. They expect to be in our town about two weeks. They are stopping at Speck's hotel.

Miss Mamie Speck is quite ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

All the gentlemen that come to Burnt Cabins bring a gun along with them. I don't know whether they think we are dangerous people, or whether we have more game than we can shoot.

Mrs. John Spitzer and her mother, Mrs. Jones, of Cleveland O., are visiting in our vicinity.

Hayes Robinson who has been working in Pittsburg, has returned home.

Miss Mary Kope and Miss Maggie Crouse went to Chambersburg last Saturday. They expect to stay there a few days.

Herman Heffner and family have returned to their home in W. Va. They were visiting Mrs. Heffner's father, A. V. Kelly.

Ora Cline and family left last week for their home in Kansas, after a short visit with Mr. Cline's mother and other friends.

We have lost one of our blacksmiths, Geo. Wise, who went to Nineveh last Monday. He expects to stay until Christmas.

Rev. Gottschall of this place, is holding revival services at Shade Gap, and is having quite a success.

the day preceding her death, she seemed much better, and was cheerful until about four o'clock in the afternoon when she became some worse, but talked hopefully saying, "I don't need the doctor, I will be all right in a few days." But soon after 12 o'clock she was found to be weakening, when medical aid was summoned with all haste. But, alas! the angel of death was not to be deprived of his mission, and she passed peacefully away at exactly four o'clock Tuesday morning. The survivors of her own family, her brother and one sister, were present at her death bed.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one son, G. E. Clouser, three sisters, namely, Misses Alice and Mary Shives, Frances, wife of Daniel Cover, of Hancock, Md., and one brother B. F. Shives.

Funeral services at her home conducted by Rev. Chambers.

Interment in Union Cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of Jonathan Shives, and leaves a large circle of relatives, and hosts of friends.

Mother, why did you leave us? Your place at our table and in our home is lonely for us.

Gone where the cares of earth are over—where none grow old. Your merry voice in singing is hushed; all now seems like a day—dusk.

God's will be done.
YOUR SON.