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RUSSEL S. GARLAND.

Trumpeter on Dewey's Vessel, the Mayflower Writes From Porto Rica.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICA.
December 24, 1902.

We arrived here yesterday and found it a fine place. I am going on liberty Christmas for 48 hours. As soon as we arrived here, we took on 345 tons of coal and at present the ship is quite dirty from coaling.

The majority of the natives are black. Admiral Dewey has been invited to the Governor General's palace for Christmas and to stay three days. At the wharf they had four bands of music, four companies of Porto Rica Soldiers, a squad of police, and about 400 school children; and the thing wound up in a big parade—Dewey and the Governor in the lead.

They showed us a good time, and the people are fine in every respect. Dewey's sailors and mariners are invited to a dinner Christmas in the town, which is fine, high and cool.

After the holidays are over we go to Calabria for target practice. Calabria looks to be a fine place, but there are too many mosquitoes for me—they are large enough to carry a man away. You must have a bon-fire to sleep. The country is hilly. The rainy season is here now—sunshine one minute, and rain next.

Well, I tell you I would not want to be in Pennsylvania now, I would freeze after being in P. I. a warm climate for three years.

We are going to divide into two fleets for next maneuver—one is to be U. S., the other the enemy—and going into sham battle, and then the fun begins. Of course, we could not stand to see the enemy win. That will take about a week. They are going to try to capture Calabria by surprise on shore. They have sand forts and batteries, and we are going to capture them, if possible.

You can imagine the fun, after the sham battle is over, we will come home.

R. S. G.

CALEBRIA ISLAND, P. R.,
Dec. 29, 1902.

The day after Christmas we went to a place called Ponce, Porto Rico, I did not get liberty there; but by the looks of the place, it must have been fine. We went there to get Admiral Dewey and his staff, who, with the Governor, had gone on an automobile from San Juan to Ponce, about ninety miles.

Dewey stated that it was a fine country for scenery and fruit growing, and also for the raising of tobacco. We only stayed at Ponce about four hours. I had a fine time Christmas. I was on a forty-eight hour pass at San Juan. I had my photos taken on board this ship (Mayflower).

On the 31st of January we will start on maneuvers again. Admiral Dewey gave us orders stating that we would go to Cuba in January. The first place that we will go to will be Havana, and other large towns. I will get to see them all. I like this playful warfare. It is lots of fun to have sure battles, which we are going to have from the 31st on.

Good-bye,
RUSSEL GARLAND.

Married.

SIMPSON—EYSTER.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Lewis Chambers on Thursday morning, January 22, 1903, Mr. S. L. Simpson and Miss Annie Eyster, both of Thompson township were united in marriage. The happy young couple will go to house keeping, on the farm lately purchased by the groom from Ex-sheriff W. H. Pittman.

W. H. Nelson and W. A. West, of McConnellsburg, spent Monday in Chambersburg, the latter spending the night at the Scotland Industrial School.—Public Opinion.

Did You Get Your "Pleter Took"?

A slick article in the shape of a well fed young man came across the mountain on the Mercersburg pike about three weeks ago, and being prejudiced against toll gates, left the pike at Alexander's cast of town, and went down the Cove on the back road.

He carried a camera, and when he entered the homes along the way he explained that he was an advance agent advertising for a photograph company, one of whose cars would be along in a few days.

When the car arrived the price would be fifty cents each, but to show the superior work done by the "company" he would take a half dozen—high toned photographs, samples of which he carried—no more, no less—for one dollar and fifty cents cash in advance, pictures to be sent later.

Yes, the young fellow is making good wages and gets his board and lodging for—pictures.

New Grenada.

O. E. Cook of East Broadtop was in our town on Friday.

Nettie Heeter of near Knobsville is spending a couple weeks with her mother, Katie Heeter of this place.

C. H. E. Plummer made a trip to Newburg, Huntingdon county.

Arthur Cunningham took advantage of the good sleighing and slid into Fort Littleton last Sunday evening.

James Grissinger is on the sick list at present; and his wife is still bedfast.

Our townsman, William Alloway, had the misfortune of injuring one of his hands while at work in the mines at North Point. He is off duty.

Billy Bergstresser is getting out lumber for a dwelling house to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last June. He will build up near the mill race.

John Thomas is cutting the oak timber on Samuel Houpt's land, and is taking the lumber to market.

One of Cloyd Black's arms and limbs has been partially paralyzed for several years. In attempting to turn quickly while at play on the playground at school last Friday, his weak limb gave way, causing him to fall. He had to be taken home in a conveyance, and has been confined to the house since, suffering much pain.

Our town and community was threatened with a coal famine.—With mines all around us, we could get coal only at the Rockhill Iron and Coal Co's mines at Robertsdale at \$2.50 a ton, costing us \$4.00 delivered—more than was ever known. It was all on account of "Little Billy mule" handing in his checks at Scott mine, and no other one small enough to take his place. On Tuesday last the mine was started, and coal is again in our market at \$2.50 delivered—"run of mine."

Dr. Campbell's new office at Robertsdale near Jesse O. McClain's store is completed, and the Doctor dedicated it on Monday. He will, as usual, be two days each week at that office—Tuesday and Friday, and the remainder of the time at his office in New Grenada. Your correspondent examined the new building, and found only room enough for one. Young ladies, take notice.

Ex-sheriff W. H. Pittman spent Tuesday in town. He is one of Washington state's heavy weight farmers, and is now making his annual visit to his old home in this county. Will thinks Washington is a great state. He says one farmer out there, raised last year a hundred thousand bushels of wheat, and wheat is now bringing in their market, 65 cents. There are not so many Pennsylvanians there, but the state is rapidly filling up with emigrants from Missouri and other middle western states.

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AMUSING BLUNDERS.

Gathered from Examination Papers.

County superintendents and teachers who correct examination papers find lots of funny things. Here are a few—

"The big sigh ox is the largest, and the little sigh ox the smallest, river in the West."

"Iceland is situate northeast of the north pole."

"McKinley bill was a great Indian fighter. He and his brother Buffalo Bill conquered the Indians at the battle of Bull Run."

"The Monroe Doctrine was, that he who would not work should not eat."

"The Puritans found an insane asylum in the wilds of America."

"Climate lasts all the time, and weather only a few days."

And the knowledge of physiology and of medical subjects exhibited by some of the examined is very amusing. One boy discovered a new organ of the body called a chrone. "He had a chronic disease—something the matter with the chrone."

"The stomach is a pear shaped organ about the size of a man's fist, has a capacity of about a gallon, and is the seat of the mental faculties."

"Esau was a man who wrote fables, and who sold the copyright to a publisher for a bottle of potash."

A school boy, competing for one of the prizes, carried his confusion of widely different events even further. He had to write a short biography of Jonah, and he produced the following: "He was the father of Lot, and had two wives. One was called Ishmale, and the other Hagher; he kept one at home, and he turned the other into the dessert, when she became a pillow of salt in the day time and a pillow of fire at night." The sketch of Moses is equally unhistoric: "Moses was an Egyptian. He lived in an ark made of bullrushes, and he kept a golden calf and worshipped brazen snakes, and et nothing but kwales and manna for forty years. He was caught by the hair of his head, while riding under the bough of a tree, and he was killed by his son Absalom as he was hanging from the bough."

Laidig.

Mrs. Lewis Sipes had been quite ill a few days ago.

Daisy Hoover is still ailing with torti collis.

A. J. Comerer intends to build a wagon-shed and stable 30x40 feet.

The Democrat and Republican primaries were held in this township last Saturday.

David W. Speck and wife of Clearfield, spent last Friday afternoon at J. E. Lyon's.

Rev. Melroy was able to preach at Fairview on Sunday, after an illness of three weeks.

There was an interesting local institute held at Winegardner's school last Friday evening. Nine teachers were present.

Within fifteen days three of our oldest and best known citizens have died, namely, Abram King, James Lyon, and Josiah Speck.

The funeral of Josiah W. Speck was held at Mt. Tabor last Friday, Rev. Jackson of the U. B. church conducting the funeral services. Mr. Speck had been ailing for several years with shaking paralysis. His age was nearly 70 years. He was a son of the late Rev. Benj. Speck.

The clothing of Mrs. Sarah Millin, 35 years old, of Pittsburg, became ignited at an open grate. With her clothing blazing she ran into the street. Edward Moan was passing and, running to him, she threw her arms about him and implored him to save her.—The woman clung to him and both were enveloped in flames. They fell to the sidewalk with their clothing almost all burned off them. The woman will die, and Moan's condition is critical.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by Washington Camp, No. 554, P. O. S. of A. Hustontown, Pa., on the death of James Irwin Fraker, who was an esteemed member of said order.

Whereas, It has seemed good to the All-Wise Creator to remove from our midst our friend and brother, James Irwin Fraker. Be it

Resolved: That, in all humbleness we bow before the Divine Will and uncomplainingly accept the loss placed upon us.

Resolved, That we bear cheerful witness to his sterling worth as a brother of our order and as a citizen of our country. In his death we lose a worthy brother of our Camp. We reflect with gratitude for our having been associated with him, and remember with pride his many virtues of patriotism and devotion to the interests of our order.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family praying that the consolation of the gospel may comfort them in the hour of distress.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in crepe for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother; that they be placed on the minutes, and that they be published in two of the county papers.

W. H. RANCK HARRY DAWNEY
W. G. WINK DAVID K. CHESNUT
HARRY LAMBERSON COMMITTEE.

Wells Tannery.

A message over the phone contains the information that Mr. and Mrs. David Helsel of South Fork, Cambria county, with their two-months old babe started out for a sleigh ride. They had not been out long, when the mother was startled to find that the babe she held in her arms was dead.—The distressed parents hastened to a physician, but he of course was powerless to restore life, and gave it as his opinion that the babe had died of heart failure.—The father of the child is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helsel of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirk of this place attended the dedication services of the M. E. church at Hope-well last Sunday.

Miss Cora Truax visited her uncle Joe Truax at Enid last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Metz spent last Sunday with the former's parents in Rays Cove.

Miss Mattie McDonald is slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Amanda Snow is suffering from a badly sprained wrist.

Mrs. Belle Gracey has been kept in-doors for two weeks, on account of a severe cold.

George Sprowl has purchased a fine new sleigh. We know he will have no trouble in finding girls enough to fill it brim full.

A large number of our people spent an evening recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sprowl who now live in the large stone house known as the Old Sprowl House, on top of Sideling Hill mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stunkard entertained some of their friends Tuesday evening.

A sleighing party consisting of Misses Sara Barndollar, Eliza Barndollar, Edith Masters Alberta Jones, and Messrs Ed Robbitt, Frank Gump, Guy Nevitt, Frank Masters—all of Everett, and Ralph Bobbs of Huntingdon, drove down from Everett on Friday and stayed in the home of Miss E. Maude Baumgardner until Saturday.

The "Day of Prayer for Colleges," Thursday, January 29, will be observed with appropriate services in the M. E. church at 7 o'clock P. M. An address will be given by county Supt. Barton and the pastors of the various churches will participate in the exercises. All are cordially invited.

Worry M. Helman of this place spent the past week visiting his sister at Mercersburg.

DEATH RECORD.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

LITTON.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Litton near Webster Mills died on Wednesday of last week and was buried on Thursday at the Dunkard church in Belfast township. The child was aged five months.

KELNER.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Keiner of Belfast township died Tuesday morning, and will be buried to-day (Wednesday) at the Dunkard church in Belfast township.

The child's death was due to pneumonia, and was sick since last Saturday. It was aged about 6 months.

MRS. MAHALA WILSON.

Mrs. Mahala Wilson died at the home of her son Henry Wilson near Clear Ridge, Sunday, January 18, 1903, aged 76 years, 1 month and 21 days. Interment in the cemetery at Clear Ridge on the following Wednesday, Rev. Dressler conducting the funeral services. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Elias and Henry Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Stevens, and Mrs. J. W. Swisher.

The deceased was an exemplary Christian woman, and died in the full hope of a blessed immortality.

The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia.

WILSON CUTCHALL.

Still another of Taylor township's representative citizens died at his home near Clear Ridge Monday 26th, inst., after an illness running since last April.

Mr. Cutchall was aged about 65 years and is survived by his widow and three sons and a daughter, namely, Charles E., of Iowa; Harry of Johnstown; John D., of Clear Ridge, and Mrs. Laura McClain of Conemaugh.—He is survived also, by one brother and two sisters, William and Mrs. M. D. Mathias at Hustontown, and Mrs. Isiah Madden at Maddensville.

He was an honored member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., at Clear Ridge, an excellent citizen and a kind neighbor.

His funeral will take place from his late home to-day (Wednesday) and interment will take place at Clear Ridge.

MRS. EMILY JANE DECKER.

At her home in Licking Creek township on Monday morning, January 19, 1903, after an illness of eight weeks, Mrs. Emily Jane Decker died at the age of 64 years 8 months, and 5 days. She was the widow of Baltzer Decker, who preceded her to the grave just eleven weeks.

Her maiden name was Mellott, and she was married to Mr. Decker in 1861. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom survive her—one, a daughter dying at the age of three years. There are 29 grand-children, three of whom are married.

She was a member of Asbury M. E. church at Greenhill, and as long as her health would permit, was always found in her place in the sanctuary.

Her remains were followed to their last resting place at Asbury on Wednesday, funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Shull.

JOSIAH W. SPECK.

Josiah W. Speck, another of Taylor township's well known citizens, died at his home near West Dublin, Wednesday, January 21, 1903, aged about 60 years, and his remains were interred, at the graveyard at Specks church on Friday—the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Jackson of Hustontown, of the U. B. church.

Mr. Speck had been an invalid for about six years, being almost helpless during the past three or four years.

He was a consistent member of the United Brethren church, hav-

ing been converted at a camp-meeting fifty years ago, and an excellent neighbor and citizen.

Mr. Speck is another member of Captain Tom Sipes' company (H. 15th Regiment Pa. Infantry) to follow his old commander to the other world, and it has been but a few weeks since two other members of that company died—Baltzer Decker and Casper Miller.

His regiment went out in 1862 and returned in 1863.

He was a member of King Post No. 365 G. A. R. of this place, and his comrades here desire to express their regret at not being able to attend the funeral on account of not getting the word of his death in time.

He was married many years ago to Miss Hattie, daughter of the late David Laidig, who died some twenty years ago. The following children survive, namely, Benj., in Franklin county; John E., in Pittsburg; Mrs. Fannie Frommeyer, in Franklin county; David W., in Clearfield, Pa.; and Samuel and Dora in Taylor township.

MRS. D. C. SPITZER.

On last Wednesday there occurred at Sylvan, Pa., the death of Mrs. D. C. Spitzer, daughter of James Gregory, deceased, a former resident of Belfast township.

Mrs. Spitzer was almost fifty-two years old, and was buried at Warfordsburg, on the following Friday.

About a year ago while convalescing from an attack of grip, she discovered a malignant tumor in her left breast, and with the hope of longer life for herself and service to those she loved, she bravely entered a Baltimore hospital, and underwent a most heroic surgical operation by which the breast, and large section of the neck and axilla were removed.

Although the operation from a medical standpoint was successful, soon after reaching home it was very evident to her friends that her life would only be one of suffering and invalidism, which condition she bore so patiently that her manner at all times was one of "content to stay or willing to go."

Those of our readers who remember Mrs. Spitzer in her girlhood will lovingly recall a pretty rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed, young girl, of pleasing manner and of a nature, buoyant and amiable—a charming picture. To the writer, a later acquaintance, she will be remembered as a gracious hostess and as one who "did what she could" to make her house beautiful, neat and nest-like—to make her home attractive and restful—and whose highest aim was to minister to the comfort of her husband and sons, from whose lives the sun of her great love has gone down.

Associated with the feeling of loss and grief in the death of this excellent woman, is the feeling of gratitude that she is released from all mortal pain and agony and is numbered with those of whom it is said "and God shall wipe all tears from their eyes."

To the husband, two sons Roy and James, and one sister, Mrs. John Stevens, of Mechanicsburg, we extend our warmest sympathy.

S. M. C.

Joseph H. Covalt and son Simon were in town Tuesday looking after the interest of the Fulton telephone company. Mr. Covalt says his son Elijah of Oakland, Ill., who is spending a few weeks among his old time friends here went out the other day to take some exercise on the ice. Elijah has a bump on his head now that would puzzle a French phrenologist.

Mr. William Jones of Chester county, spent a few days during the past week with the family of his aunt, Mrs. M. B. Trout of this place.

Dr. Remsburg is very sick at his home in Bethel township.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nace spent last Friday in Chambersburg.

John Henry of Clear Ridge, was a profitable caller at this office one day last week.

Mr. A. W. Deshong and daughter called at the News office a few minutes Monday.

A son was born to Superintendent and Mrs. Charlie Barton one day last week.

Auctioneer Wible was in town Monday. He says he has booked quite a number of sales for this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Ott who have resided almost a year at Mt. Union, have returned to the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow L. Kirk, of Hustontown, spent Monday with the family of D. E. Fore, Esq., of Tod township.

Hiram Laidig of Taylor township, called at the News office while in town last Thursday.

Miss Katie Fore and her niece Miss Ivy Lamaster, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Baker.

Mrs. G. W. Reisner who had been visiting her parents and other friends in Philadelphia, returned home Saturday evening.

Rev. C. H. Shull of the Licking Creek charge, preached in the Methodist Episcopal church in this place last Sunday evening.

Charlie Robinson of Bethel township, spent a few hours in town last Thursday. He has recently purchased a tract of land from Lot Blankney.

Auctioneer James M. Chesnut of Hustontown, remembered ye printer in a substantial way while in town last Saturday. Jim says he has a lot of sales ahead this spring.

Mr. Dan'l Lamaster of Markes, Franklin county, but who has been in Indiana for two years, is visiting his grandfather, Daniel E. Fore. Mr. Lamaster is accompanied by his sister, Mis Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Litton of Nekoma, Ill., are staying among friends in this county a short time. Mr. Litton is a son of Isaac Litton, and a nephew of Thomas and Mack of Thompson township. The visitors are enjoying their honeymoon.

W. H. Duvall, one of Brush Creek's enterprising citizens, spent a few hours at the county seat last Friday. He has a good saddle horse, and came over horseback, a mode of traveling he very much prefers in this county to a sleigh or buggy.

At his home in Bard, near Everett, Ira Sides, 18 years of age, died a few days ago from a fractured skull. Arising early in the morning, without getting a light, he tried to make his way through the house and ran against the edge of an open door with great force, fracturing his skull.

Rev. A. M. Barnitz, aged 79 years, one of the oldest and most prominent ministers of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in York, Pa., Sunday morning, January 18, 1903. Apart from his work as a minister, he was an artist of considerable note.

Alex Mayne of Fort Littleton, was a visitor to the county seat Monday. He has just returned from Blair county where he spent some time with his sons. George is still landlord of the American House, Hollidaysburg's leading hotel, and Sam has purchased and is now running the Hege House at Martinsburg.

Mrs. Ruth Swope and daughter were in town Monday. Mrs. Swope has just returned from a visit of several weeks with friends in Pittsburg and at Bedford.—She says her son Will who lives at Homestead and has been in poor health for some time, is improving, and expects to visit his Fulton county friends in the spring.