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LAST WEEK'S ELECTION.

On Account of Bad Weather A Very Light Vote.

The following shows the vote cast in the several townships and in the borough for the different candidates at last week's election:

AYR.—Judge of election, C. M. Ray, R. 40, Wm. Bishop, D. 89; inspectors, G. Houtp Glenn, R. 38, James Gordon, D. 90; supervisors James A. Alexander, D. 41, C. J. Brewer, R. 24, John S. Harr, D. 90, Samuel Mellott, D. 100; school directors, W. C. Patterson, R. 42, R. M. Kendall, R. 40, Robert Mellott, R. 38, George Humbert, D. 87, John H. Truax, D. 89, John Stenger, D. 90; justice of the peace, J. F. Johnston, R. 53, Geo. E. Clouser, D. 75, John J. Morton, D. 83; overseers of the poor, Sanner Ray, R. 41, John J. Gordon, D. 87; auditor, A. Warriston Johnston, R. 39, Conrad Glazier, Jr., D. 89; township clerk, W. M. Kendall, R. 40, James P. Keefer, D. 86; treasurer, W. F. Sappington, 98.

Election officers: Judge, Robert Gordon; inspectors, Thomas Shaw and W. A. Youse; clerks, U. G. Humbert, and J. B. Runyau.

BELFAST.—Judge of election, W. H. Wink, R. 52, Wm. Lake, D. 55; inspectors, B. H. Mellott, R. 46, John Bishop, D. 63; supervisors, Scott Baumgardner, R. 53, Eli Bann, R. 47, Anderson Mellott, D. 57, Harvey Snyder, D. 56; school directors, B. A. Truax, R. 64, O. T. Mellott, R. 66, John Hollenshead, R. 52, Wm. Bard, D. 42, H. K. Hill, D. 57, Allen Smith, D. 49; overseer of the poor, J. M. Deshong, R. 45, A. M. Garland, D. 63; auditor, L. P. Morton, R. 46, L. Garland, D. 61; township clerk, Reuben S. Mellott, R. 45, J. T. Laley, D. 64.

Officers: Benjamin Garland, judge; A. C. Truax, and R. H. Mellott, inspectors; and S. L. Wink, J. P. Garland, clerks.

BETHEL.—Judge of election, Z. T. Bair, R. 46, John Mann, of P., D. 58; inspectors, J. P. Fisher, R. 45, Alfred Mellott, D. 58; supervisors, J. J. Decker, R. 35, Ellsworth Golden, R. 47, Geo. M. Gartner, D. 50, Amos Layton, D. 67; school directors, Joseph Fisher, R. 35, J. A. Whitfield, R. 44, W. B. Ranck, R. 47, Oliver Hill, D. 50, Geo. W. Chesnut, D. 51, J. H. H. Lewis, D. 45; overseer of the poor, W. B. Troxel, R. 47, Jas. E. Mellott, D. 50; auditors, Samuel Andrews, R. 49, Lewis Yonker, D. 46; township clerk, Ed Palmer, R. 50, Gilbert J. Mellott, D. 50.

Officers: P. H. Kirk, Judge; Geo. W. Hess and Wesley Hill, inspectors, and W. E. Myers and S. M. Andrews, clerks.

BRUSH CREEK.—Judge, J. M. Barton, R. 55, Silas Holly, D. 37; inspector, John N. Hixson, R. 59, W. H. Decker, D. 40; supervisors, M. J. Hixson, R. 55, James A. Diehl, R. 59, N. W. Mellott, D. 32, C. W. Lynch, D. 42; school directors, A. W. Duvall, R. 51, Mason Barton, R. 47, Geo. O. Lynch, D. 43, T. R. Starr, 43; overseer of the poor, E. D. Akers, R. 50, John S. Engle, D. 36; auditors, O. A. Barton, R. 53, C. C. Mellott, D. 40; clerk, S. E. Walters, R. 49, Carey Layton, D. 43; justice of the peace, E. E. Akers, R. 47, F. M. Lodge, D. 47.

Officers:—E. A. Hoopengardner, judge; Albert Plessinger, C. W. Spade, inspectors, and F. P. Plessinger, and A. M. Hixson, clerks.

DUBLIN.—Henry McGowan, R. 73, Calvin Baker, D. 63, judge; inspectors, John Baldwin, R. 73, Geo. Glunt, D. 60; supervisors, Carl Gallner, R. 81, Scott Ramsey, R. 62, Dennis Hess, D. 75, John S. Long, D. 46; school directors, S. L. Buckley, R. 65, Thomas Gillis, R. 45, John P. Kerlin, D. 76, Clifton Sipes, D. 78; justice of the peace, L. K. Cline, D. 81; overseer of the poor, Wm. Wilds, R. 70, Michael Will, R. 68, W. J. Grove, D. 59, A. V. Kelley, D. 57; auditors, H. S. Charlton, R. 71, Charles Fields, D. 62; clerk,

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MORE RAILROAD NEWS.

The B. & O. to Give Fulton County Her First Railroad.

We give the following, clipped from our exchange in reference to a railroad to pass through this county. There have been so many rumors, and so much speculation in regard to railroad matters, that we take with a good deal of allowance on anything we see in the papers about a railroad for this county.

The following special dispatch from Pittsburg gives some interesting details of the improvement:

"The proposed new line east to the old South Penn location on Sewickley Creek darts off from the Pittsburg & Connellsville at Dexter—once named Saltsburg—tunneling the huge river hill at that point. Once through this hill the line strikes Crooked Run, then another tunnel to a branch of Jacks Run. More tunneling follows, and the new route makes its way eastward to Sewickley Creek at a point about midway between Irwin, on the Pennsylvania and the present location of the Baltimore & Ohio. The part of the route here indicated embodies much of the most expensive construction, because, so far as railroad purposes are concerned, it remains in its original condition. Once the South Penn location is reached east of Sewickley Creek conditions assume a more favorable aspect.

"Of the South Penn tunnels, west to east and nine in number—Laurel Hill, Quamahoning, Negro Mountain, Allegheny, Rays Hill, Sideling Hill, Tuscarora, Kittatinny and Blue Mountain—the latter three are not included in the short line to Hancock, Md.—two-thirds of the excavations have been made. The total length of these tunnels is 37,880 feet, of which but 13,348 feet remain to be excavated. The fact that all of these tunnels are not included in the new project does not materially alter the ratios existing finished and unfinished work included in the proposed road.

"The total cost for graduation, masonry and bridging was \$10,090,792.81. Of this 41 per cent. has been completed. Of the 208 miles included in the South Penn line 22 per cent. has been brought to grade. The lapse of time beyond a doubt has put much of the construction in a bad condition, but still the way has been grandly paved for a new line over the mountains.

"Hancock by rail is now 205 miles distant. It is understood that the new survey, including the line south from the South Penn location and running along west of Tonoloway Ridge, in Fulton county, past the town of Hancock and over the Potomac river to the present Baltimore & Ohio location, is 76 miles less than via the present line. Distances east from Pittsburg via the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio would then compare as follows:

Pennsylvania railroad to Washington, 374 miles; Baltimore & Ohio railroad, to Washington, 266 miles. Pennsylvania railroad, to Baltimore, 332 miles; Baltimore & Ohio (via old main line), 252 miles. Pennsylvania railroad, to Philadelphia, 353 miles; Baltimore & Ohio railroad (via Washington), 362 miles. Pennsylvania railroad, to New York (via Trenton cut-off), 432 miles; Baltimore & Ohio railroad (via Washington), 457 miles.

"It should be noted that the Baltimore & Ohio's 'old main line,' used for freight, is 15 miles shorter than the Washington route, but the through passenger service operates via the National Capital because it is a most important center of travel.

Giving a favorable view of the whole project is the fact that where the short time options are expiring the company is closing the deals in order to clinch the matter. A recent instance of the

Married.

MUMMA—KEEBAUGH.

At the Cooper House in this place on Tuesday, February 25, 1903, Rev. C. M. Smith of this place, united in marriage, Harvey N. Mumma of Pittcairn Pa., and Miss Annie Pearl Keebaugh of Dublin Mills.

Brush Creek.

The people are making good use of the snow.

A. W. Duvall and W. H. Williams spent Friday in Everett on business.

On account of the illness of the teacher, Mr. McKibbin, there was no school in the Akersville graded room Monday and Tuesday. You look better John.

A. W. Duvall and family spent Sunday afternoon at O. R. Duvall's.

J. N. Hixson and family spent Sunday evening at O. A. Barton's.

Mr. O. R. Duvall is improving slowly from a very sore leg.

Miss Ada Hixson is improving slowly.

Misses Gertrude, Ada and Ella Barton, Grace Smith, Flora Mills, Rosie and Essie Williams and Messers Claud Smith, Sebort Barton and Alexander McKibbin spent Sunday afternoon visiting Miss Viola Hixson.

The sawmills of Brush Creek are making good use of the timber.

Locust Grove.

Most of the people are making good use of the sledding.

James McKee and H. B. Sharpe are hauling ice and preparing for summer.

Job Winter has purchased a mule that makes its mile in 24 minutes.

Mrs. Ella Boor and daughter Pearl, of Hancock, are visiting her brothers, D. S., and S. N. Garland.

Wm. Garland, who has spent several weeks with friends of the Cove has returned to Tiffin, Ohio.

Emory Diehl, who was called home on account of his mother's illness, has returned to Pittsburg.

After a few days visiting with friends at Timber Ridge and Needmore, Mrs. Alice Sharpe and daughter Clara returned home Monday evening.

Mrs. Denton Hoopengardner was visiting her daughter in Hancock, who expects to leave that place soon.

Amos Mellott, teacher of Oak Grove, took the wrong road last Saturday evening and wandered a way up to the mountain. He ought to take a lantern dark nights.

Mr. James Layton of Clearfield was visiting Oak Grove school last Friday. He and his brother George expects to leave for Clearfield Tuesday.

Anna B. Garland is the only scholar of Oak Grove school that has not missed a day.

Rev. Johnston, of Virginia will preach 27th inst at Whips Cove church.

Many novel features were presented at the valentine party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Reiser last Friday evening, including a "heart hunt," a "word hunt" and a "partner hunt," says the Shippensburg Chronicle. The refreshments carried out the sentiments of the day, being heart-shaped as far as possible. The ice cream was served in the form of hearts pierced by an arrow and with a cupid attached. The guests had a royal good time.

Mr. Reiser is a brother of J. G. and G. W. Reiser, of this place.

kind is the deals closed in the vicinity of Hancock, reported at the time to be for the purpose of blocking the Western Maryland, but which in reality were as much in connection with the forthcoming new line over the mountains as for any other purpose.

AN AGED MOTHER GONE.

Mrs. Catherine Fisher, Who Lived Almost Ninety Years.

On Saturday night at the Washington House occurred the death of one of our oldest residents, Mrs. Catharine Fisher, who lacked but two months of being ninety years of age. Her death was due to la grippe and occurred after less than a week's illness.

Mrs. Fisher was one of eight daughters, who composed the family of William and Elizabeth Alexander Ready and was born in Wells Valley on the farm now owned by William Moseby in April 29 1813.

March 6, 1834, she became the wife of Andrew Fisher whom she survived many years and by whom she became the mother of eight children, five of whom are living, namely, Jno. R., of Bedford Pa., Mrs. S. B. Woollet and Winifred S., of McConnellsburg, and Mrs. Sarah E. Miller and Mrs. L. F. Skinner, of Kansas.

Very early in life she became associated with the Presbyterian church, and was at the time of her death a member of Green Hill congregation to which she was closely attached, as was evidenced in her request, that her body find a last resting place in Green Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband and that of her youngest daughter.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Fisher has lived with, and enjoyed the kind indulgence and tender care of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Woollet of the Washington House. Her every wish was met on the part of her daughter to have her last years, the most enjoyable and peaceful ones of her life. Of the many excellent traits of character in the personality of Mrs. Fisher her love for her children and grand children, and the lively interest she evinced in their work and welfare, stands out most prominently. Even in the last hours of her life, her anxiety was for their future comfort. Her nature was most tenderly humane, and her hand was always opened to the poor in a large-hearted generosity. In her heart a harbor was always open to the unfortunate—the erring, and for those who have been termed by Him who was poorer than the "birds of the air," "the least of these" she was especially considerate.

To me who believes that to this aged mother, "death is only a transition" and with her "mortality, has put on immortality," it were inconsistent to grieve.—Rather let us recognize in her removal the continued mercy of a kind and loving Father, who "giveth his beloved sleep," and "who doeth all things well."

Laidig.

Last Tuesday and Thursday on account of the snow, there was no mail through here.

William Winter and family of Kearney, spent Sunday at D. R. Mumma's. S. H. Hockensmith accompanied them home and will drive team for Mr. Winter this week.

Rev. Melroy preached a practical sermon from Luke 6:47, at Fairview Sunday forenoon, which ought to have been appreciated by those present.

Biram Clevenger is ailing with erysipelas and a bad cold.

Ruth Lyon has sore throat, and two of A. R. Edward's youngest children are ailing with bad colds.

Nathan McClain, formerly of this township but now a conductor or freight train between Conemaugh and Altoona, is visiting relatives in this township.

At the Mercersburg academy tenth annual prize debate held last Saturday evening, Parker R. Skinner, son of Captain Geo. W. Skinner, carried off the honors.—Parker is a former McConnellsburg high school boy, and his friends here extend congratulations. "Keeps' goin," Todd.

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No Good.

We seem to be doomed to disappointments in securing the much needed change in our mail facilities. The petition was sent in as noticed a week or two ago, the department advertised for bids, but when they opened them they found it would cost over \$2,100 a year more than by the present arrangement, and Uncle Sam concluded he couldn't stand that; so he turned us down.

When Hon. S. W. Kirk left here for Harrisburg Monday he said he felt sure that the bill would pass making the minimum teachers' salary \$35 a month.—Mr. Kirk said he intended to fight the bill with might and main, but the odds are against him. If the bill passes we shall give a full copy of it later.

William Ward of Union township has accepted a position as farm hand on Ex-Sheriff Frank Mason's farm near town. William is a first rate young man and we welcome him to our community.

New Grenada.

Benjamin Alexander of Enid, who has been working at Leechburg all winter, is home for a few days.

Harvey Shafer, mine blacksmith at North Point, is spending Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shafer.

J. Howard Edwards, the cash grocer of Portage, was shaking hands with his friends here Saturday.

Tillie Winegardner who has been at Huntingdon during the winter, visited Mrs. Alice McClain a few days.

"Aunt" Rachel Bergstresser is on the sick list.

The election is over, and, as usual, the Democrats won and are in consequence rejoicing.

Three Springs lodge 1. O. O. F. will visit Waterfall lodge at New Grenada in a body on next Saturday evening.

Constable W. R. Anderson was in our town last Saturday serving notices of election to the successful candidates of our township.

The editor caused an item to read Horse Valley Co., which was intended for Hares Valley Co.

We were informed that at the election on Tuesday at Robertsdale, including the eastern part of Carbon township and adjoining Wells, there were only 29 votes polled on account of the extreme cold day; and, that, each vote cost the county of Huntingdon one dollar and eleven and a fourth cents. Our neighbor H. Curtis McClain was elected to the office of inspector and tax collector.

More railroad news; but as your scribe gave a discouraging report last week, perhaps the readers of the "News" wouldn't want to hear anything more. Another corps of engineers is now within two miles of our town on same route as the other. Some say they are levelers or graders; but if they pull the stakes out that the first ones set, and drive in somewhere else, it will be doing something to cause surmises, excitement, among store box and nail keg gossips for another week or more.

The good brothers of P. O. S. of A. held a public banquet in their hall here last Saturday night, and, we must say, it was a pleasurable occasion, bringing together the many in the community in a social way. It was, at first, intended for the P. O. S. of A. and families, but in the evening everybody was invited. Although the oysters did not arrive, there was abundance of other good things to satisfy all, chicken "swell-up" being the leading dish. Good order prevailed. All was peace and harmony. Such social gatherings are a help to any community. F. G. Mills delivered an address upon the order.

DEATH RECORD.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

GRISSINGER.

The grim reaper invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Grissinger of this place last Saturday evening and removed from the family circle their son Daniel W., aged 13 years, 5 months, and 26 days.

Dannie was a bright boy beloved by his companions, and had been in school all winter up to within a short time before his death. It was only last week the family were brought to realize that the boy was the victim of peritonitis.

The funeral occurred at the family residence at noon Monday; was conducted by their pastor, Rev. C. M. Smith, assisted by Revs. West, Wolf and Grove, and was attended by a large number of sympathizing relatives and friends.

It has been less than two years since they lost a bright little son Clifford, who died suddenly while playing ball on the street.

Interment at Union cemetery.

CHARLES R. DAVIS.

Charles R. Davis, a highly respected citizen of Licking Creek township, died at Saluvia Monday evening, February 23, 1903, aged about 67 years.

Mr. Davis was a son of William Davis, deceased, of Taylor township, and a brother of T. Frank and James of the same township.

He was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Greenland, of Wells Valley, who died some four years ago. The following children survive, namely: Annie, wife of George W. Sipes, Wells Valley; U. M., of Braddock, Pa.; Stella, wife of Brown C. Dawney, Philadelphia; Laura, wife of a Mr. Evans, in Indiana; Minnie, wife of William Quinte, Huntingdon, Pa.; Gertrude, wife of A. M. Hix, Emmanville, Pa. Clara, wife of John McDonald, died in Buffalo, N. Y., a year or two ago.

Mr. Davis was a tanner by trade and followed his trade at Austin's tannery at Saluvia several years. He was an elder in the Green Hill Presbyterian church, was an active Odd Fellow for many years, and, altogether, an excellent citizen. During the past year he has been postmaster at Saluvia, keeping a grocery store and boarding in the family of I. W. Schooley, where he died of pneumonia after being sick but one week.

Interment at the cemetery at Green Hill Presbyterian church to-day (Wednesday), funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. Wm. A. West.

MRS. MARIA STIGERS.

Mrs. Maria Stigers, wife of Baltus Stigers, died Wednesday morning, February 19, 1903, at her home at Warfordsburg, aged 70 years. Her death was due to paralysis, her illness lasting about one week. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was interred Saturday morning at the Tonoloway Baptist church, a large concourse of friends paying a last tribute to the dead. Deceased is survived by her husband Mr. Baltus Stigers, daughter Mrs. Joseph Charlton, of Warfordsburg, sons Dr. P. Elwood Stigers, of Hancock, and Mr. William B. Stigers of Warfordsburg.

Mrs. Stigers was a daughter of the late Philip Gordon of Bethel township, and a sister of Wm. P. Gordon, Esq., of Warfordsburg.

THOMAS.

Two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Thomas of Ayr township died after a short illness on Tuesday of last week. Interment on Wednesday in this place.

Capt. L. H. Kuhn has returned to Hancock from a six weeks' stay at the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore much improved. His left leg, which was injured by a bullet during the battle of Gettysburg, was amputated.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. Grant Baker was a caller at Daniel E. Fore's Sunday evening.

Miss Gertrude Finley a cousin of Mrs. Fleck is a guest at the jail.

J. W. Troxel of Thompson township spent Tuesday night at McConnellsburg.

Misses Irene Pott, and Emma Mellott of Webster Mills, were shopping in town last Saturday.

Farmers' local institute at McNaughton's school house next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

John R. Fisher of the "Fisher House" Bedford, was here attending the funeral of his mother.

Pott Phillips, a staunch Democrat of Thompson township spent a few hours in town on Monday.

Jacob Hess has purchased the Andrew Shives farm in Thompson township and will take possession of it the first of April.

Miss Jessie Shimer, of this place went to Shippensburg last Saturday to spend two or three weeks with her sister.

Attention is directed to an advertisement elsewhere in this paper of an excellent business opportunity at Saltillo, Pa.

Mr. William B. Kennedy and family have changed their residence this week from the Great-head house to Sharp Patterson's stone house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hess of Thompson township has moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. F. Mellot of Webster Mills, where she will make her future home.

Mrs. John Gunnels and her sister, Miss Maggie Hamil, and Miss Alice Welker of Willow Hill, teacher of the Knobsville school, spent Saturday with Miss Katie S. Fore.

Miss Mertie Kelso spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ivy Lamaster, who is spending the winter with her grandfather Daniel E. Fore, Esq., of Tod township.

Mr. John J. McDonald, Jamestown, N. Y., likes the News so well that he sends a dollar for us to send the News to his friend Albert Dubbs, at Ransom, Kansas.

Rev. C. C. Jones will preach at Pleasant Grove Tuesday evening, March 3; Mays Chapel, Wednesday evening, March 4; and Cedar Grove, Thursday evening, March 5. Services begin at 7 o'clock.

Rev. George H. Vibert of Massachusetts will be here on the 9th and 10th of March, and will during the evenings of those days deliver two of his famous temperance lectures. Further notice next week.

George W. Morton of Belfast township, was in town last Thursday. He has been spending the winter at Riddlesburg pulling coke. George says it is not as chilly work as hauling ice, but there is good money in it.

David Fohner of Taylor, called at the News office a few minutes while in town last Saturday. He came in to meet his daughter Miss Dessa, who has been in Franklin county for some time, and is going up to spend some time with her parents.

Mr. W. L. Nace of this place has purchased the merchant tailoring establishment of C. W. McDonald at Carlisle, and has taken possession. Mr. Nace is thoroughly familiar with the details of the business, and is in every way deserving the confidence and patronage of the Carlisle people.

The family of John Rhodes at Orbisonia has passed through deep affliction. As was announced through this paper two weeks ago, Mrs. Rhodes died, and nearly all the other members have had typhoid fever. Mr. Rhodes is able to walk out again, and Robert is able to sit up a few hours each day.