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AT THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE.

Court Attracts a Large Number of Visitors to the County Seat.

The regular March term of the Fulton county courts convened here on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with President Judge S. McC. Swope and Associates L. P. Kirk and D. A. Nelson on the bench.

The constables were called and presented their reports.

The court instructed the clerk to call the grand jury. All responded to their names and were sworn. M. L. Truax, of Belfast township, was made foreman. In a lengthy charge Judge Swope defined the different grades of crimes and instructed the grand jury how to proceed on the bills that would be presented for their consideration by the commonwealth's attorney. The jury retired at 2:40.

Current business was then taken up, the first of which was a petition of citizens of Licking Creek township for the appointment of an inspector of the school district. The matter was taken under consideration.

Daniel Fore vs. George Wilds, rule to show cause why execution should not be set aside; rule granted, returnable at June term.

Widow's appraisement in estate of Abram King, late of Taylor township; list approved unless exceptions be filed within 20 days.

In the case of Minnie Irwin vs. James Irwin, subpoena in divorce the sheriff reported that the defendant was not in his bailiwick.

Order and return of sale of the property of Jonathan B. Snyder, late of Thompson township, deceased, confirmed.

Joseph Mellott vs. Raynard Mellott, subpoena in divorce.—Geo. B. Daniels, Esq., appointed commissioner to take testimony in the case and report same with an opinion to the court.

On motion of the district attorney, the case of the commonwealth vs. John R. Karns, f. and b., was continued.

Commonwealth vs. Raynard Mellott, desertion, continued.

Report of viewers for road in Taylor township was confirmed n. si., and road ordered to be opened 25 feet.

Report of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., inspector for school district of Belfast. At the last term of court it was alleged by citizens of the district that the school directors had neglected to provide adequate school facilities in certain parts of the township, and petitioned the court to appoint an inspector to ascertain the facts in the case. Mr. Shaffner's report recited that in certain portions of the township accommodations had not been provided for those who lived outside the two-mile limit, that the facilities were not sufficient for all who wanted to attend, and that many complaints set forth in the petition were in the main true. The matter was taken under consideration by the court.

The grand jury through the foreman, M. L. Truax, reported to the court that they had visited the jail and had found that the jail wall needed repairs. They recommended other minor repairs. The judge assured the jury that the matter would be brought to the attention of the commissioners, and discharged the body with the thanks of the court.

The first civil case to occupy the attention of the court was that of W. L. Moseby vs. F. C. McClain, ejectment proceedings. A jury in this case was selected at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and court adjourned until 1:30 p. m.—Before any testimony was taken, however, the fact was brought out that the plaintiff had not complied with certain provisions of the law of 1901 governing such cases and the case was terminated so far as this term of court is concerned.

At the last term of court sentence was suspended upon payment of costs in the cases of Emma Wolf, surety of the peace, and

Local Institute.

The local institute held at Alpine in Bethel last Friday evening was very well attended. Director A. M. Bivens was elected president, and Bessie Morton secretary. The questions were all very ably discussed. The teachers present were: Cora Funk, Orpha Snyder and Bessie Morton of Belfast; Oscar Sharpe, Brush Creek; Austin Peck and Miss Letitia Peck, Thompson; Harvey Sharpe, Wm. Peck, Austin Hill, Bertha Golden and Minnie Funk, Bethel.

The manner in which the recitations were delivered shows the good work done by the school, and much credit is due the teacher, William Peck.

New Grenada.

Wm. Butts will move to Burnt Cabins.

Miss Barbara Largent of McConnellsburg is visiting friends in this section.

George Thomas of Woodcock Valley is moving to our valley to the James Sipes' farm.

Wells will have quite an army of witnesses at court this week for the first time in many years.

Charles Alloway and family of Three Springs drove to our village Sunday evening to see his father.

Garden fence dialogues: "We planted onions, lettuce and peas yesterday, did you? O yes; the day before."

No. 4 school was off again the past week on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Jessie B. McClain.

Eddie Bergstresser left Tuesday for Monessen, Pa., where his brother Hayes has secured a good job for him.

Benjamin Horton of Robertsdale formerly of Taylor township died last Friday. Funeral at Broadtop City on Monday, the 16th inst.

J. Cal Foster has a very bad attack of erysipelas. His entire face is covered with it at present, but he is recovering slowly.

Mrs. Geo. Shafer of our town received the sad intelligence on Friday of the death of her mother, Mrs. William P. Wagoner of near Orbisonia. Funeral at Cherry Grove on Sunday, the 15th.

Back Run.

Marie Wright is reported sick. Miss Annie Thomas was in town last Friday.

Mrs. Jacob Motter spent last Wednesday at William Cutchall's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paylor visited Mrs. Paylor's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Tolbert last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Houck were at William Paylor's last Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. John Souders and daughter Gladis, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Paylor and son Orman were there on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peck and little daughter Ruth of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in this county.

Cal Maun, "the miller," has moved from the Dr. Cook property near Webster Mills, now owned by Tobie Glazier, into the Rev. Chambers property lately vacated by Elliott Ray.

George Walker charged with furnishing liquor to minors. The district attorney said the bill of costs had not been satisfied, and asked for a process. The Court stated the matter would be disposed of before court adjourned.

In a petition of Banner Fisher, judge of election of Thompson township, he sets forth that he feels an error was committed in the counting of the vote at the February election. It appears that a sticker was pasted over one of the names and neither vote was counted. If the failure to count was illegal the election would be illegal and the election of an inspector would depend upon the result, and the Court was asked to determine the matter.

The Recent Temperance Meetings.

It is rare that McConnellsburg and the surrounding community enjoy such an awakening as in the meetings held in the churches last week on the temperance issue. The meetings were planned by the clergymen of the town and resulted in a complete success. The lecturer, Rev. George H. Vibbert, has been in the work of temperance education in the state of Pennsylvania for about eight years, and is thoroughly booked up on the different phases of the question. Besides, he is a close student, and has enjoyed the advantages of extensive travel and acquaintance with distinguished men and women, by which he has become possessed of a very large store of general information which he utilizes in his addresses to good effect, both in entertaining and edifying his audiences. His logic is convincing, his illustrations are most impressive, and the current of his thought sweeps his hearers along with him in unbroken attention.

After his lecture on the theme, "If I let the Saloon alone It will let me alone," there certainly could not be any in his audience who did not clearly understand the fallacy of this assumption, and that every man, woman and child in all the land suffers directly or indirectly, and in a great diversity of ways, from the saloon. If the dealers in this business could be induced to attend such meetings and behold the portrayal of these facts in their true light, it is difficult to conceive of any man who does not have enough of the humane spirit in his nature to force him out of the business.

Mr. Vibbert's addresses to the children and to the women were well calculated to awaken the deepest antipathy against the tobacco and drink habits, and to call forth their emphatic protest and earnest effort against them.

His subject in the last address was, "The Greatest Public Question." He compared the liquor question with various other public questions, and demonstrated that beyond all doubt it is the greatest public question before the American people to-day.—This he showed viewing it from an economic standpoint, viewing it as a source of suffering and misery to humanity, viewing it as an agency of political corruption, and viewing it as a demoralizing and character destroying agency. All these aspects of the question were very forcibly illustrated, and the argument made irrefutable.

It was much to be regretted that Mr. Vibbert's engagements were such that he could not be retained among us longer. When the meetings closed the people generally were only beginning to find out that we were having lectures more valuable than those for which they often pay a large admittance fee. There is good reason to believe that much good will result from these meetings, and that similar ones may succeed them and keep the reform spirit in progress.

J. L. G.

Stoney Ridge.

The saw mill men at Isaiah Sipes are getting along well.

Mrs. Isaiah Sipes was a pleasant caller at the home of D. D. Hann last Sunday.

Miss Ada L. Hann is going to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Sipes.

Mrs. Ella Mellott and son James called at Mrs. D. D. Hann's one day last week.

Mrs. Beamer Gress spent last Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoop. Our schools will soon close.

Misses Ada L. Hann and Mary Daniels will attend the Harrisonville normal.

Mrs. David Hann and son Earl spent last Sunday afternoon at J. W. Hoop's.

Rev. D. B. Lake still remains poorly.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

MARTIN.

Mrs. Isabella Martin, mother of John M. Martin died Saturday at her home in Whips Cove in her 77th year. She had been ill with grippe and other complications, but had been bedfast but two days. The funeral was held from her late residence, Monday at 2 P. M., interment at Jerusalem church.

MELLOTT.

At the home of his parents in Ayr township, on Wednesday, March 11, 1903, John J., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mellott, died at the age of 15 years, 2 months and 23 days.

John was an excellent boy and a general favorite among his companions. The cause of his death was typhoid pneumonia, and he had been sick only about two weeks.

Interment was made at Union cemetery on Friday following.

DAVID STEVENS.

After a prolonged illness Mr. David Stevens, another of Taylor township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home at Laidig Tuesday, March 10, 1903, aged 77 years, 7 months and 5 days. Interment in the cemetery at Fairview church on the Thursday immediately following.

About forty five years ago Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Heeter who, with three sons, Harry K. and Wm. L. of Laidig, and Samuel D. of Chambersburg, survive him.

Mr. Stevens was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of Company G, Two Hundred and Fifth, P. V. While he never aspired to positions of political preferment, he was frequently called on to fill offices of local trust, and since the beginning of Harrison's administration he served very efficiently as postmaster at Laidig.

He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MISS ETHEL J. ALEXANDER.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander will learn with sorrow, of the death of their only child which occurred March 8, at Fannettsburg at the home of Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mrs. Everts. Some years ago they had moved to Cleveland, Ohio; and a few weeks ago, started to come to Fulton and Franklin on a visit. The mother and daughter expecting to remain until August. On the way the daughter became ill and they were compelled to stop two weeks in Chambersburg then came to Fannettsburg. It was soon seen that her case was hopeless. During her illness they had eleven different doctors to see her. She had become a member of the church at the age of ten, and during her illness said that the future was bright. She told her mother not to shed a tear, that if the Lord had any work for her to do she would get well, and if not, she would be taken. She had just graduated from the high school at Cleveland, Ohio, and had planned to graduate in music and have a college education by the time she was of age. She planned everything for her funeral services.—She asked to be buried in a white coffin and have a white hearse drawn by white horses.

Interment was made at Fannettsburg on the Wednesday following her death. Services conducted by Rev. Gottschall. She was just two months past sixteen years of age.

Miss Maye Johnston, who has just completed the art of Millinery at the fashionable Simonson establishment, has purchased Mrs. E. M. Gress's millinery store in McConnellsburg, and she with Mrs. Gress left Tuesday afternoon for eastern cities to lay in spring stock. Look for her ad next week.

Moral Reform Meeting.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Moral Reform Association will be held next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the M. E. church in this place. The topic for consideration will be "The Ideal Home." The public is cordially invited to attend.

McKibbin.

Business is brisk in our vicinity at present since Mr. Ramsey, the lumberman, has made his appearance.

William Mellott and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Mellott's brother, Mr. Geo. Mellott at McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Feight and family of the Corner, spent some time this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bedford.

Norman Akers and Miss Lillie Wink of Sipes Mill, were callers at W. H. Lake's Sunday afternoon.

Andrew Mellott purchased a fine young horse recently.

Mr. William Lake and wife were called to Whips Cove on the account of the death of the former's aunt, Mrs. Isabelle Martin.

The sick of this vicinity are improving. Our school at Philip Morgret's is coming near a close.

Clear Ridge.

R. J. Fleming has quit blacksmithing and will farm this summer.

Mrs. J. A. Henry spent the past week with her friends at Maddensville.

James D. Stevens of Fort Littleton spent Sunday with his father-in-law James Kerlin, Sr.

Elva J. Brown of Orbisonia spent a few days last week in the home of his uncle Alfred Brown.

Misses Emma Bare and Sue Orth of Fort Littleton spent Sunday with friends here.

A surprise party was held on Friday night at the home of Mrs. Martha Wible.

Misses Mary Carmack, Laura and Blanche Carmack and Lulu Brown spent Sunday afternoon with Ada Fleming.

Mrs. Wm. Henry who had been in a hospital in Ohio for the past six weeks has returned home somewhat improved.

Miss Margaret Carmack has gone to Mowersville to spend a couple weeks in the home of Michael Core.

Great excitement was caused here last Thursday when Russell, the three-year-old son of Gilbert Kerlin, took their little dog and strayed away from home, getting into the woods. A search was made during the afternoon. Toward evening the whole neighborhood was starting out expecting to hunt all night, when he was found. When asked where he was going, he replied, "To catch a mess of squirrels."

Wells Tannery.

Rau McDonald and family are visiting friends in Maddensville and Clear Ridge.

Edward Whitehill and Mrs. Etta Patterson, of Pittsburg passed through our town a few days ago enroute to Mrs. Margaret Lyon's. Mrs. Patterson is in very poor health. Her many friends here wish her a speedy and full recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helsel were in Everett Friday on business.

David Duval, of Bellewood, is visiting old acquaintances here.

Mrs. David Kline is visiting her sister in Dancausville.

Maud and Harry Baumgardner spent last Saturday in Everett visiting in the home of M. D. Barndollar.

Kep Edwards sold his property to Ambrose Helsel now a resident of Hopewell.

Peter Guillard, Sr., lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Z. P. Horton of Everett is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Belle Anderson.

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Drank Rat Poison.

Albert Kegarise a prominent farmer in South Woodbury township, over in Bedford county, committed suicide by taking rat poison.

Mr. Kegarise was a man of considerable means and lately bought a farm for which he was not quite able to pay cash. He worried over the fact that he would have to pay interest on the portion of the purchase money unpaid.

Early one morning last week he went to the store of George Kegarise which is at Salemville and stated that he wished to buy some rat poison which he meant to use at the barn on the farm purchased by him.

He seemed to be in a cheerful state of mind and nothing strange was thought of his request for poison and it was sold to him.—He then went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Calvin Miller, and going behind the barn drank the poison. He then entered the house and sitting down on a lounge informed his sister what he had done. He said he knew he would die and told her what distribution to make of his estate.—At first his sister thought he was joking, but as he grew sicker they realized his condition.

Dr. Charles W. Gensimore, of New Enterprise, was summoned and administered an antidote, but it was too late to save his life and he died the same evening. He fought with the physician saying that he desired to die. He was about fifty years of age and unmarried.

Laidig.

S. D. Stevens of Chambersburg was called here by the death of his father.

Emma Laidig of Hustontown spent the past few weeks at J. E. Lyon's.

Edward Whitehill of Morrisons Cove, Bedford county, was a visitor to West Dublin on Tuesday.

The death of David Stevens has removed another of our old-time citizens and a veteran of the Civil War.

Our supervisor G. C. Lamberston with a force of hands put a new bridge across the race at Hoover's mill on Saturday.

Lee B. Johnson and family arrived on Saturday from Greene county where they have spent the past year. Lee intends to help his father on the sawmill.

Mrs. Ettie Patterson and son Harold Gilliland of Pittsburg, spent a few days last week at West Dublin. They were accompanied back to Pittsburg by J. E. Lyon who expects to return home Wednesday.

The person who took the burrs off two wheels of Andrew Hoover's buggy will ease his conscience by returning them and hereafter keeping out of mischief. These acts will finally lead the doer of such things to jail or the penitentiary.

Just a little less than six hours were consumed this week in disposing of the business before the March term of court. But one bill was sent to the grand jury and they ignored that one, and the petit jury did not hear a single case. It will be remembered that at the March court of last year the jury had nothing to do but receipt for their pay. When it is considered that we have but two "jury courts" a year, and no business at them, our attorneys should not be censured if they go out for a job of bark peeling after court.

A man and woman are canvassing our neighboring towns selling a peculiar "flower" called "Rose of Jericho" which resembles a piece of dry sponge, and are to be placed in a saucer or plate and boiling water poured over them, when the germ in the sponge-like plant will (after a few hours) burst forth into a beautiful flower. A great many flower-loving ladies have procured the mysterious bunch of moss, but are just now beginning to realize that they have been buncoed.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. Abram G. Anderson and son S. A. Anderson formerly of Wells Valley but now residents of Homestead, Pa., spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. Aaron Knepper who spent his boyhood days about McConnellsburg, but now one of Taylor township's prominent citizens, spent last Friday in town.

Chick Mellott has rented Tobie Glazier's farm and moved on to it, and Tobie and family will go into the Dr. Cook property purchased some time ago by Mr. Glazier.

There will be Communion service at Fairview church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and at Centre church at 2:30 p. m. Preaching in Hustontown M. E. church at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. M. V. Cromer's new porch, erected by Thomas Stevens and painted by Thompson and Steach, adds much to the appearance of her residence on corner of Walnut and First.

The Reformed people will hold their next annual reunion at Pen Mar Thursday, July 16, and the Lutherans will hold theirs at the same place Thursday, July 23—one week later.

Mr. C. S. Speese, proprietor of the Gettysburg Drain and Tile works spent a few days during the past week with the family of Mrs. Catherine Eitemiller of this place, who is a relative of Mr. Speese.

Mrs. W. M. Dixon and daughter Margaret of Pittsburg have returned to their home, after spending a week with Mrs. Dixon's sister-in-law, Mrs. C. M. Dixon in Chambersburg, Pa.

Superintendent Barton is confined to his bed on account of a very painful abscess caused by a bruise received in travel over the county. Dr. Mosser is looking after him, and will no doubt make the Professor believe the abscess don't hurt much.

The rate fixed for transmitting messages across the ocean by the wireless telegraph is ten cents a word, and Marconi says it will probably be reduced to one cent a word. The cable companies charge twenty-five a word.

The familiar form of Hon. John Daniels of Bethel was seen in town this week. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Daniels is not as "young as he used to be," he is looking well, and we trust he may be spared to attend court many years yet.

Hon. S. P. Wishart of Wells Tannery was among those who attended court in response to the courtesy of a formal invitation (he being a witness in the McClain-Ford case. Mr. and Mrs. Wishart had a very delightful visit among their western friends last fall.

Elliott Ray and family moved last week from the Rev. Chambers farm into the house on Walnut street vacated by Henry Dushong and family. We welcome them back to McConnellsburg. Mr. Ray was a former resident of McConnellsburg, owning the property in which Mrs. Lou Jackson lives, but moved down the Cove about twenty-five years ago.

George B. May and wife, former residents of Everett, will leave California this week for the East. Mr. and Mrs. May have been residents of California about a year. They went to Redlands, California, owing to the ill health of their daughter Miss Georgia, and since her death have determined to come back to the Old Keystone State. They expect to visit some relatives who live in different parts of the West on their way, and are not expected to arrive in Everett for about three weeks.—We welcome their return to their native state. We are informed that Mr. May expects to take up his residence in Pittsburg after a short visit with relatives here.—Everett Press.