

# The Fulton County News.

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## A FORMER FULTON COUNTY BOY.

Appointed on the Board of the Eastern State Penitentiary.

In the appointment of Dr. William Duffield Robinson of Philadelphia, on the Board of Inspectors of the Eastern State Penitentiary, Governor Pennypacker has made an excellent selection and pleases many of the early as well as late friends of Dr. Robinson in assigning him to that position.

The Doctor is a son of one of Fulton county's well known former citizens—the late John Robinson, who for many years owned and successfully conducted the Big Cove Tannery in Ayr township.

After quitting school at the old Chambersburg Academy, he entered Cressler's drug store in Chambersburg where he served an apprenticeship of three years. But desiring to better fit himself as a pharmacist, he, in 1874, went to Philadelphia and entered the store of McKelway & Barrell, and while there, took a full course in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1876. Later, he took a full course in medicine in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in the days when the University had on its faculty such able instructors as Doctors Pepper, Penrose, Ashhurst, and Agnew—the latter of whom was a graduate of the same medical school that Dr. Robinson's uncle, the late, well known and able McConnellsbury physician, Dr. S. E. Duffield—all university of Pennsylvania men.

After graduating in medicine, Dr. Robinson was appointed resident physician in the Eastern Penitentiary and served in that capacity for eleven years. During that time he had become deeply interested in sanitary and medical matters connected with prisons, and did much towards keeping the penitentiary abreast with the rapid advancements being made in those lines throughout the United States.

In his profession the Doctor has won an enviable position among the medical men of Philadelphia.

The position to which he has been appointed by Governor Pennypacker, has always been sought and filled by the leading citizens of Philadelphia, among whom may be mentioned the late Furman Sheppard, John M. Morris, Richard Vaux and Thomas W. Price. It is an honorary position—the Board giving their time and services without any compensation.

The Doctor's appointment was all the more complimentary as it was outside of politics, and one of merit entirely. All this makes it the more gratifying to his friends, and it should be a source of pardonable pride to the Doctor himself. Will, we wish you success, but at the same time would gently remind you that as long as the trout continue to bite along the Back Run, or the bushy tails continue their imprudent basking on the hickories, down in the Corner, your friend, the writer, prefers a job as far away from your experimental establishment at Cherry Hill, as it may be in the power of his Excellency the Governor, to grant, and with just as much of a fat salary attached to it, as the old Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can endure without injury to the machine.

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Armless Child.

About two months ago, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strait of Licking Creek township a son entirely devoid of arms.—The child is perfectly formed save the missing limbs, is growing finely, and is a very pretty baby. Some two years ago a daughter was born to the same parents minus upper lip and palate. The child was taken to Philadelphia, a lip grafted on which grew; as far as personal appearance goes, there is little to indicate that a deformity exists.

## Moves up the Line.

Last week's Lebanon News, has this to say about one of Fulton's former teachers, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart at Greenhill.

William N. Stewart, assistant to W. G. Weand, supervisor of Lebanon division of the P. & R., with headquarters here, has received notice of his promotion to the New York branch of the same road. He will be located at Trenton Junction as assistant to the supervisor of that district. Mr. Stewart came here about two and a half years ago; is originally from McConnellsbury, Pa., and is an efficient employee. Mr. Stewart during his residence here, has become exceedingly popular, and a large circle of friends will regret to learn of his contemplated departure. The changes are booked to take place on or about June 1, but may be delayed for several weeks thereafter.

## Clear Ridge.

Miss Alda Miller of Dublin Mills has been visiting her cousin Miss Annie Winegardner the past week.

Miss Cora Wible of near Maddensville was the guest of her aunt, Martha Wible a few days recently.

Among those who were away and came home to spend Decoration day, were Horace Grove of Somerset county, W. A. Baker of Tyrone, G. C. Fields of Sixmile Run, Charley Wilson and wife of Franklin county, L. H. Grove, Misses Elsie S. Baker, and M. Maude Fields who are attending school at the county seat, John Baker and wife of Mapleton Depot, and Melvin J. Brown of Pittsburg.

Misses Hester and Belle Witter of Waterfall were guests from Friday until Monday of their cousins Misses Jessie and Lillian Henry.

Ephraim Anderson, wife and her niece Mrs. Kitchener, the latter of Indiana spent Sunday with J. D. Stevens of Fort Littleton.

Little Mandaline and Ethel Stevens of McConnellsbury are spending sometime in the home of their grandfather, N. B. Henry.

Miss Minnie Grove has had bad luck driving the past week and having a runaway on Thursday and on Friday two buggies kicked to pieces.

George Fox was in this place on Sunday for his wife and two little daughters, who had spent the past week with friends here.

Mrs. John S. Alexander, of Findlay, Ohio, who had been spending sometime in the home of our jolly coachmaker, Johnny Mowers, went to Hustontown on Sunday to spend a week with her cousin, Mrs. Stephen Keepers.

Miss Lizzie Heeter who had spent the past week with her sisters in Altoona and Huntingdon returned home last week and reports a pleasant time.

## West Dublin.

Nina Kirk spent Saturday at Clear Ridge.

John Mumma made a business trip to Mercersburg last week.

H. K. Mellott helped to repair the forebay at Hoover's mill last week.

Drucie Laidig has gone to Jeannette where she will be employed with Mrs. Morehead.

Rev. Melroy preached at Fairview Sunday afternoon from Josh. 11:15, on Sins of Omission.

Ross King has returned to his work at Kearney after an enforced absence of several weeks due to his illness.

## Married.

Mr. Lemuel Smith of Locust Grove, and Miss Grace Layton of Sideling Hill, were married May 27, 1903, at the Franklin House, Hagerstown, by E. T. Mowbray, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church.

They were accompanied by Hagerstown by the bride's brother, Russel and his lady friend, Miss May Mason of Hancock.—The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy life.

## HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL

Sketch of Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D. of the Presbyterian Church McConnellsbury, Pa.

BY REV. THOMAS H. ROBINSON, D. D.

As we look back along the ancestral line of our friend, Rev. W. A. West, D. D., to learn the kind of stock from which he sprung, we find that his great grandfather, Francis West was born in England about the year 1715, came to this country in 1754 and settled at Carlisle, Pa. His wife was Mary Wynn, of Clover Hill, near Sligo, Ireland. The period of his coming was a vast moment in the history of this country.—The conflict between France and England for the possession of the country was in progress. In that year, 1754, the army of Gen. Braddock passed through the southern part of the Colony of



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Pennsylvania, moved on Fort Duquesne and met disastrous defeat and the loss of its commander, and was saved from utter ruin only by the valor and bravery of the young Col. Washington. The Colony was under the proprietary Government of Richard Penn, a son of William Penn.

The standing and character of Francis West may be seen in the fact that in 1757, three years after his arrival, he received through Governor Denny by order from the English Government, the Appointment of Magistrate, and presided in the Courts that then embraced Cumberland, Franklin and Perry counties.

His son, Edward West, the grandfather of Dr. West, was born in England in 1750, came to this country at the age of four years, and was married in 1785 to Miss Jane Stevenson of the vicinity of Gettysburg. He settled in Perry county, becoming a large land owner and farmer. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and with his family belonged to the Centre Presbyterian Congregation, then under the care of Rev. John Linn, its first pastor.

It may not be out of place to state at this point that the ancestors of Dr. West, of Dr. Creigh, whom all recall with veneration and love, and my own were at the same time under the pastoral oversight of Rev. John Linn.

The father of Dr. West, Mr. William West, was born in Perry county, April 5, 1789. In June 1813, he married Miss Susan Loy daughter of Nicholas Loy. His farm adjoining the Centre church was bought from George Robinson my great grandfather. It is still in the possession of the Loy family and upon it are the remains of Fort Robinson, a famous place of refuge and defence during the Indian wars one hundred and fifty years ago.

Mr. William West was a surveyor and civil engineer, and continued to be actively engaged in his profession until after he had passed his 87th year. He died at the age of 94 years, vigorous in mind and body until very shortly before his death. The family resided in Allegheny for 23 years, and there, at the age of 77, the mother passed away—of whom one who knew her best has said, (Continued on Page Four.)

## MEMORIAL DAY.

The Unfavorable Weather Caused a Light Attendance.

While there was a general observance of Memorial Day, there was not the assembling of the usually large crowds, owing to the rainy weather.

At McConnellsbury the Court House was nicely decorated, and a fair audience. The exercises were opened by Commander Ray. Lincoln's address at Gettysburg was read by Nathan D. Everts, and addresses were made by John P. Sipes, Esq., Mrs. S. M. Cook, and Rev. J. V. Adams. A quartette composed of Rev. J. V. Adams, Rev. C. M. Smith, J. K. Johnston and Geo. W. Reisner added much to the pleasure of the audience.

Before the exercises in the Court House a committee of Sunday school scholars from each of the churches in town having local cemeteries, went to their respective cemeteries and decorated the graves therein.

## AT KNOXVILLE.

For some unknown reason the Grand Army people as well as the Sunday schools forgot the veterans whose remains lie buried in our cemetery. At a late hour Auctioneer Wible procured flags, and at 1 o'clock he in company with J. W. Gunnells, Jr., Master H. O. Hamil and quite a number of boys very respectfully decorated the soldiers' graves. H. O. Hamil led the singing, and J. W. Gunnells, Jr., beat the drum, while the group of lads following waved the stars and stripes as they marched through the village.

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## AT ANTIOCH.

Notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather, there were more people gathered Memorial Day at Antioch than could get into the church. The exercises were impressive, and all who took part in any way did so in an able manner. A drum corps and a string band furnished instrumental music. Addresses were made by Elder T. R. Palmer, Geo. W. Fisher, James O'Rourke, and Prof. B. N. Palmer. Patriotic recitations were given by Misses Blanche O. Peck, Tempie Snyder Cora Funk and Orpha Snyder.

Everything passed off very pleasantly. Somebody deserves a whole lot of credit for changing the make up of the Chambersburg Valley Spirit. With its new dress, its up-to-date heads, and the removal of an obnoxious matter from its first page, it looks just as well as the best of them.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—A two-story dwelling and store-room combined with all necessary out-buildings. Terms and possession to suit purchaser. For further particulars call on or write (up to June 20) to H. H. Bridenstine, New Grenada, Pa.

Our former friends will do well to keep an eye on R. S. Patterson's advertisement in this paper. Sharpe proposes that if short profs, good goods, and square dealing shall go for anything, his store will be headquarters for farmers' supplies in this county.

Dr. West who left this place on Tuesday morning of last week to visit his brother Edward who was reported critically ill, arrived at the home of his brother about three hours after the latter's death had taken place. Dr. West returned to his home in this place Tuesday.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN REUNION.

The annual reunion of the Presbyterians of Cumberland Valley, and the adjoining parts of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia, including the cities of Harrisburg, York, Baltimore, Winchester and all intermediate towns and cities, will be held at Pen-Mar on Thursday, July 9.

## PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. W. A. West, D. D.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was held in the Presbyterian church of this place on Tuesday, June 2, 1903. Opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Stockton Roddy. The following is the roll of members present:

Carlisle, 2d—Rev. George Norcross, D. D., and Elder John Means.

Chambersburg, Central—Rev. Alfred F. Waldo.

Chambersburg, Fading Spring—Elder Geo. F. Platt.

Chambersburg, Hope Chapel—Rev. William H. Sanders.

Dauphin—Elder A. S. Speece.

Greencastle—Rev. L. Carmon Bell.

Harrisburg, Capitol Street—Rev. E. A. Johnson.

Harrisburg, Olivet—Rev. J. Stockton Roddy.

Harrisburg, Pine Street—Rev. George S. Chambers, D. D.

Harrisburg, Westminster—Rev. William McNally.

Lower Path Valley—Rev. J. Smith Gordon and Elder J. B. Seibert.

McConnellsbury—Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., and Elder W. Scott Alexander.

Mechanicsburg—Rev. Thomas C. McCarroll.

Mercersburg—Rev. James G. Rose.

Monaghan—Rev. C. B. Segelken.

Robert Kennedy Memorial—Elder J. C. Reed.

Shippensburg—Rev. Wm. A. McCarroll, D. D.

Silver Spring—Rev. Thomas J. Ferguson.

Steelton—Rev. Wm. B. Cooke.

Upper Path Valley—Rev. Geo. H. Bucher and Elder Wm. M. Alexander.

Waynesboro—Rev. George Fulton.

Harrisburg, without charge, Rev. P. H. Hershey.

Rev. Ray Carter was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia and enrolled as a member of Presbytery. A call from the Falling Spring Church, of Chambersburg, was presented and found in order, and placed in Mr. Carter's hand and accepted, and arrangements made for his installation to take place on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Clark D. Lambertson, of Carlisle, a graduate of Dickinson College, was taken under the care of Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry. The pastoral relation existing between Rev. R. F. McClain and the church at Dauphin was dissolved at his request owing to ill health.

## Mrs. W. J. Cline.

Mrs. Jennie M., wife of William J. Cline of Fort Littleton, died at Lemaster, Franklin county, Pa., on Saturday, May 30, 1903, aged 41 years, 3 months and 20 days.

Mrs. Cline had been suffering for a long time from cancer of the stomach which was the immediate cause of her death.

She was born in Ayr township and was a daughter of William Alexander, now a resident of Lemaster. She is survived, also, by three sisters, Mrs. D. L. Rine dollar of Webster Mills, Mrs. W. S. Bricker of Kasiesville, and Miss Muna at home, and by four brothers, George, at Lemaster; Frank at Welsh Run; Charley, at Union Bridge, Md., and John in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Cline, was a consistent member of the M. E. church, was possessed of a lovely character, and will be mourned by a large number of friends.

Interment was made at Greencastle, Monday.

## Hustontown.

Mrs. Jere Laidig is critically ill.

Miss Ada Hess spent Monday afternoon with Cecie Kline.

Miss Maggie Laidig of Fort Littleton is visiting in this vicinity.

Mrs. Emaline Chesnut and daughter Libbie spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Geo. Sipes.

Miss Sadie Forner was visiting friends in Belfast the latter part of the week.

Mr. Sherman Curfman and wife visited Mrs. Curfman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor Saturday and Sunday.

Samuel Wible and sister Miss Tena spent last Sunday afternoon at David Forner's.

Browne Reeder visited in the family of his uncle, Thomas Reeder.

Reynolds Forner spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Thomas Reeder still continues ill at this writing.

Miss Josephine Chesnut and sister Emma were visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sipes.

Norman Laidig is visiting his mother, Mrs. Maria Laidig.

Misses Ada Forner and May Chesnut of McConnellsbury visited their parents recently.

Nathan Bishop and sons David and Daniel are home from Kearney.

Irvin Miller and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bishop.

Mr. David Forner and wife attended the salvation dedication last Sunday in the Cove.

The Decoration on Clear Ridge did not amount to much this time on the account of the weather.

Mrs. Thomas Reeder is slowly improving.

Miss Maggie Laidig is visiting in this community.

Those who visited at David Forner's last Sunday were Miss Cecie Kline, Harper P. Barton, Jimmy Hoover, James Alexander of the Big Cove, Mrs. Emaline Chesnut and children Roy and Libby, Misses May Chesnut and Addie Forner of McConnellsbury

loy, Rev. George Bucher, Westminster, Harrisburg, Paxton, Rev. D. F. Pickard; Second Church, Carlisle, Rev. George Norcross, D. D.; Welsh Run, Rev. Fred Diehl; McConnellsbury, B. W. Peck; Wilson College, President of the Board of Trustees Rev. George S. Chambers; Metzger Institute, Captain Landis; Mercersburg, Rev. J. G. Rose.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Miss Scott Sloan is visiting friends at Mercersburg.

Mrs. Jane A. Snyder and daughter, Miss Addie, were in town Tuesday.

Merchant W. R. Speer of Saluvia spent Tuesday at McConnellsbury.

M. P. Barton and Morgan Barton of Brush Creek Valley, were in town Monday.

Do you want a job of bark hauling? If so, see notice "Wanted" elsewhere in this paper.

Miss Alice Hays and John S. Harris of this place were guests of Miss Ella Mann Thursday.

Miss Mary Sloan returned from Everett last Saturday where she had a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. Milton Kline and Miss Ada Hann of Harrisonville, were in McConnellsbury last Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson of Webster Mills, spent last Thursday afternoon with friends in town.

Dr. Will S. Hunter and Mr. J. N. McClain of New Grenada, spent last Saturday night at McConnellsbury.

Mr. John Hoover and Miss Jessie Nace of Chambersburg, spent a few days in this place during the past week.

Mrs. John S. Nelson, Mrs. D. A. Nelson, Miss Sadie Rotz, and Miss Rhoda Kendall—all left last Friday for a trip to Ohio.

Miss Ethel Hays of Everett, spent a few days during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays at this place.

Mrs. W. C. Mann and daughter Miss Lydia Mann of Saluvia, spent Thursday the guests of friends in this place.

Miss Pearl Wenrick of Cumberland, Md., is spending the week the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams of this place.

Miss Lydia Mann who had been spending the past few months at Lancaster, returned to her home at Saluvia last Tuesday.

Mr. A. W. Tritle of Waynesboro spent from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tritle of this place.

Scott Rinedollar of Everett was summoned home last Saturday on the account of the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. W. J. Cline of Dublin township.

Mr. Walter Faust and Miss Mamie Kissel of St. Thomas, spent Saturday and Sunday with Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes of this place.

M. L. Shaffner of Huntingdon, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. M. V. Shaffner of Orbisonia, spent a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shaffner of this place.

We are glad to note that Miss Mary Etta Evans, who has been very seriously sick, is now convalescing, and we hope to be able soon to report her complete recovery.

Mrs. D. T. Fields received last Friday evening by express, a beautiful wreath of roses from Vintie Miller of Mt. Carroll, Ill., to be placed on the grave of his mother on Memorial Day.

N. H. Peck and family have removed from Pittsburg to the new town of Ambridge, being built by the American Bridge Company. It is sixteen miles down the Ohio river from Pittsburg.

L. Jeff Hockensmith of Harrisonville, who is engaged in sawing a bill of lumber for Jacob Rots of Tod township, will move his mill to the farm of S. A. Nesbit where he has a large contract.

Mrs. Lydia Minnick who returned from Desher, Ohio, a few weeks ago where she had been visiting relatives, has been confined to her room at her home at Saluvia the past few weeks by a badly sprained ankle.