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## EDWARD WEST.

Sketch of the Life of a Pennsylvanian Who Went West in Early Life.

(The following sketch of Edward, brother of Rev. Dr. West of this place, is taken from a recent issue of an Appleton (Wis.) paper.—Ed.)

Edward West, one of the early pioneers of Appleton, the earliest developer of an organized system of improvements for the great water power of Appleton, and the first teacher of a public school in the territory of Wisconsin, died at 11 o'clock this morning at his home on Prospect street, after an illness of a few weeks. Deceased was aged 85 years, two months and seven days, and is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son.

Edward West was born March 20, 1818, in Perry county, Pa.—His father William West, was a farmer and surveyor, and Edward lived on the farm assisting in the work of the place and helping his father in surveying until 14 years of age, gaining considerable knowledge of farming and surveying. In 1832 he entered Washington college, Pennsylvania, where he studied three years, in the meantime perfecting himself in surveying. When 18 years old he started west, arriving at Detroit April 10, 1836, and from there determined to go to Milwaukee. Finding that it would be several days before a vessel could get through the Straits of Mackinac, he left his trunk to be brought by the first vessel that should sail, and started on foot across Michigan to the lake. He traveled the distance to St. Joseph 200 miles, in five and one-half days, and at St. Joseph took a schooner for Milwaukee, arrived there in the night, and finding no accommodations in the little village except a shake-down tavern kept by a man named Childs.

During the night he learned from the conversation of his numerous bedfellows on the tavern floor that there was unpre-empted land to be had nearby, and next morning joined their party and took up a claim about 4 miles from Milwaukee and with his own labor built a cabin on it. His entire cash capital when he landed in Milwaukee was \$3, but he almost at once secured work as a surveyor, and thus supported himself while improving his claim.

Immigration to Wisconsin was at that time, comparatively speaking, large, and the little village of Milwaukee grew quite rapidly.—The only schools in the territory of Wisconsin up to the fall of 1837 were private or parochial schools, and as the number of inhabitants of Milwaukee increased it was deemed advisable to establish a public school. One day in the early fall Mr. West was visited at his claim by the recently-elected school trustees and tendered the position of public school teacher. He accepted, and as soon as a building could be erected he entered upon his duties, thus becoming the first teacher of the first public school in the Territory of Wisconsin. Because of his youthful appearance he was known as "the boy teacher." His pupils numbered forty during the first year, but the next year the number was increased by new comers until he had an enrollment of 70, about one-half his pupils of both sexes being as old or older than himself. There were not nearly enough books to go around among the pupils, and scarcely any two of those available were alike. No school books were available nearer than Detroit, a long journey distant by the lakes. Night after night he labored in the school room until midnight, setting copies for the next day, making and mending quill pens for the whole school, and laying out work for the various classes of his ungraded school. For all this work his salary was \$60 a month.

While teaching, Mr. West bought a half section of land on Red river, about 12 miles from

## Fulton County Reunion.

On Saturday, June 13th, a jovial crowd of Fulton county, Pennsylvania, people who reside in the vicinity of Republic, O., gathered at the home of Dwight Mason to hold their Annual Reunion.

Those present were—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garland and sons Gilbert and John; Mr. D. O. Garland, wife, and daughter Alma; William Weaver and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Neikirk and sons, Lawrence and Carl; Master Frank Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Funk and daughter Opal; Mr. A. N. Peck, wife, and daughters Ethel and Ruth; Mr. Neal Kiefer, wife, and daughter Guesta; Mr. Calvin Keifer and wife; Miss Gertrude Garland; Messrs. McCauley Peck, Roy Decker, Ross Hixson, Lewis Lenhart, and John Ader—all of Republic, O.; Mr. John Seville, wife, and children Bertha, Anna, Ruth and Harry, of Bloomdale, O.; Mrs. Maud Ryan of Findley, O.; Misses Lolo and Cora Decker of Tiffin, O., and Miss Clara Powell, who came from Chicago and stopped over for the Reunion; also, ten Ohio visitors.

The Reunion had heretofore not been well organized for various reasons. This time it was organized by electing, temporarily, George Garland president, Roy W. Decker, vice president, Cora Decker, secretary and McCauley Peck, assistant secretary. D. O. Garland, Calvin Keifer and Dwight Mason were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

It was decided to hold the next Reunion at the home of Wm. Funk the second Saturday in June, 1904.

The day was joyously spent by all in chatting, vocal and instrumental music, recitations by the little folks, and croquet; and of course a most bountiful dinner was not the least enjoyable part (and if you don't believe this, dear Editor, just ask Cauley and Will.) All departed for their homes about 4 P. M.—glad they were there—if it was a rainy day.

## West Dublin.

Gertrude Laidig has returned from a visit to Altoona.

Richard Schooley of Saluvia spent Sunday afternoon at Samuel Straits.

Mrs. J. E. Lyon spent a few days last week with relatives in Trough Creek Valley.

The Western Union Telegraph Company intends to put up a lot of new poles on their line along the State Road.

Lena Laidig, who is employed in the Acme Department store in Huntingdon, accompanied by her friend Miss Port of that place, is visiting relatives in this township.

Owing to the unfavorable weather, the attendance at Children's Day service at Fairview was smaller than usual. The program, The Arch of Promise, was well rendered by the young people but it said to their credit for they had not much opportunity to practice.

## Farmers' Institutes for 1903-4.

A meeting of the County Board of institute workers was held in the office of the County Commissioners, McConnellsburg, Pa., June 9, 1903, according to appointment.

President R. M. Kendall stated the object of the meeting to be the arrangement for the meetings of the County Farmers' Institute. J. M. Hixson applied for an institute to be held at Crystal Springs; George Sigel represented Buck Valley; Frank Ranck, Warfordsburg; Harry Hess, Need more, and J. F. Johnston, McConnellsburg.

On motion it was decided that the first three named places should receive institutes, and that the State should be asked to arrange. After filling out blanks, the meeting adjourned.

W. C. PATTERSON,  
Sec'y.

## Hand Mangled.

Daniel H. Comer of this place is employed at the creamery at Webster Mills.

Last Saturday while the engine was running, the belt slipped off a large driving pulley, the rim of which runs near the brick floor of the engine room. In attempting to readjust the belt, Mr. Comer's left hand was caught and whirled around between the rim of the pulley and the brick floor, terribly mangling the hand. The brave young man calmly walked to Dr. Sappington's office and without taking advantage of the usual anaesthetics, submitted to the ordeal of having the wounded member dressed.

## Wells Tannery.

Tom Sipes of Saxton, spent the time of the Convention with his father, Mr. Dennis B. Sipes.

Dr. John R. Hunter of Lewis town, joined his wife and son John Russell at the home of Mrs. Hunter's parents, Captain and Mrs. Harvey Wishart, and remained until Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Kirk of Everett, who came down to attend the convention, and spend a week among friends in the Valley was summoned home Saturday morning, on account of the illness of her husband.

Mr. C. S. Dougherty of Altoona was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, Friday night. Mr. Dougherty is a member of the Fulton County Rod and Gun club, and was down looking after their property on Siding Hill mountain.

Mrs. William E. Hoke and son Master Frank, of Saxton, came over Friday morning to attend the Convention and visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler. She was accompanied home Saturday afternoon by her sister-in-law Miss Mamie Hoke of McConnellsburg, who, also, came up for the Convention.

Miss Nora Griffith of Philadelphia, is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Griffith. Her brother, Prof. Horace Griffith, who has just completed another year's work as principal of the schools at Derrick, Pa., is home, as is, also, Miss Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are to be congratulated on the pleasure of having their children all around the home boat again.

The Fulton County Sunday School Association held its annual convention in this place last Thursday and Friday. Notwithstanding the fact that a cool rain was falling much of the time, necessitating closed doors and artificial heating, the attendance was fair, and the work done of a high character. One of the things notable is, that while the Sunday school contributes about 85 out of every hundred persons that become members of the protestant churches, there was but one minister at the convention, and he was not a Baptist, either.

## Thompson.

June 16.—Fine growing weather.

John C. Carbaugh and Samuel Secrist are quite poorly; Mrs. L. M. Fisher, better.

Mrs. Lib Shivas, Miss Lib yeakle, and A. V. Funk were guests of John H. Brewer's family last Sunday.

Frank Martin visited his brother Howard last Saturday and Sunday.

Stella Sigel and Olive Gregory spent last Saturday at Wm. Sigel's near Covalt.

D. T. Humbert was at Eli Funk's and Thomas Truax's Monday.

Frank Martin dug a cistern 9 feet deep, and 8 feet in diameter, for P. P. Shives.

Mrs. Palmer Barnhart was last Sunday, baptized by Rev. Baugher near Covalt.

Rev. Logue will preach at Antioch next Saturday evening, and Rev. Shull will preach at Zion same evening and Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

## SAD DEATH OF YOUNG BRIDE

Young Wife of Dr. McClain Expires After Two Days' Illness of Diphtheria.

HUSBAND VERY ILL OF SAME DISEASE.

A sad severance of the bonds which united the hearts of Dr. Harry C. McClain, of Hustontown, and Martha Buckley, of Norris town, was enacted Thursday, when the latter, a bride of but two brief months, succumbed to a malignant attack of diphtheria. She was ill only two days. Her remains were prepared for shipment to her former home, and on Friday the young physician accompanied the body to Norris town.

When the end of the journey was reached the husband was so ill from the disease that caused the death of his wife that he could not accompany her body to the grave. His condition is critical.

A dispatch from Norris town, dated Saturday, June 13, to the Philadelphia Sunday Record says:

"Stricken at the bier of his bride Dr. Harry McClain, of Hustontown, Fulton county, is in a critical condition.

"Dr. McClain and Miss Martha Buckley were married at the bride's home here two months ago. He had graduated at the Jefferson Medical College a year ago. They went to Hustontown to live and on Thursday Mrs. McClain died after a two days' illness of diphtheria.

"Her remains were brought here last night for interment in the family lot. The heart broken husband accompanied the casket, and on his arrival he was so ill that medical assistance was summoned, and the physician pronounced his illness malignant diphtheria. The Buckley house is quarantined, and he is in a critical condition. One lone cab, with the parents of the bride, followed her remains to the cemetery this afternoon."

## Tuesday's Republican Convention.

J. Finley Johnston, of Ayr township, was the unanimous choice of the meeting for chairman, and Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Belfast, and Calvin A. Foster, of Union, were made secretaries. The roll call revealed that 21 out of the 24 delegates were present.

A motion was made to the effect that where but one delegate in a township was present he should be permitted to cast two votes. Motions came thick and fast along about this time, but the one seemingly of most importance to the convention was that to vote by ballot. The motion carried. It was decided to nominate the ticket in the following order: Associate Judge, District Attorney, Jury Commissioner.

Ex-Judge Peter Morton, of Tod township, nominated Thomas B. Stevens, of Tod township, for Associate Judge. His was the only name presented, and the nomination was made by acclamation.

The office of District Attorney went begging for a candidate, and the best that could be done for it was to name a committee to fill the vacancy.

Names for Jury Commissioner were then asked for. These were listed in nomination: Bennett A. Truax, of Belfast, and Benjamin A. Deavor and Harry Stevens, of Taylor. The count of the ballots was as follows:

Truax.....19  
Deavor..... 0  
Stevens..... 5

The following committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the retiring county chairman: P. Morton, Elmer Deshong and B. H. Shaw.

The chair then announced that nominations for county chairman were now in order. Dr. A. D. Dalbey arose and ably set forth the claims of William Grissinger, of Tod township, as the leader to champion their cause. Delegate John B. Runyan, of Ayr, also had a candidate for the same honors, and nominated R. Mac. Kendall, of Ayr. The vote resulted:

Grissinger.....16  
Kendall..... 8

## Anderson—Madden.

J. Grant Anderson, of Clear Ridge, Fulton county, and Miss Gertrude the accomplished daughter of Jehu Madden of Meadow Green, Huntingdon county, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday, June 3, 1903 by the Rev. G. P. Rutledge, at the Windsor Hotel, Philadelphia, and after spending near a week there and at Atlantic City, returned to the home of the bride on Tuesday June 9th where a host of friends of the contracting parties were awaiting their return and refreshments were served according to the season.

On Wednesday evening they arrived at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Mary Anderson, where an elaborate supper was served, during the evening, the Calthumpians turned out in an old time serenade. The bride is one of Huntingdon county's most efficient teachers and a most popular and estimable young lady, that is held in high esteem where ever she goes, and it is not necessary to say that she will be missed in the community where she resided.

The groom is no less popular and is a very intelligent and industrious young man, he has been employed the past few years in Pitscairn, and the young couple will take up their residence at that place in the near future.

We extend congratulations.

## New Grenada.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Diven of Shade Gap, visited the family of Geo. Shaffer recently.

John A. McClain is housed up with measles at the home of his mother at this place.

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Hunter and son Russel, of Lewistown, visited H. H. Bridenstine last Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Alloway and Mrs. Kate Mills spent a day recently at Three Springs.

Mrs. Alice McClain, and Postmistress and son Vaughn, are having an outing with friends in the Smoky City.

Miss Kate Cromer of Fort Littleton, is among her many friends in our village.

Wm. E. Bivens saw his dog acting strangely—going into a mad fit. He seized the nearest weapon, which was a double barreled mattock, and swiped the cur out of existence. Well done, Billy.

The recent act passed by our school board as Board of Health in Wells, to have all dogs muzzled inside of five days or have them destroyed, is, no doubt, all right for the protection of the people; but has started many a debate as to the legality of the same; and further, is it any use to muzzle the dogs in Wells while the dogs in the adjoining counties and townships are all running at large? Is this the tail end of the Salus-Grady Muzzler?

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. McClain visited Mrs. Lillian Bernhardt at Three Springs on Saturday.—Mrs. Bernhardt intends starting to Alaska next Monday.

Trough Creek Valley has a young man who created a little excitement one day recently. He had been out one night attending a lecture. Next day he was plowing corn, sat down in the field to rest and fell asleep. The neighbors seeing the team standing and the boy missing, started a search, thinking something unusual had occurred. They learned that the lad had simply fallen asleep, and the excitement ceased.

New Grenada was poorly represented at the Sunday school convention at Wells Tannery.—Dr. Campbell and Thomas Ramsey were the only representatives.

## Married.

ROSS-CHENEY.—Tuesday, June 9, 1903, at the office of the officiating Justice, L. E. Wible, McConnellsburg, Pa., James Ross and Jennie Cheney, both of Bedford county.

## Road Meeting

A meeting of the citizens and taxpayers of Ayr township was held at the office of the County Commissioners of Fulton county, for the purpose of discussing the new Road Law lately passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and signed by the Governor.

Hon. David A. Nelson was chosen chairman and W. C. Patterson, secretary. Hon. S. W. Kirk being called upon, answered many questions bearing on the bill, after which, on motion, it was decided that it was the sense of the meeting that the supervisors of the township of Ayr be requested to apply to the county commissioners to appeal to the State Highway Department for Ayr township's share of the appropriation for the purpose of assisting in the construction and maintenance of the roads of said township.

## Clear Ridge.

June 10.—Mrs. Isabella Ramsey, who has had her home with Elder George Stevens, spent the past week visiting friends here.

Luther Myers is afflicted with something like St. Vitus dance.

Mrs. Diana Bare of Maddensville spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her niece, Mrs. J. A. Henry.

John Baker and wife, who spent the past week with relatives, returned to their home at Mapleton Depot on Saturday.

Ada Briggs who had been with her sister here, has returned to her home in Franklin county.

Bert Winegardner made a flying trip down the Cove the last of the week.

Miss Louie Kerlin is spending this week with her sister Mrs. Bert Henry near Knobsville.

Mrs. Thomas Cromwell and daughter Mrs. Fred Barritt, the latter of Philadelphia, spent Thursday in the home of Joseph Baker.

Miss Sadie Wilson spent Saturday night at the home of her uncle, William Grove.

Grant Anderson was married on Thursday to Miss Gertrude Madden of Three Springs.

Miss Millie Huston spent Wednesday at her uncle Bland Barnetts, at Waterfall.

Miss Elnora Heeter left on Monday for Huntingdon where she will be engaged in the millinery business.

Calvin Henry and wife spent Sunday with friends at Fort Littleton.

Miss Lucy Gallaher, who has been home visiting her father, spent the past week with relatives at Burnt Cabins.

The Calthumpian band called on Mr. and Mrs. Grant Anderson last Wednesday night and made them believe that the Spaniards were near.

J. H. Aller of Knobsville passed through town last Thursday.

Our boys are making great preparations for the Fourth of July.

W. L. Fields, R. J. Fields, W. R. Fields, Cleve Fields, J. H. Baker, and Calvin Baker came home from Sixmile Run Friday.

Our town was shocked last Saturday morning to see Cleve Henry bring a drove of cattle in. It looked as though Cleve had played out, and had mounted one of the animals to ride. He said that the Fourth of July was coming close.

Children's services were held here on Sunday evening.

Mrs. John L. Henry has been in very poor health the past few months, and Luther Myers is afflicted with nervous prostration.

Mrs. Kitzinger of Indiana, who is visiting her grandfather James Kerlin, Sr., spent the past two weeks with her aunt Mrs. Eliza Cline and children at Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Fred Barritt of Philadelphia has come to spend a part of the summer with her aged parents, Mr. Thomas Cromwell and wife.

Mrs. Diana Bard of Maddensville and Mrs. Isabella Ramsey of Carlisle spent a portion of the week here.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

William Brice one of Bedford's prominent citizens is at the Fulton House.

Ex-Commissioner A. M. Corbin of Taylor was an early Monday morning caller.

Messrs. M. L. Laidig and Isaacs Baker, two of Taylor's representative citizens, spent Monday in town.

Mrs. Fred Barritt of Philadelphia is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell for a few weeks.

The subscription list of the Fulton County News has been growing in great shape during the past few weeks.

Our friend J. W. Deshong of Pleasant Ridge dropped in to see us a few minutes while in town Tuesday.

Mr. Will Rohm, of Gapsville, Bedford county, spent a few days visiting in the family of J. V. Stouteagle last week.

J. F. Deavor of Hustontown, and H. L. Heaton of Waterfall spent Tuesday at McConnellsburg Pa.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., will reorganize the Spring House, Valley Sunday school at two o'clock, next Sabbath afternoon.

Mr. John Hartman of Fredericksburg, Va. is visiting in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reiser.

Prof. B. N. Palmer was, last week, re-elected principal of the Orbisonia schools at a salary of \$60 a month.

A member of the famous Carlisle Indian School Band has been employed as a cornet soloist at the Bedford Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Booth spent from Friday until Sunday, with Mrs. Booth's father Mr. A. G. Grissinger in Tod.

Ed. Reiser is home again. Since he was here last summer he has taught a term of school successfully in Lancaster county and done a year's at Grinnell college.

Mrs. Malissa Lodge of Brush Creek accompanied by her son Charley, spent Saturday and Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Hon. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk of this place.

Mrs. H. E. Trogler and Miss Edith Trogler, near Mercersburg went over last Saturday to spend a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Harriet Deshong, in Licking Creek township.

The third annual camp meeting of the Salvation Army will be held in John M. Carbaugh's grove on Timber Ridge, commencing on Thursday evening June 25, and continuing over three Sundays.

Wm. Alexander of Lemaster, took his son-in-law, W. J. Cline, to the latter's home near Fort Littleton last Friday and remained until Monday. Mr. Cline expects to leave for Pittsburg today, Wednesday.

The Pennsylvania State Educational Association meets at Wilkes barre June 30, July 1 and 2. A fine program is offered, and there will no doubt be a large gathering of teachers and friends of education.

Mrs. Mary Cromer spent several days last week visiting in Franklin county and attended the Sheriff's sale of the Williamson Creamery in which Mrs. Cromer held some stock. This stock was at one time worth \$200 a share, and contrary to her own judgment she held it until now she has to take \$5 a share for it.

George E. Jenkins and Lewis Haines of York, Pa., passed through town Tuesday forenoon. The former left York Monday morning to ride to Clinton, Iowa, on his wheel, in fifteen days, on a wager of \$50, a condition of which is, that he should leave York without any money and that he should have nothing for expenses save what might be given him by the public on the way.