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TOWN'S NEW INDUSTRY.

Factory Turning out Thousands of Insulator Pins Every Day.

NOT ABLE TO KEEP AHEAD OF ORDERS

A Visit to the Plant, and a Brief Account of What Was Seen There. Process Told from Start to Finish.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. K. Johnston, secretary and treasurer of the McConnellsburg Manufacturing Company, we last Friday visited their factory, which is located at the forks of the pike, east of town. The industry there established is a new one for this place, and we were much interested as we were shown through the establishment.

The building itself is by no means pretentious in appearance, and yet constructed to meet the requirements necessary to the successful operation of their business, and it has a floor space of about 2,000 feet.

Their attention, at present, is given entirely to the manufacture of insulator pins. An insulator pin is the piece of wood you see inserted in the arms on telegraph and telephone poles, and on which the glass is fastened. The pin is made of locust.

Now, let us take a little trip through the factory.

We go first into the engine room. Here we see a big 30-horse-power engine warmed up to business—not making much fuss, but telling you in its own way that it is quite able to do its share of the work.

Standing near its capacious mouth, Ralph Reed is feeding it generously with what at first, from the care with which it has been prepared, you will think is some of the latest breakfast foods, but upon close examination you see that it is fine locust shavings carried there by a system of conveyers from the lathes where the pins are turned. The diet is light and warranted not to impair the digestive organs of the big machine, but it furnishes brawn and muscle that enables it to do its work easy.

We now pass to the rear of the building and see the trucks bringing the raw material—locust timber just as it comes from the woods—in lengths of six to eight feet.

As we enter the factory we see a series of rapidly revolving circular saws. The first is called the Cut-off saw. It is operated by George Suders, who takes the raw timber and saws it into blocks of pin lengths or into multiples thereof. It is his business to straighten the timber; for when it passes his saw, the blocks, whether long or short, are straight, so there will not be any waste in slabbing.

The next saw is called the Rip-saw and is operated by John Doyle, with George Steach as off-bearer. Here the little log or block as it came from the Cut-off saw is thrown on the carriage, a slab taken off, the log dropped over on the flat side and ripped into 1½ inch stuff. This stuff passes to Bert Doyle, who operates the next—the Bolting-saw, and he cuts the plank that came from the last saw into little scantling or bolts 1½-inch square.

The fourth is the Cut-off saw, and it is here that John Conrad saws those bolts into pin lengths, which vary from 7½ to 9 inches according to order.

The wood is now ready for the lathes, which run at a speed of 4,000 revolutions a minute.—There are three of these machines, operated, respectively, by Nick Roettger, Charlie Eitemiller and Ed Grissinger. The blocks as they came from the Cut-off saw are placed conveniently and each may turn and cut the thread on, from 2,000 to 3,000 a day, the number depending upon the skill of the operator, whose earnings depend on the number he finishes. When a pin is completed it is thrown into a sugar barrel, and when the barrel is

VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE.

Amos Wink Wellknown Citizen of Whips Cove Dies Suddenly.

Amos Wink a well known citizen of Whips Cove, this county, died July 20, 1903, aged 69 years, 6 months, and 20 days; funeral from the Christian church at 10 o'clock, July 22; sermon by his pastor, Rev. Baugher of Needmore.

Mr. Wink had been in good health all summer. The day preceding that of his death, he attended Sunday school at the Whips Cove church, led in prayer and was at his usual place in the Bible class. After Sunday school he went down to Jerusalem church to preaching, and went home for dinner. Late in the afternoon he complained of feeling bad. Early Monday morning he went to Isaiah Layton's, thence to Ed Diehl's, and thence home—still complaining of not feeling well; but about 11 o'clock, he started over to S. C. Layton's to pick blackberries and got down the road to the Maple Springs—about five hundred yards distant from his home—where about half an hour later he was found leaning against the fence, dead, by Mrs. Henson Sharpe and her aunt who happened along.

These ladies gave an alarm, and soon a number of his neighbors were there. Dr. Swartzwelder who was summoned said that his death was the result of heart failure.

Mr. Wink was a deacon in the Whips Cove Christian church and had been a most consistent member more than fifty years.

His interest in the welfare of the church, the Sunday school, and all that pertains to the advancement of religion and mortality, did not wane with advancing years, but up to the last, he was always at his post.

Besides his wife he is survived by six children, namely, Mrs. N. B. Jackson, Mrs. Wilson Williams, Mrs. A. W. Duvall, and Miss Ella Wink—all of Akersville; Mrs. John Duvall of Wells Valley, and Mrs. Josiah Feight of Mattie, also by two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Akers, of Mattie and Mrs. Jabez Akers of Oregon.

A Lively Reception.

Miss Virginia Strait, who has been spending the past two years in Pitcairn, Pa., was married in that city on Tuesday of last week to Mr. Frank Beeh of the same place. On Friday the happy couple arrived at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Martha E. Strait, at Gracey, and in the evening were effectually serenaded by the calithumpians of that neighborhood. They expect to return to Pitcairn this week.

full it is wheeled out into the packing room in charge of Harvey Unger, who inspects the pins and packs them into sacks that look very much like phosphate sacks, putting from 350 to 500 in a sack. When the sack is full he sews it shut, marks the number it contains in plain figures on the outside, puts on a tag with shipping directions, when it is ready to be delivered to the railroad to be carried to the consignee. The pins are supposed to weigh about 400 pounds to the thousand.

The general manager is Mr. Lafayette Tuck, a very genial gentleman, who understands every detail of the business and who is kept busy superintending the work.

Owing to a rush of orders, the men are working 11½ hours a day.

In addition to those already mentioned there are four men working in the woods cutting timber.

There are a few people among us who get a nervous chill every time the whistle blows, but in the main our people are in sympathy with the enterprise and would gladly welcome any outside capitalist that might come in and help develop wealth that can never do us any good unworked.

FORECASTS FOR AUGUST.

This Week's Weather a Type of What May be Expected Next Month.

AS PREDICTED BY REV. IRL HICKS.

Crisis of Summer Heat About the 1st, 2nd, and 3d. Another Heated Term Forms 11th to 16th.

We may expect in the main, the kind of weather existing the last week in July, throughout August and into September.

Whatever degree of intensity may be given to them, regular storm disturbances will be due from the 1st to the 4th of August. The probabilities are that the natural warmth to be expected at this season will grow into a crisis of summer heat about the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, to be followed progressively from the west by threatening clouds and severe blustering. Local rains—some of them quite heavy—may attend these storms, but the general supply and diffusion of rains over the country promise to be short and poorly distributed. Rising barometer and change to more pleasant conditions for a few days will be natural behind the perturbations at this time, extending eastward over the country by the 4th and 5th.

A reactionary storm period exists on the 6th, 7th and 8th, during which days look for increase of warmth, and marked tendency to black clouds, thunder and storminess. These disturbances will culminate on and touching the 8th, some central to northern parts of the country being visited by severe summer squall. West-erly winds and cooler will press in from the west and north, and storms move eastwardly out of the way bringing partial respite from summer heat for two or three days.

One of the "heated terms" of the month will appear from about the 11th to the 16th. The storm diagram shows that a Mercury disturbance is also central near the center of this regular storm period. This greatly increases the probability of rain from about the 11th to the 15th. While the heat wave and storms are still passing central and eastern parts of the country, change to cooler will be advancing from the west and north, so that by the 15th and 16th most parts of the country will have felt the change to cooler weather. There will be perceptible reaction to rising temperature, and return to cloudiness and storms on and touching the 17th and 18th, followed by another return to cooler, more pleasant weather about the 19th to 21st.

The regular storm period extending from the 21st to the 27th will develop some violent and dangerous West India storms. The situation will be more critical from the fact that the moon is in perigee on the 21st, new on the 22nd, and on the celestial equator on the 24th. Inland storms of more or less intensity may reasonably be expected about the 24th to 27.

The 29th and 30th will bring a reaction to storm conditions, and more or less storminess and rain will result in many localities.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Roy Falls from Water Tank and Has One Leg Broken and Other Badly Crushed.

Last spring Wm. Leidy moved from a farm near Three Springs onto the Wilson Bergstresser farm at Waterfall. Last week he and his son were back at the Three Springs farm threshing out his crop there. While his son, a lad of eleven or twelve years of age, was riding on the tank of the traction engine, the son fell off and a wheel passed over his legs, breaking one and terribly bruising the other.

Married.

At the office of the officiating justice, Daniel Covatt, on the 20th of July 1903, Mr. Jacob Everts and Miss Pearl Diehl, both of Thompson township were united in marriage.

LUTHER YEAKLE DEAD.

Sylvan Business Man Succumbed to Paralysis Last Friday Night.

Luther Yeakle, a former resident of Ayr township, and later for several years a resident of the Little Cove, died last Friday evening aged 56 years, 8 months, and 1 day. His funeral conducted by Rev. Fetterhoff of Mercersburg, and Rev. Smith of this place took place on Monday morning, and interment was made at the Lutheran church near his late residence.

Mr. Yeakle, on the Saturday preceding his death, had attended a meeting of the school board of which he was a member, and seemed to be in excellent health and spirits. That night, soon after retiring to bed, he was stricken with paralysis, and lay in a semicomatose condition until death came.

During the past eight or ten years Mr. Yeakle had been in the mercantile business at Sylvan, was postmaster, and enjoyed the highest esteem of every one who knew him.

He was an exemplary member of the Lutheran church.

He is survived by his wife, and one daughter, Mrs. Seth Zimmerman.

EMANUEL FAGLEY DEMENTED.

Brought to Town Last Friday and Lodged in Jail. Committee Asked For.

The friends of Mr. Emanuel Fagley a farmer near Needmore, will learn with regret that his mind has become deranged. For some time he has had a tendency to wander away from home, and otherwise conduct himself so as to be a matter of much concern and care to his family. As a precautionary measure, he was last Friday brought to this place and lodged in jail and the court asked for a committee to inquire into his mental condition.

Off to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson of Pittsburg, and Mrs. W.H. Wilson of Davenport, Iowa, sailed from New York last Thursday on the steamer Bluecher for Cherbourg, France, and will go direct from there to Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are well known here, Mr. Wilson owing the John B. Hoke farm.

ALEX MCKIBBIN MARRIED.

At the home of the brides parents, in Bunceon, Mo., on the 15th, inst., A. Campbell McKibbin and Miss Mary Lee Patterson were united in marriage.

The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. McKibbin of this place, and was a few years ago identified with the Fulton Republican. The "Bunceon Tribune" says:

"The groom is a newspaper writer of considerable experience and is at present on the editorial staff of the Missouri State Republican, a leading publication in St. Louis.

"He is adept in his profession and has held positions and is now holding a position which speaks for his ability."

The Fulton County News extends most hearty congratulations.

Charged with Stealing Chickens.

Jesse Cooper, of Ayr township is in jail at Chambersburg, charged with stealing nine chickens from Barbara Diller at Kasiesville, Franklin county. He was arrested here Saturday afternoon by Constable Crouse on instructions from the Franklin county authorities.

Cooper had been working in the vicinity of Kasiesville. The chickens were offered by him for sale at Zitman's store, where they were afterwards identified by Mrs. Diller. Constable Crouse took the accused to Mercersburg and handed him over to the authorities there. He was before Justice Slick Monday morning and waived a hearing for court.

Subscribe for the News and do it to-day. Only one dollar.

WELLS TAKES THE LEAD.

The First Township in the County to Establish a High School.

PRINCIPAL TO BE PAID \$75 A MONTH.

Start With a Two-Years' Course and Take Advantage of Special State Appropriation of Four Hundred Dollars.

At a recent meeting of the board of school directors of Wells township it was decided to abolish the school at house No. 2 as a common school and use the building in which to establish a Township High School. To this end they employed Prof. Horace M. Griffith as principal at a salary of seventy-five dollars a month, the length of term to be seven months—the same as the other schools.

The citizens of Wells township, already noted for their progressive spirit, are to be congratulated in taking this step, and in being the first in the County to avail themselves of the generous aid offered by the State to bring Higher Education to the homes of the people.

To encourage a higher degree of popular education in Pennsylvania, the legislature, eight years ago, enacted a law authorizing the school directors of any school district to establish a public high school, directing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to prescribe a uniform course of instruction for each grade. The act further provides that two or more townships or school districts shall have power to establish joint high schools, and the expense shall be paid as may be agreed upon by the directors of said districts.

As to the help from the State, if the high school maintains a two years' course of study in the branches beyond those prescribed for the common schools, the district may draw an extra appropriation a sum not exceeding \$400; if a three years' course, then \$600; if a four years' course, \$800.

The Wells people will save in salary of teacher in school discontinued \$210. To this may be added \$400 extra appropriation making \$610. The salary of their high school principal for seven months at \$75, is \$525. Hence you see "they're ahead of the game" the difference between \$525 and \$610, which is \$85, and this sum may be used to purchase high school books, etc.

Prof. Griffith is the right man from the fact that he has spent the last four years in organizing and conducting just such schools in the northern part of the State.

The school will be, at least, equal to the grade of the McConnellsburg high school.

FORT LITTLETON SOCIETY.

Party Given in Honor of Miss Verna Parsons' Seventeenth Birthday.

Last Thursday being the seventeenth anniversary of the birth of Miss Verna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Parsons at Ft. Littleton, her parents celebrated the occasion by giving Miss Verna a nice party in the evening.—The guests were Mrs. J. V. Burkhardt, Misses Katie Cromer, Carrie B. Hill, Maggie Laidig, Maggie Cline, Mertie Stevens, Olive Cline, Louie Kerlin, Sadie Sipes, Sue Orth, Emma Lisle, and Messrs. John Huston, Clarence Henry, Bert Winegardner, Cleve Henry, John Patterson, James Gillis, Howard Cornelius, Clarence Sipes and Adolphus Jones.

The evening amusement consisted of music, and different kinds of plays, and at half past nine refreshments were served, and at half past eleven the party dispersed wishing Miss Verna many happy returns. She was the recipient of many handsome and useful gifts.

Hiram F. Shives, B. B. Bivens, Levi Mellott, H. H. Deshong, J. N. Daniels, Martin Truax, Geo. Hauman—all of whom had been in the "bark woods" in Potter county, came home last Saturday.

SCHOOL TEACHERS ELECTED.

Names and Salaries of Those Who Will Have Charge of the Schools.

Superintendent Barton last Thursday in Wells township began his annual tour of the County holding teachers' examinations. Owing to the fact that most of them had been examined at the close of the summer normals, the township classes are small. There were but two applicants for examination, and one certificate granted. The directors elected the following teachers for the ensuing year at the salaries named: No. 1, Advanced, Walter Smith, \$85; No. 1, Primary, Miss Bessie Willett, \$80; No. 2 (Township High School) Prof. Horace Griffith, \$75; No. 3, Edzar Hann, \$80; No. 4, Miss Letitia Peck, \$85. Term, 7 months; schools open September 7th.

BRUSH CREEK.

Three were examined in Brush Creek township on Friday and all passed. Teachers elected were: Akersville Advanced, S. Ernest Walters, \$25—Primary, Lewis Harris, \$25; Buffalo, Miss Ada Barton, \$20; Emmaville, Miss Ida Hixson, \$25; Buchanan, Will Hanks, \$25; Locust Grove, Frank P. Plessinger, \$25; Oak Grove (vacant.)

Term, 7 months; open September 14.

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There were no applicants for examination in Ayr on Monday, and consequently it did not take the directors long to fill the schools and transact the business usually done on examination day. The teachers elected were: Juytown, Miss Maude Rinedollar, \$25; Cito, James Keefer, \$27; Corner, Miss Carrie Humbert, \$26; Laurel Ridge, Miss Blanche O. Peck, \$27; Big Cove Tannery, G. E. Clouser, \$26; Webster Mills, Gilbert Mellott, \$28; Rock Hill, Miss Mae Mellott, \$25; McNaughtons, Miss Olive Kendall, \$26; Back Run, Miss Olive Grissinger, \$28; Meadowgrounds, Miss Virgie Truax, \$25.

Term, 7 months; begins September 14.

GEORGE OTT A BENEDICT.

Wins Bride in Windber and Returns to This Place.

Mr. George A. Ott, who has been employed at Windber during the past year returned to this place last Friday evening accompanied by his bride. The ceremony which made Miss Clara May Houpt his wife was performed at Windber Monday evening, July 20th by Rev. James P. Saas. The happy couple have the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

WILLIAM HOKE DEAD.

Former McConnellsburg Citizen Passes Away at His Home at Latrobe.

William Hoke, last surviving brother of our townsman G. New-trobe Hoke, died at his home in Latrobe, Pa., on the 17th inst., almost 88 years of age he was up to almost the end, bright and active mentally and physically.

The deceased was born in McConnellsburg, Fulton county, where as a young man he took an active and important part in local affairs and was active in his business, that of tanning. In 1865 he went to Latrobe and engaged in the retail and dry goods business which he continued for some time but for more than twenty years he has lived retired in his comfortable home, with his wife and his surviving children near by. Those who survive him are his wife, James G., Laura and Harry M. Hoke, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The deceased was a man of strong and forceful character, a reader, and a thinker who had the courage of his convictions and was always fearless in expressing his opinions. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and until his hearing failed, was always to be found in his place.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find it Right Here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Shives called at the News office a few minutes while in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephram Mellott and son Master Alfred spent last Friday at McConnellsburg.

Mrs. E. A. Largent of this place is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends at Waterfall.

Miss Lizzie Bender, daughter of Wm. H. Bender is spending a few weeks at Pen-Mar.

Misses Mae V. Stiver and her cousin Cora R. Peck are spending this week among friends down in Belfast.

Mr. John P. Fisher and Miss Rosa Ashpaugh of Warfordsburg spent a few hours in town, Tuesday.

Miss Annie Selsor spent from Saturday until Monday with the family of her brother, Wm. F. Selsor at Mercersburg.

Miss Pearl Laidig of Hustontown spent last week at the home of her friend Miss Hester Stevens in this place.

Mr. Fred Mock who had been spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mock has returned to Pittsburg.

Mr. Elmer B. Covatt, one of our valued subscribers of Thompson township was a very agreeable caller last Friday.

Squire Samuel Gracey and his brother John, of Taylor, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. B. E. Stevens of this place left to-day to visit his sister, Mrs. T. W. Raisbeck in Erie, Pa. He expects to visit Buffalo and Niagara Falls before his return home.

Dr. and Mrs. Sappington and Miss Elizabeth Patterson—all of Webster Mills, spent a few days down at Williamsport, Md., during the past week.

Mr. Ahimaz Runyan of Needmore brought his grandson, Percy Runyan to town last Saturday and on Monday Percy returned to his home at Shippensburg.

Rev. R. H. Hoover, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Perryville, Md., registered at the Washington House, is spending part of his summer vacation here.

Mr. David Thomas, who has been employed by contractors on the Wabash road in the western part of the State is spending a short time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas.

Elliott Divelbiss and John E. Goodman, of Bethel township, were in town last Saturday, the former taking out letters of administration on the estate of his father, the late John H. Divelbiss.

R. Holmes Thompson, of this place, drove up to Waterfall last Friday and returned Saturday. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, who had been spending several weeks with relatives at Tyrone and Mount Union.

A young lady was in a dry goods store at Hancock a few days ago, when one of the clerks slid up to her and said, "Is anybody waiting on you?" The backward girl blushed a deep red and answered, "Yes, sir; that's him outside; he wouldn't come in."

Robert Shimer, who has been employed at Altoona for the past few months returned home last Saturday to spend his summer vacation with his parents. He was accompanied from Harrisburg by his sister, Mrs. Frank St. Clair, who expects to spend a couple weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, of this place.