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## OUR COAL MINE.

Col. Demming Acting State Geologist Takes a Peep at It.

### ENCOURAGES MINERS TO GO AHEAD.

Suggests a Sensible Plan to Follow in Prospecting—that of Having Analysis Made at Stated Intervals.

By invitation of a number of our citizens Col. Henry C. Demming of Harrisburg, the acting State Geologist, made an examination last evening, of the supposed coal deposit about a mile southeast of McConnellsburg. He states that he found there a coal-like substance, well exposed in the tunnel which had been dug eastward into the mountain twelve or fifteen feet; that near the floor of the tunnel there is a slate rock very similar to the slates of coal regions; also, above the so-called coal body; that the supposed coal is in true vein form, and measures 50 inches in thickness; that the trend of the vein is northeast and southwest, as are the regular strata of other rock in that locality; and that the supposed coal vein has an inch of pitch of 40 degrees southeastwardly.

The Colonel also states that it would take a chemical examination to determine the true character of the mineral; but, that in his opinion, it was a lignite, similar to the lignite coals found in the Phillippines. He believed that the proper course for the miners to pursue would be to have samples of the material, as now found, analyzed for the percentage of fixed carbon; and if 25 to 30 per cent. of carbon were the result, then to go farther into the mountain on the vein at least 20 feet, or 30 feet, altogether from the portal or mouth of the tunnel; that then it would be advisable to have another analysis made. Then if the carbon amounted to more than 50 per cent., with a fair additional proportion of combustible and volatile matter, they would know they had a certainty of a coal mine that would pay them to work.

The Colonel thought the outlook sufficiently encouraging to warrant the steps suggested, and this based on many years experience in opening and developing coal and other mines in Pennsylvania and other states.

### FRATERNAL RESOLUTIONS.

On the Death of W. C. Mann, by Harrisonville Lodge, No. 710, I. O. O. F.

Whereas it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from our number our beloved brother William C. Mann; Therefore, be it resolved—

1. That in the death of Brother Mann, Harrisonville Lodge, No. 710, I. O. O. F., has lost one of its oldest and most faithful members—one who was active in founding the Lodge, and whose interest and activity never once flagged—even when clouds of adversity and discouragement have hung heavily overhead.

2. That no one better than his fraternal brethren, knew the qualities of mind and heart possessed by him, and the constancy by which his hand was open to a distressed brother.

3. That the charter of this Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; that we wear the usual badge of mourning; that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge; and, also, published in the Fulton County News, and that a copy of the paper be sent to the bereaved family.

GEORGE F. METZLER,

JOHN P. SIPES,

GEORGE A. HARRIS,

Committee.

### Church Notices.

Divine services at St. Paul's from April 4th to 7th inclusive at 7:15 p. m. Rev. R. F. Fetterolf of Mercersburg, will occupy the pulpit April 5th.

A. G. WOLF, Pastor.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND.

Pennsylvania Cavalry, in Which Were Fulton County Men.

### SKETCH FROM BATES HISTORY.

Did Valiant Service for Uncle Sam During the Civil War and Had Plenty of Opportunity to "Smell Powder."

As a large number of Fulton county men were in the Twenty-second Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil War, we, at the request of one of the members, publish a sketch of their war history as found in Bates Vol. 5 and give the names of all the Fulton county men as far as we have been able to ascertain. If we omitted any we should be glad to be informed. Of course many of those whose names are given, have answered their last roll call, but just how many, we do not know.

Most of our Fulton county men entered when the regiment was reorganized at a camp of rendezvous near Chambersburg, in February 1864, and were recruited for a term of three years. They were united with the famous Ruggold battalion, and the new colonel was James Higgins.

#### COMPANY F.

Daniel Denisar, John Fulton, Michael Helman, Martin D. Matthews, James A. McDonald, Henry Stusher, Thomas W. Stusher, John H. Truax.

#### COMPANY H.

William C. Wilds, George Wilds, Abraham B. Corbin, Simon Mellett, John Ramsey, Wesley A. Ramsey, Sylvester Wilds, Allison Wagner.

#### COMPANY I.

James W. Rummel, John L. Smith, John B. Sipes.

#### COMPANY K.

William F. Sharrar, David A. Gillis, Reid W. McDonald, John M. Gillis, Jacob L. Buckley, Henry H. Buckley, John D. Richardson, James Ambrose, Joseph E. Barnett, George Bain, Elliott D. Correll, Peter L. Cornelius, Adam Clevenger, John W. Cutchall, John M. Chesnut, Samuel Cowan, William Doyle, Cornelius Doyle, Adam Dishong, Joseph Edwards, Peter Gaster, James Hoke, Alex. R. Hamil, Isaac Houck, James E. Heeter, Jeremiah Laidig, Henry C. Matthias, Robert A. McDonald, George Needham, Frederick R. Nail, Jackson B. Ramsey, Abraham Runyan, Elliott Ray, George Shaffer, George Sowers, David Vallance.

#### COMPANY L.

Lewis Ensley, Peter Ramsey, Isaac Mills, Joseph Woy.

#### COMPANY M.

H. M. Strausbaugh, Morgan Barton, David P. Dishong, Solomon P. Dishong, Isaac P. Dishong, Robert Giffin, Perry Hixson, Scott S. Hann, John D. Henderson, Samuel Jackson, Balser W. Mellott, John Minich, J. H. McEldowney, John D. Parlett, Thomas Parlett, George W. Swope, Joseph S. Strait, James T. Sheeder, Joseph N. Swope.

#### UNASSIGNED MEN.

John G. Stinson, Jacob Wible. On the 1st of March, the battalion at Chambersburg, under command of Major Troxell, proceeded to Martinsburg, where it joined the forces of General Sigel and proceeded thence, by his order, to Cumberland, where the Ringgold Battalion was stationed and where a union of the two was effected. The regiment remained in camp of instructions here, until April, when that portion of it not mounted, amounted to about seven hundred men, proceeded, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Greenfield, to a general camp of rendezvous for cavalry, in Pleasant Valley, Maryland, where it received horses and equipments, and where it remained until the middle of May, the men receiving, in the meantime, a thorough course of drill and discipline. From Pleasant Valley it moved to Camp Stoneman, near

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## SPROWL GOOD ROAD LAW.

Representative from the State Department Addressed Meeting in Court House.

### WHY NOT HAVE GOOD ROADS?

Told How Fulton County May Get Her Share of the \$6,500,000 Appropriation—Interesting Details.

It is to be regretted that every farmer in the County could not have been present at the meeting in the Court House last Wednesday evening. Every one who gives the matter any thought whatever is disgusted with the condition of our public roads, and with the manner in which money is spent on them from year to year without any apparent improvement.

As is now perhaps known to every one, the legislature at its session two years ago appropriated six-and-a-half millions of dollars of the State's money to the townships of Pennsylvania to aid in bringing up our roads to a first-class standard, and provided for a Highway Commission to see that the provisions of the law were faithfully carried out.

It was for the purpose of creating greater interest in the improvement of our roads, and of pointing out to our people how to get the State aid, that Mr. G. B. Statler, Assistant Highway Commissioner, came over from Harrisburg to talk to Fulton county people last Wednesday night.

There are in Pennsylvania 1548 townships, which means that there are about twice that number—or more than 3,000, township road supervisors. These officers are responsible for the care of 98,423 miles of township roads, and, as has been demonstrated by the work done in the past, they have been spending about six millions of dollars a year in throwing dirt on the road and shoveling mud off. Fulton's 22 supervisors have 816 miles to look after, and spend each year \$10,000. Unless they pursue a change of policy, they will go on spending a similar sum year after year, and our great-grandchildren will find the same mud-holes, the same rocky batters, the same steep grades, as are ours with which now to contend.

Well, what's to be done about it? "Why," said Mr. Statler, "place yourselves under the provision of the new law, and for every dollar you as a township spend, the County will give you one and the State four."

That looks all right, but how shall we proceed?

"Nothing easier. The township supervisors and their clerk have a meeting. A resolution is passed and put upon record to improve a certain road—distance to be not less than one eighth of a mile, according to the provision of the Sprowl Good Road Law,—and notify the county commissioners, who will make a survey of the proposed road and send the same to the State Highway Department, who will send at once a Commissioner to look over the road and determine what changes—if any,—and make an estimate of the cost. The matter is now ready to be submitted to contractors for bids after thirty days public notice."

But the county commissioners might not pay any attention to the request from the supervisors. "They MUST give it attention, and prompt attention: they have no option in the matter. So, you see, that as far as the supervisors are concerned, they have nothing to do but pick out their piece of road, say they want it "made," and then provide for the one-dollar-in-six that it will cost to do the work."

It is not a matter of surprise that Wells township, the first in the State's aid to establish a high school, should be the first to ask the State to help improve their roads, for it has already filed its request with the county commissioners. The probability is, that Ayr township will be the next, and there is no good reason why there should not be others.

## APRIL WEATHER FORECAST

As Given by Rev. Irt R. Hicks in Word and Works.

### DISAGREEABLE EASTER STORM.

Month comes in Cold, but very Warm Weather May be Expected by the Middle. Rain and Hail Storms.

A storm period, central with the full moon at the close of March will extend into the first and second of April. Storms of rain, low barometer and high temperature will have given place to snow, rising barometer and much colder in all western sections as April comes in. Cold, northerly winds with frost and freezing northward, will follow about the 1st or 3rd, progressively from west to east.

Plants and tender vegetation should be protected against the probability of killing frost during the first three or four days in April. From the 4th to the 6th there will be a reactionary storm period, during which time falling barometer, change to warmer, with more rain and storminess will be probable. Hail storms will be most natural at all April disturbances and sudden drops of temperature should not be surprised.

The Vulcan storm period, central on the 10th, will bring a series of pronounced storms. The culmination of these storms will fall about Sunday, the 10th, to Wednesday the 13th. Look for high temperature, low barometer with rain, hail and thunder, progressively from west to east, on the 11th, 12th and 13th.

Rapid rise of barometer and change to quite cool will follow behind the storms, but a reaction to storm conditions will suddenly return and on the 15th to the 17th it will again become very warm.

A regular Vulcan-Venus perturbation will be central on the 21st extending from the 19th to 23rd. The barometer will drop low and the temperature rise very high as this period progresses, resulting in many vicious thunder and hail storms on and touching the 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

The normal tendency to April thunder showers will grow into decided and far-reaching rain-storms, with dangerous winds and possible tornadoes during the progress of these disturbances. Late snow squalls need surprise no one, as the high barometer follows low areas at these April periods.

May promises the heaviest rains and the most violent storms of the present season. The solstice rains in the central part of June will be generally sufficient for the time, but many western to northern parts will have none to spare. Hicks believes that drought will be felt in more or less severity over much of the western grain belt before the season ends.

### KICKED BY A HORSE.

Samuel Paylor of Ayr Township, Narrowly Escaped Serious Injury last Friday.

Mr. Samuel Paylor lives on Mr. George A. Comer's farm in Ayr township. Last Friday afternoon as Mr. Paylor was passing behind one of the horses in the stable, the animal suddenly kicked Mr. Paylor striking him violently on the arm just below the shoulder. Mr. John Comer who happened to be near came to Mr. Paylor's assistance, and brought him to town, and Dr. Dalbey gave the injured member attention. Luckily the bone was not broken, and it is hoped that Mr. Paylor will be all right in a few days.

An Oyster Supper will be held in the Hall at Gem on Saturday evening, April 9th. E. N. Akers will be there with his graphophone and a general good time is expected.

## MORE RAILROAD NEWS.

Baltimore & Ohio Said to Intend to Purchase South Penn Roadway.

### THROUGH MT. DALLAS TO HANCOCK.

Supreme Court Has Ordered the Sale of the Old South Penn Right of Way, and Something is Likely to be Doing.

The fact that much time and money have been spent within the past year or two on the survey between Hancock and Mt. Dallas, through the western part of this county, has led many people to conclude that those who are thus putting up their money know what they are doing. During the past few weeks a corps of engineers have been hard at work on the line, but, of course, they don't talk.

A few days ago the supreme court ordered the sale of the old South Penn right of way. Should the B. & O. be the purchasers, then the way is wide open for them to go ahead and build their short line from Pittsburgh, which would include the link mentioned above. The following from the railroad department of Sunday's Philadelphia Press will be of interest to the people of this section:

In order to obtain a shorter route eastward from Pittsburgh, with which to compete with the Gould lines, which are rapidly being projected from that city to tide-water, it was said yesterday that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is about to purchase the old right of way of the South Penn, ordered sold by the Federal Courts.

While this could not be confirmed, it was admitted that engineers of the Baltimore & Ohio have re-surveyed the old South Penn route from Port Perry, on the Monongahela river, to Hancock, Md., on the Potomac river, fifty-five miles east of Cumberland. From these surveys are now under way by engineers of the company to Warfordsburg, this state, to locate a favorable grade from Deneen's Gap to the river, at that point. Although this survey is said to be part of a plan to straighten the line, and ease the grades for through traffic to and from Pittsburgh, and particularly to do away with the heavy grade at Sand Patch, the real reason, it is said, is to connect the two lines at that point.

While it would cost, it is said, about \$18,000,000 to complete the line from Port Perry to Hancock, the distance between Pittsburgh and Baltimore would be shortened nearly fifty miles. These facts taken in connection with the fact that the Baltimore & Ohio has bought other property for the purpose of constructing a shorter line, confirm the belief that it will purchase the South Penn right of way.

### TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Rev. Dr. West Asks to Be Relieved of Pastoral Work.

The Presbyterian congregation in this place were not a little grieved at the morning service last Sunday when Dr. West announced that he would ask the congregation on Wednesday evening to join in a request to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations now existing between him and the McConnellsburg and Greenhill churches, to take effect July 1st.

Dr. West's son Robert, a professor in the Protestant College at Beirut, Syria, is expected to reach this country in April and the Doctor has consented to accompany his son to Beirut during the summer, spending some time in Switzerland.

While not coming here as a stranger, Dr. West has during his four years of work here, greatly endeared himself to our people irrespective of denominational lines, and his departure is regarded as a personal loss to the community.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Well Known Citizens that Have Been Called Home.

### PROMINENT PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

Rev. J. Smith Gordon, Who Had Served the People at Burnt Cabins Almost Half a Century, Wm. C. Mann of Saluvia.

REV. J. SMITH GORDON. Rev. J. Smith Gordon, pastor of Lower Path Valley (Fannettsburg) and Burnt Cabins Presbyterian churches, died at his home at Fannettsburg last Friday morning.

The Rev. Gordon was born at Shady Grove in Franklin county, in 1829. His father, Alexander Gordon, was a prominent Elder in the Presbyterian church at Greencastle. The younger Gordon received his collegiate education at Princeton University, and his theological training in Princeton Theological Seminary. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Carlisle June 17, 1857, and on June 17, 1858, was ordained and installed pastor of the churches before named, which he served until the day of his death—a period of almost forty-six years.—Mr. Gordon had the longest continuous term of service of any minister in the presbytery.

Shortly after he located in Fannettsburg he married a Miss Montgomery, a sister of Mrs. Candlish, of Wilson College. Afterwards he married a Miss Mary Poul, of Fannettsburg. The Rev. Mr. Gordon is survived by his wife and the following children: The Rev. Dr. James Gordon, Van Wert, Ohio; Prof. Clarence Gordon, of Centre College, Danville, Ky.; John, a student at the University of Pennsylvania; Misses Mary and Clementine, at home.

His funeral was conducted by his life-long friend, Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., of McConnellsburg, assisted by Rev. Bacher of the Upper Path Valley church.

#### WILLIAM C. MANN.

William Culbertson Mann died at his late residence near Saluvia, this county, during the very early hours of last Wednesday morning, aged 69 years, 1 month and 23 days. Funeral on Friday, and interment at the Sideling Hill Christian church.

There is, perhaps, no point on the turnpike between Everett and McConnellsburg more familiar to the traveling public than the Mann homestead, known in the early part of the last century as Clifford Manor, when it was owned by David Mann, father of the deceased, who kept store and conducted the farm. Of later years the place has been known as "Mann's."

It was here that William C. Mann was born January 30, 1829; grew to manhood; married, on the 14th of March, 1859, Miss Anna Maria Daniels, daughter of the late John Daniels of the same neighborhood, and at his father's death succeeded in the ownership of the property, where he spent the remainder of his life. Covering a period of more than forty years Mr. Mann was a leading member of the Christian church and much interested in the progress of the Sunday school. With a few others he succeeded in forming Harrisonville Lodge, No. 710 I. O. O. F., and from the date of its institution in 1870 to the time of his death he was one of the faithful.

About twenty-five of his fraternal brethren assisted in performing the last sad funeral rites, which were beautifully impressive.

Besides his widow, Mr. Mann is survived by three sons, Lewis C., of Everett; Frank D., of Burlington, Colorado; U. S. Grant, of Chicago—and four daughters, Christina Scott, wife of Vernon Skipper, of Tyrone; Effie May, wife of William E. Bair, at Green Hill, and Misses Ella Myrtle, and Lydia Alice at home. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Rachel A. Speer of Saluvia. Funeral services were conducted

## 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.

Harry E. Seville returned home from Canton, Ohio, last Thursday.

Mr. Clarence L. Sipes of Philadelphia is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

Mrs. Jessie Carmack and daughter Laura, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shue and family are moving from Mount Union to Shirleysburg this week.

Miss Nellie Daniels returned home last Friday after spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Christina Daniels near Harrisonville.

Mrs. W. B. McDowell, and little son and daughter Mary Creigh and James, are visiting Mrs. McDowell's mother, Mrs. Margaret Kendall in the Cove.

Miss Annie B. Frey has been spending the past week in Philadelphia purchasing a complete stock of the latest creations in spring and summer millinery.

John F. Reed, wife and daughter, visited Daniel Mock and family from Saturday to Sunday, and Miss Alice Mock is now visiting in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Christina Daniels, widow of the late John Daniels, near Harrisonville, left the old homestead last week and is having her home with her daughter, Mrs. Maria Mann, near Saluvia.

Mr. R. I. Huston of Clear Ridge was an early Monday morning visitor at the County Seat. Mr. Huston moves to Dublin Mills next week and will engage in a general mercantile business.

Mr. Joseph B. Mellott expects to open out a store at Andover on the second day of May and conduct a general merchandising business. Andover ought to be good point, and a store there will be a great convenience to that neighborhood.

ed at the house by Rev. Dr. West of McConnellsburg, and sermon was preached at the Christian church by his pastor, Rev. S. L. Bacher.

MICHAEL H. ZIMMERMAN. The people of Sylvan were startled a few days ago by the information of the sudden death of one of its former citizens in the person of Michael H. Zimmerman, aged 34 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Mr. Zimmerman was working in the mountains in Washington county, Md., and contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia and soon removed its victim from this stage of activity. Several letters and a telegram were sent respectively to Sylvan and Hancock informing the parents of the sickness and death of Michael, but neither reached their destination in proper time. Michael's father Jacob chanced to pass through Hancock last Friday when he was informed of the sad news awaiting him. He hastened to the mountain home of his son and brought the remains to Sylvan. The funeral was held on Sabbath morning at Zion Lutheran church in the presence of a large concourse of people. The stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

#### A. G. W.

MRS. REBECCA DORTY. Rebecca, wife of Mr. Albertus Dorthy, died at her home near Foltz on Monday morning, the 28th inst., aged about 32 years.

Mrs. Dorthy was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Melius of Taylor township, and is survived by her husband and two bright little boys.

Funeral on Tuesday and interment at Mercersburg.