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DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

Samuel Mellott's Barn, Alfred Brown's House.

BARN ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE COVE

A Thousand Barrels of Corn and Fifty Tons of Hay. Part of House New and Ready for Plasterers.

The big bank barn on the old Patterson farm in the Cove, now owned by Samuel Mellott and tenanted by Harvey Unger, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday evening, together with 1,000 barrels of corn, 50 tons of hay, 50 bushels of wheat, the big strawstack in the barnyard, a big mow full of cornfodder and much other property.

Just how the fire originated may never be known to a certainty. Mr. Unger, the tenant farmer, and his men had been busy getting in corn, and had just gone to supper, when some one announced that smoke was seen issuing from the barn.

All hands rushed into the barn not to find any blaze but smoke coming up out of the fodder mow. An attempt was made to reach the fire with the limited supply of water at hand, but in a few minutes, flames burst forth in fury and the building was doomed.

It is believed that a match was probably dropped into the fodder while tying it in the field, and that it was ignited in the barn by a mouse.

The barn, one of the largest and best in the Cove, was built during the summer of 1887 by Harvey and David A. Nelson, who then owned the farm, and was 55x96 feet, with wagon shed and corn cribs attached. The loss is not less than \$3,000 with \$1,800 insurance in the Friends Cove Mutual—Mr. Mellott having \$1400 and Mr. Unger \$400.

About half past nine o'clock last Thursday evening the dwelling house of Alfred Brown in the village of Clear Ridge, this county, was discovered on fire. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were away from home at the time, but the neighbors did all they could to save the property. As the fire had gained such headway before its discovery, and on account of the meagre water supply but little could be done. With the exception of the organ, a couch and a half dozen cane seated chairs, the house with all its contents was destroyed; and to add to the misfortune, there was not a cent's worth of insurance.

Mr. Brown had almost completed a frame addition to his house which would have added much to the convenience and comfort of his family; that, of course went up in smoke like the rest.

Married.

OTTO—MCQUADE.

Mr. Howard S. Otto and Miss Mary E. McQuade, both of Altoona, were married in the United Presbyterian church at Altoona, last Wednesday evening, by the Rev. R. A. Hutchinson. The young couple were attended by William P. McClay as best man, and Ella McQuade, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the wedding party repaired to 1021 Fourth avenue, where the happy couple were tendered a reception which was attended by 150 invited guests from Altoona, Washington, Philadelphia, and other points. The bride, for a number of years, has been employed in the large Department store of Gable & Co., and is a most estimable young lady. The groom is a member of the firm of the Model Laundry and has a host of friends who join in wishing him and his bride bon voyage through life.

Albert Hays, who is employed in Allegheny, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hays, of this place.

Miss Sarah Michael, of Everett, spent Saturday night in this place the guest of her sister, Mrs. George W. Hays.

Golden Wedding.

At Burnt Cabins, Pa., on the 25th of October, 1904, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Miller, there assembled a large number of relatives and friends to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedded life. The day was one of great pleasure to the aged couple, as well as to the guests.

Mr. Miller is in his 78th year, and he, indeed, in his entertaining, was the groom of 28. Mrs. Miller enjoyed herself greatly conversing with her guests. After a few hours thus pleasantly spent the guests were escorted to the dining room where there was a large table laden with coin good things. This was a sumptuous repast, and all did ample justice.

After all had satisfied the inner man, the guests were assembled and Rev. J. S. Phillips was called upon to make a few passing remarks. He spoke in the highest terms of Mr. and Mrs. Miller—not forgetting their kindness shown to him at the time of his becoming their pastor; he, also spoke of the interesting family as a result of their union—a family so large, and all prospering in things temporal as well as spiritual. These speak for themselves as to their parental training.

In the language of the "bride elect" when asked, if she would have the ceremony performed, said, "It was so well done fifty years ago, I'll not risk having it spoiled."

From this statement we draw the conclusion that this, truly, was a happy husband and wife. The gifts were of the substantial kind—\$72 in money, and many useful articles.

The friends present were Mr. Thomas Zigler and wife, of Dry Run, Pa.; Henry Zigler, wife and daughter Blanche, of Shade Gap, Pa.; James Zigler and wife of Mount Union, Pa. (The gentlemen named are brothers of Mrs. Miller), Mr. Daniel Mock and wife (the latter a sister of Mr. Miller), of McConnellsburg; Mrs. J. E. Porter and son Willis, of Staunton, Va.; Mrs. R. H. Webb and three children, Henry, Herbert and Mary, of Bridgewater, Va.; Samuel G. Miller and wife and two daughters, Olive and Ruth of Shade Gap; Blair Appleby and wife of Shade Gap; Miss R. E. Keggereis and Roy Keggereis, of Fannettsburg; Rev. J. S. Phillips and wife, pastor of the M. E. church, Burnt Cabins, and others.

In the evening about all of the inhabitants of the town were out and gave this groom of 78 years, and bride of 74 a complete old time serenade.

A GUEST.

Dr. West Resigned.

Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D. tendered his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place, and last Saturday evening at a congregational meeting called for the purpose, acquiescence was made and presbytery asked to dissolve the present pastoral relations, the same to take effect December 1.

Dr. West has served the McConnellsburg and the Greenhill church during the past three and a half years, and it is with the deepest regret that the congregation have been asked to give up the Doctor as their Pastor.

More Big Corn.

The huskers are finding more big ears of corn this fall than for many years, Alex Lamberson, who owns the John Sowers farm in the Co. e, found in his crop an ear 14 inches in length, containing 24 rows and 72 grains in a row; another, 12 inches in length 28 rows, 52 grains in a row, and measured 10 inches "around."

John Carbaugh and son Elmer while husking corn for Ephraim Honck on the "Meadow Billy" Patterson farm found many ears of unusual size, one of which had 28 rows of grains, 60 grains in a row, and measured 10½ inches around.

DEATH RECORD.

Well Known People Who Have Passed Beyond.

MRS. M. E. DAWNEY. Mrs. M. E. Dawney, died at the home of her son Harry at Hustontown about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 65 years, 1 month and 5 days.

Mrs. Dawney has been in failing health for several years, but was confined to her bed only about two weeks.

Her maiden name was Conrad; she was born near Fannettsburg, and about 44 years ago was married to Benjamin F. Dawney, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Dawney was a member of the U. B. church, and a woman of strong character. She is survived by four sons, Brown C., of Philadelphia; John, Montague, and Scott, of Chicago; and Harry of Hustontown, this county.

Short funeral services will be held at the home of her son Harry Thursday morning at 9 o'clock when the remains will be taken to Fannettsburg for interment. Her sons are all home for the funeral.

FRYMAN.

Margaret Divalbyss Fryman was born in Ayr township on the farm known as the Charles Taggart farm, June 17, 1825, and died at the home of her youngest son Robert, October 26, 1904, aged 76 years, 4 months and 9 days. She was married to John Fryman December 23, 1845, who preceded her into rest, March, 1887. To this union were born eleven children, seven of whom are living.

George U., and J. Calvin, living in Berrien Springs, Mich.; R. Adessa Mellott in Princeton, Minn.; James E., living at the old mansion home; Sarah L. Conrad, Elmira V. Tritle, and Robert N., living near the old home in Ayr township. Twenty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren survive her.

When quite young she moved with her parents to Franklin county, where she, when married resided for a short time—her husband being a miller, worked in Dickey's mill. Having to abandon milling on account of failing health they moved to Bedford county, and were engaged in farming there until he bought Geo. Hull's farm and moved onto it with his family in the year 1853, where the deceased spent the remainder of her life, having her home with her son James, but spending the summer months with the other children.

Though feeble in health, she was strong in faith. A short time ago she ventured a distance to the sanctuary for a communion service. It was a part of sixty years of faithfulness.

She identified herself with the German Reformed church in early life, in which communion she lived faithfully and died the death of one whose evening time is "Peace." Her life was above reproach and her memory is sacred to her friends and neighbors while her children rise up and call her blessed. Possessed with a cheerful disposition, many were the words of comfort which fell from her lips, on ears and hearts of those discouraged. Her kindly greeting and warm grasp of the hand were the visitors' welcome at her door, while the kind words, not of news, out of that which spoke of interest in the kingdom and the happy "come again" fell like a benediction on the ear and gave inspiration for better work all that day.

We rejoice in the assurance that as "a shock of corn fully ripe" she has been gathered into the garner of heaven. "Henceforth there is laid up a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give her at that day."

S. L. C.

[The following notice of the death of Mollie, wife of John H. Sipes, was published in the Winchester (Indiana) Journal, a clipping of which was sent by Ben]

Johnston—Linton Nuptials.

Brilliant Social Event at Which Many Guests Were Present.

The social event of the season was the marriage of Miss Ida Luella Linton to Archibald Warriston Johnston, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hattie Kendall, last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. S. B. Houston, of the Associate Presbyterian church, officiated.

Other participants were: Miss Hattie Kendall, sister of the bride; Misses Mary Kendall and Mary McDowell, of Mercersburg, bridesmaids, Misses Mary Johnston and Helen Kendall, ribbon bearers, and James Johnston, of Mercersburg, best man. Miss Nell Nace, of Chambersburg, played the wedding march.

The bride's dress was a beautiful creation of heavy white silk, with point lace decorations. The other ladies wore dresses of pink and white organdie. The floral display of chrysanthemums was extensive and in excellent taste.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. A. W. Johnston, Sr., and the bride one of our most intelligent and charming young ladies who has been for the past decade one of Allegheny City's successful teachers and one of those who secured a trip to Europe in the popular teacher contest of that city a year ago.

After the ceremony the young couple drove to their future home to begin life on the farm of the groom.

Dedicatory Services.

Owing to recent extensive improvements having been made to the church, the Lutheran congregation will, on next Sunday morning, hold special dedicatory services. Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. E. D. Weigle, D. D., president of the West Pennsylvania synod, and in the evening the Reverend Doctor will give a Reformation address. Everybody is cordially invited.

J. W. Heeter and Miss Sadie Sipe, of Fort Littleton; Charles E. Stevens, of Dublin Mills, and Miss Emma Raker, of Three Springs, were members of a wedding party registered at the Washington House last Wednesday.

F. Clevenger. John H. Sipes was a brother of the mother of our townsman, J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., and at one time kept a store where Tommy Hessler now lives in Lacking-Creek township.—Editor.]

Mollie Brubaker was born in Lancaster county, Penn., Jan. 29, 1809. She was married to John H. Sipes in 1824, to this union was born nine children, five sons and four daughters. The husband and sons have all preceded the mother to the spirit world. There remains to mourn her loss, four daughters, thirty-eight grandchildren, 86 great grandchildren, 17 great great grandchildren and two great great great grandchildren.

She moved to Indiana with her husband in 1842, settling near Deerfield, where they lived until the death of the husband, when she moved with her son, William, to Minnesota, where she lived until 1893, at which time she came back to Indiana and lived with her daughter, Nancy, until her death which occurred Oct. 5, 1904, making her age at the time of death, 95 years, 8 months and 6 days. Grandmother wanted to go and be with Jesus and said she was fully ready. Her daughter gave her a good home and did all she could to make her happy and comfortable, for which she will receive great reward in that realm where loved ones are united to part no more forever. Farewell Mother, Farewell Grandmother, we hope to meet you in that sweet by and bye.

Funeral services at the M. E. church at Deerfield by S. F. Hart, assisted by M. R. Pierce, of Fountain City. Interment at the Reitenour cemetery.

THE PRESIDENT JUDGE.

Partisan Preferences Should not Be Considered in Their Selection.

[The following is published as a "communication" only; and so far as the News is concerned, merely reflects the sentiments of the author of the article. The same privilege has never been denied to Democrat, Republican, Jew or Gentile, so long as offensive personalities are not indulged in.—EDITOR.]

Mr. Editor.—As the "News" is neutral in politics, I wish to present to your readers a matter that is of great weight and importance to them. We are now in the midst of a national, State and local campaign, with the excitement incident to such a campaign; but there is an office to be filled at the coming election that should be strictly non-partisan, in reference to it politics should not be taken into consideration, it is that of President Judge of our Courts.

An editorial in the Philadelphia Record of October 27th truthfully says, "Partisan preferences should have no influence in the choice of Judges of our Courts, and no weight with the administration of justice. The Courts must be kept pure. They are the last safe guard of right and justice." If a scheming and dishonest politician presides over our Courts, the right of personal security, of personal liberty, and of private property, the great absolute rights of all American citizens, will be endangered, and our Courts will become a mockery, instead of places where justice is judicially administered.

Since the organization of our county, our Courts have been presided over by men of high legal abilities, men of good judgment, and God-fearing men, like Black, Kimmel, Nill, King, Hall, Rowe, McClain and Swope, and the intelligence, honor and dignity of the Bench should be maintained by all our citizens, irrespective of party affiliations. One of the candidates on the ticket to be voted on the 8th of next November for the high and responsible position of President Judge, Judge Swope, has served us faithfully and satisfactorily for the past ten years, and since he has served us so well and has so carefully guarded the rights and interests of the people of our district, I feel that it would be a mistake to make a change by electing a man who has had no experience on the Bench, no matter what his legal attainments might be.

Ten years ago, when a comparatively young man, the nomination for President Judge sought Judge Swope, without any thought of it entering his mind, but his education, his legal attainments, his well-balanced and discriminating mind and his force of character were such as to eminently fit him for the position, as his administration of justice has clearly demonstrated. During his practice he was employed in many of the most important cases tried in the Courts of his County; this with his skill and ability when District Attorney brought him prominently before the members of his profession and the people at large. When he donned his ermine robe he filled it gracefully with the skill and dignity of one of experience. His opinions have been highly respected by the higher Courts, more so than that of his immediate predecessor, although the latter's opinions were more respected than many of the other judges of our State. He has expedited the business of our Courts thus saving the tax payers considerable of their hard earned accumulations, without sacrificing the rights of the suitors in court; and by his economical administration our County is out of debt, although additional expense has been placed upon our people by the erecting of several County bridges, for which, of course, he was not responsible.

Judge Swope's re-nomination was brought about by his friends without any wire-pulling or con-

vincing on his part, and he has studiously refrained from taking part in politics, this was clearly shown at our last term of Court when he positively refused to attend either of the political meetings held in the Court House, and this course has been carried out by him since he has been on the Bench.

Judge Swope was a poor boy, he was not brought up in the lap of luxury, but went in his bare feet like many of the boys of our County, and sold relics collected in the Gettysburg battle-field to assist his widowed mother in obtaining a livelihood. He is no aristocrat, but he associates with the high and poor alike, and realizes the wants and necessities of the poor—he treats all who come in contact with him as his fellow-men.

I appeal to the voters of Fulton county, irrespective of party, to go to the polls on the 8th of November and vote for Judge Swope for President Judge, with a feeling that you will never regret it.

JUSTICE.

LETTER FROM TAXPAYER.

Gives Reasons Why He Thinks Judge Swope Should Be Elected.

Mr. Editor.—The office of President Judge of our Courts, which is to be filled at the coming election on the 8th of November, is one in which the tax-payers of our county are deeply interested, irrespective of political parties.

As a large tax-payer of the county, I earnestly desire the re-election of Judge Swope for the following reasons:

He has presided over our courts for the last ten years with ability and impartiality, and during that time, he has made many friends. He has become well acquainted with our people, and they have learned to respect him. He is a man who is easily approached and he treats all who meet him with cordiality. It would be a mistake to defeat him and elect a man with whom very few of our people are acquainted.

The office of President Judge is one in which experience accounts for much. An experience of ten years certainly fits a capable man to fill it better a second term.

Judge Swope has been an economical Judge for our county, he has saved thousands of dollars for us by pushing the business before our courts through without unnecessary delay. This is a fact which should weigh with all the tax-payers, because it touches our pockets.

A good Judge should not be displaced for political reasons, no matter to what party he may belong. The office should be kept above party politics.

For these reasons I feel that we ought not to make an experiment of electing a new man, but should give Judge Swope such a large vote that he will feel that he is the choice of a large majority of our people.

Respectfully,
TAX-PAYER.

Local Institute.

The educational meeting held at Knobsville last Friday evening was called to order by the teacher who appointed C. C. Rotz president.

The questions, which were published in the program last week, were discussed by the teachers present, viz: Rebecca Rotz, Minnie Mock, C. C. Rotz, David Chesnut, Oliver Sipes, Amos Paughtel, Roy Morton and J. H. Woodcock. The discussions were interspersed by a number of recitations and songs by the school.

Notwithstanding the fact that the house was over filled, excellent order prevailed, allowing the meeting to pass off very successfully. Adjourned to meet November 18th at Douglass school.

BLANCHÉ O. PECK,
Secretary.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Philadelphia at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

JAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

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

James H. Mellott, of Saluvia, spent last Wednesday in town on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nesbit were Mercersburg visitors last Wednesday.

J. H. Alter, of Newville, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg on business.

Mrs. Martin L. Peck, of Pectonville, Md., is visiting the World's Fair.

Thomas Truax and wife, of Needmore, spent Saturday in town on business.

Superintendent Barton is laid up this week with a genuine old-fashioned dose of grip.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams and daughter, Henrietta, spent last Friday in Chambersburg.

Mrs. George Frazer and Mrs. Samuel Frazer, of Fort Littleton, were shopping in town last Thursday.

On Monday last, L. H. Wible, Esq., purchased the S. K. Pittman store property at Harrisonville.

Capt. C. T. Dixon, of Sipes Mill, disposed of a load of fine winter apples in this place last Friday.

J. Lind and W. Calvin Patterson returned last week from St. Louis where they greatly enjoyed a visit to the great Fair.

Scott Unger and wife, who had been visiting the former's parents in the Cove, left for their home in Altoona this morning.

W. S. Leeton, Jesse Booz and Edward S. Staehouse, a party of Bristol, Pa. hunters, are the guests of Farmer Jno. Nesbit in the Cove.

Samuel Reese and wife, of Burnt Cabins, took advantage of the delightful weather last Saturday to make a trip to McConnellsburg.

M. D. Mathias and D. R. Mumma, two of Hustontown's worthy citizens, spent last Saturday in town and both left some shekels with the printer.

Hazard Woodruff, formerly of Washington, D. C., but now a resident of Thompson township, visited McConnellsburg on Wednesday of last week.

George Garner and wife, of Kipple, Blair county, have been visiting friends in the Cove several days. George has a good position with the Pennsy.

After spending two weeks at the home of their parents in Tod township, Charles and Harry Mock returned to their places of employment in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Adams of Wells Valley, came over and spent last Sunday night in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Mary Wooster at Harrisonville, and on Monday came to town and spent a few hours.

Mr. William T. Wink, of Curwensville, Pa., a native of this county, is visiting among his former friends. Mr. Wink is employed on a large dairy farm, and is entirely familiar with the details of that business.

John Everhart and wife have been spending the past week with the latter's parents, Dallas Lynch and wife. Mr. Everhart is a linotype operator in the office of the Johnstown Tribune and was a pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday.

Mr. James W. Craig, of Pectonville, Md., a native of Big Cove Tannery, and a former Fulton county teacher, was a visitor in McConnellsburg last Thursday. James is now a prosperous farmer and has a contract for supplying some of the Wabash railroad camps with meat.