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## BOY KILLED HIS SISTER.

The Quiet Town of Greencastle Again Shocked By Deliberate Murder.

### BOY SAYS HE "DIDN'T GO TO DO IT."

Twice within a month, the inhabitants of Greencastle have been shocked by the commission of murder within her borders. The second victim being Elsie Quest, aged 15 years, whose death was caused by her brother, Charles, three years her junior. The killing occurred at the Quest home a short distance west of Greencastle on the Mercersburg pike.

The Quest children were in an orchard and had with them a shot gun. They were hunting rabbits and a third member of the party was George Stickle. The gun was in the possession of Charles Quest and he playfully pointed it at Stickle who remonstrated with him. His sister also warned him not to trifle with the gun and to point it in another direction. The lad then pointed the gun at his sister and said:

"Shut up or I will blow hell out of you."

He carried out his threat almost before the words were from his mouth and the rifle ball entered the girl's head, causing instant death.

When the boy saw what he had done he started to run away but was caught by Stickle.

The boy was promptly taken charge of by the officers and placed in the jail at Chambersburg to await trial for the great crime.

The Quests formerly lived in Greencastle, but were so disorderly that some of their neighbors sent in complaint to the town authorities, and they were ordered to leave Greencastle. The family, consisting of a father, and three children, then moved to Hagerstown. They had not resided in the latter town very long when the father became very ill with consumption. Some Hagerstown citizens raised enough money to ship them back to Greencastle, and for the last year they have lived in a little shanty along the Greencastle and Mercersburg turnpike.

Since the poor boy is in jail, he realizes the enormity of his crime, and his cries are most piteous. He told the sheriff he could see the face of his dead sister all the time. It was feared that he would lose his mind.

## CHURCH "SUPPLIES."

Ministers Appointed by Presbytery for McConnellsburg and Greenhill.

The Presbytery of Carlisle appointed the following ministers to preach in McConnellsburg and Greenhill Presbyterian churches after the present pastor, Dr. W. A. West shall have left:

December 16th, Rev. S. W. Pomeroy at Greenhill and McConnellsburg; January 15th, Rev. J. J. Duncan, at McConnellsburg; January 15th, Rev. H. G. Clair, Greenhill and McConnellsburg; January 29th, Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., McConnellsburg; February 12th, Rev. J. G. Rose, Greenhill and McConnellsburg; February 26th, Rev. L. C. Bell, McConnellsburg; March 12th, Rev. Fred Diehl, Greenhill and McConnellsburg; March 26th, Rev. A. F. Waldo, McConnellsburg; April 9th, Rev. F. T. Wheeler, Greenhill and McConnellsburg.

The Rev. James G. Rose was appointed moderator of the session of the two churches.

Nov. 2.—The second local institute of Wells township, was held at No. 3, school Friday evening, Oct. 28th. It was very well attended, and the questions were very ably discussed. The literary work was a success, and is a credit to both pupils and teacher. Teachers present: Prof. Griffith, W. W. Smith, Bessie Willet, C. A. Barton, and Chas. Seville. Directors present: John Stankard, Levi Trux, and G. W. Sips.

## NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

New Dust Proof Cases, Placed in the Vault in the Prothonotary's Office.

The County Commissioners are to be commended for placing a case of dust-proof paper cases in the vault of the Prothonotary's office for the better protection of papers on file there. Heretofore the official papers have been crammed into open pigeon holes, where they were exposed to the coloring influence of light and the accumulation of dust. This condition in a very few years would cause them to become, in some cases undecipherable. Then from a sanitary standpoint these pigeonholes were prolific breeding places for microbes, that developed to such a size that one's finger was in danger of receiving a deadly bite in rummaging for papers. But there is still more cases needed, and let the work not stop until every paper in the vault is protected. This is a matter that interests every citizen in the county.

## Married.

**VAN ORMAN—STEVENS.**  
Mr. Lemuel L. Van Orman and Mrs. Sarah Ann Stevens, both of Millin, were married at the Lutheran parsonage in this place on the 3rd inst., by Rev. A. G. Wolf. Mrs. Stevens is a daughter of James Wright and widow Frank Stevens.

**STRAIT—HUSTON.**  
On the 1st inst., by Rev. B. A. Salter, Mr. Abraham Hays Strait and Miss Elizabeth Matilda Huston, both of Taylor township, were united in marriage. The groom is a son of Isaac Strait and the bride a daughter of Henry Huston.

**Local Institute.**  
The third local institute in Brush Creek township of this season, was held at Locust Grove school October 28th. The institute was called to order by the teacher, Miss Mason; Mr. Kell was elected president and W. C. Hanks secretary. The questions were thoroughly discussed by the five teachers present. The school rendered some very interesting recitations and songs.

The teachers of Union met at Fairview Friday evening, October 28th. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mr. Lehman.

The following questions were discussed by teachers and patrons: 1. How to Secure Regular Attendance. 2. Value of a Common School Education. 3. How to Secure an Interest in an Algebra Class.

The following teachers were present: Geo. Lehman, E. C. Hendershot, C. A. Foster, T. R. Shank, Misses Lillian Hill and Myrtle Smith.

A very interesting program was prepared by the teacher consisting of music, recitations and dialogues, which were rendered by the following persons:

Opening address, Miss Lydia Mills; dialogues and recitations by Lizzie Carnell, Harry Crawford, Watson Crawford, Ralph Crawford, Ora Rice, Louie Crawford, Pearl Rice, Goldie McKee, Hope McKibbin, Mary McKibbin, Jessie Rice, Lydia Mills, Ralph McKee, Amber Fischer, Gilbert Rice, Norman Fischer, Harry Fischer and Rachael Fischer.

The next institute will be held at Harmonia, with the following questions for discussion: 1. Who is Responsible for Pupils' Waste of Time? 2. Give Your Qualifications of an Ideal Pupil, and Teacher's Duty to Same. 3. Self-reliance, and How Cultivated.

**T. R. SHANK,**  
Secretary.

Miss Effie Mellott, stenographer for the Deshler Manufacturing Company of Deshler, Ohio, who is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mellott of Salvia, spent last Wednesday in this place the guest of friends.

## THE COUNTY MAIL ROUTES.

Bids for Carrying the Mails Must Be in By the First of December.

### GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR SERVICE.

In the different offices in the county are posted advertisements for bids for carrying the mails for the next four years beginning with the first of July next; bids however, must be in by the first of December. It will be seen by the following that in many cases the mails are being carried at a price very much below what the contractor can do it for and make living wages. The Government does not contemplate that bids shall be taken so low that the carrier must resort to some other means of making ends meet to the great detriment of the service. The price should be sufficiently large as to enable the carrier to make the best possible time between the points covered by the routes. The following shows the different routes and the price for which the mail is being carried by the present contractors.

From Amaranth, by Buck Valley; Lashley, and Mann, to Hancock (Md.), 12.25 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Amaranth daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 12 m.; leave Hancock daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.; arrive at Amaranth by 7 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$397.51.

From Bigcove Tannery, by Dickeys Mountain and Plumrun, to Hancock (Md.), 17 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Bigcove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 12:30 p. m.; leave Hancock daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.; arrive at Bigcove Tannery by 7:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,100. Present contract pay, \$313.

From Bigcove Tannery, by Webster Mills and Cito, to McConnellsburg, 9 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Bigcove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 9 a. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 12 m.; leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 3 p. m.; arrive at Bigcove Tannery by 6 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$800. Present contract pay, \$152.98.

From Burnt Cabins, by Fort Littleton and Hustontown, to Harrisonville, 15 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Burnt Cabins daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrive at Harrisonville by 12 m.; leave Harrisonville daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.; arrive at Fort Littleton by 3 1/2 hours; leave Fort Littleton daily, except Sunday, on receipt of mail from McConnellsburg (due 5:45 p. m.), but not later than 6:20 p. m.; arrive at Burnt Cabins in 1 1/2 hours. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$255.64.

From Fort Littleton, by Knobsville, to McConnellsburg, 10 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Fort Littleton daily, except Sunday, at 8:30 a. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 11:30 a. m.; leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 2:45 p. m.; arrive at Fort Littleton by 5:45 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$900. Present contract pay, \$216.

From Fort Littleton, by Clearridge, Maddensville, and Meadowgap, to Orbisonia, 16.25 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Fort Littleton daily, except Sunday, at 6:30 a. m.; arrive at Orbisonia by 12 m.; leave Orbisonia daily, except Sunday, at 1 p. m.; arrive at Fort Littleton by 6:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$393.42.

From Gem to Bigcove Tannery, 4 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Gem daily, except Sunday, at 6 a. m.; arrive at Bigcove Tannery by 7:15 a. m.; leave Bigcove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 7:45 a. m.; arrive at

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## DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Celebration of Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston.

### FIFTY YEARS OF HAPPY MARRIED LIFE.

On Tuesday, November first, a most delightful autumn day—delightful because the temperature was all that could be desired, not a cloud to be seen even in the distant horizon and the winds of heaven were hushed to quiet stillness—a few friends, thirty or more in all, including the brothers and sisters gathered a little after the noon hour in the pleasant, hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald W. Johnston in the Cove, where they have lived continuously for fifty years.

Their son and daughter, the bride and groom of the week before were invited there with a few friends for dinner; but Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were not aware until morning of this day that a larger company had been arranged for, and that it was specially intended to celebrate their fiftieth marriage anniversary. It need scarcely be said that it was a joyful surprise.

Mr. Johnston has not been in the best of health for some little time; but on this happy occasion, both he and his excellent wife were well, and seemed to enjoy the day exceedingly.

On November 1, 1854, Mr. Archibald Warriston Johnston and Miss Jane Gibson Kendall were united in marriage in the Kendall mansion, (now Mrs. Margaret Kendall (now lives) in the presence of about eighty guests, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. W. McNaughton. Of the large company only four, outside of the family connection, are still living. Two of them are living in the county: Mr. William Patterson of Ayr township and Mrs. George Smider of Tod. What ravages time works in a community in half a century! The poet has said:

"Whether we smile or weep, time wings his flight;  
Days, hours, they never creep: life speeds like light.  
Dare not, then, waste thy days, reckless and proud,  
Lest, while ye dream it not, time spread thy shroud."

After a cordial exchange of happy greetings, and an elegant and bountiful dinner, a short period was spent in the double parlor, as is customary in that Christian home, in religious, devotional services, conducted by their pastor.

A few beautiful and valuable gifts were left by friends in token of the high esteem in which this Christian couple are held. Thus happily ended an occasion, which it is the privilege of very few people to enjoy.

May the One, who has led them hitherto, guide and guard them through the remaining days of the autumn of life to the praise of his blessed Name.

S. B. H.

## BURNT CABINS.

G. F. Naugle, W. M. Comer, Chas. McGehee and A. J. Fore made a flying trip to the County Seat last Wednesday in Andy's new automobile.

Dr. Dalbey of McConnellsburg, was in our town Saturday evening.

Mrs. Harvey Wible of Maddensville, who is selling a book on Polygamy, spent last Tuesday night at Harry Miller's.

Mrs. Jacob Miller of this place, and her daughter, Mrs. Webb, of Bridgewater, Va., visited friends at Shade Gap and Shirleysburg last week.

John Bowman made a business trip to Chambersburg last week. The large fire which was raging on the Shade mountain last week, is about extinguished.

John Baldwin and wife spent last Sabbath at Shirleysburg. Frank Oliver, who has been plastering at Warfordsburg, returned home Saturday evening.

You can have the NEWS one whole year for a dollar.

## RE-DEDICATION SERVICES.

After important Improvements, Lutheran Church Re-dedicated last Sunday.

### BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered by the Lutheran congregation of McConnellsburg and its friends. By a kind providence the day dawned auspiciously in our village. All nature seemed in harmony with the great purpose throbbing in the hearts of the St. Paul's united, zealous congregation, to show its love to Almighty God, by consecrating, free of debt, to His worship its renewed temple.

For one century this congregation has been true to its trust, in holding up the Lord Jesus Christ on the Gospel in this community. How the fathers and mothers, now in heaven, who brought the truth here, would forget their sacrifice and rejoice with us, could they see the fidelity of their children and children's children displayed in honoring the Lord with their substance!

A few months ago some needed repairs to the sanctuary were whispered by a number of the members. The congregation caught the whisper; and, as magic, it rolled around those who gave their time to have the repairs made. In the months that followed, there seemed but one purpose in the several hearts of this beloved people. All wanted to adorn the temple of God. Such being the case, there remains no grounds for surprise at the results.

The repairs consisted of new windows, new carpet, new furnace, new chancel-railing, papering, &c. All the windows are memorial and of regular cathedral glass, each one having emblems appropriate for a sanctuary. One has a life-sized figure of Christ the Good Shepherd; another represents the Master agonizing in Gethsemane. These two were secured at a cost of \$75 each; the others are less expensive, but of pleasing design and in keeping with their surroundings.

The total cost of the repairs amounted to \$770.62. Of this amount \$520.62 was raised before the day of dedication. A small balance of \$250.00 was all that was asked for at the re-opening services.

Rev. E. D. Weigle, D. D., president of the West Penn'a Synod, preached the dedicatory sermon, based on Acts 5:20. The Doctor presented a masterly and inspiring discourse. The large congregation present was in hearty sympathy with the mouthpiece of the Lord. Heaven's blessings were flowing upon the congregation, because the hearts of men were seeking the living God; hence when the request was made for money it took only a little time to receive in cash and good subscriptions all that was needed to consecrate the sanctuary, free of debt. There was no begging, no pleading, no extraction of money by cold logic from the hands of the congregation: it had gathered to honor the Lord with its substance, and when the opportunity was given it showed the purpose of its heart, loved and loving, touched and moved by the grace of God. This fact is all the more noteworthy when it is borne in mind that the congregation a short time ago raised over a hundred dollars to cancel other bills.

Now followed the beautiful order of the church adopted for the dedication of the renewed temple, Mr. Geo. W. Reisner, on behalf of the official board, presented the keys of the church to the pastor, who, with the prayers of the congregation, dedicated the renewed house to the worship of the triune God.

In the evening, Rev. Weigle again occupied the pulpit, and, to the edification of his many auditors, presented an address relative to the Hero of the reformation, Dr. Martin Luther. Among the many truths uttered,

## NOT EATEN BY WILDCATS.

Only Away Getting Married. The Ceremony Performed by Rev. S. B. Houston.

Several weeks ago the disappearance of Mrs. Lydia Duncan, of Bedford county, and the persistent rumor that she had been murdered and her body devoured by wild animals, created great excitement. During the past week, however, Mrs. Duncan has turned up near her old home.

She stated she had determined to visit relatives in Fulton county, and that while jogging along the highway, she fell in with a veteran named Peter B. Smith. She was pleased with the old gentleman's gallantry and the manner in which he conversed. On the other hand, Mr. Smith seems to have taken quite as much of a fancy to the woman. To make a long story short, the meeting resulted in a case of love at first sight and before the two had traveled a dozen miles together, the veteran had proposed and the lady had blushing accepted. Upon reaching Fulton county, they called upon Clerk Harris, who furnished them with the necessary legal papers and then the happy couple hastened to the residence of the Rev. S. B. Houston, and there on October 20 the nuptial knot was tied.

Mrs. Hughes denied that she was ever the wife of Jacob Duncan. She says she only lived at his house and worked for him.

How the rumor that she had been murdered got out the bride could not say, unless it was started by some one who was unable to see the difference between being murdered and getting married. It is said that Mrs. Hughes went from Bedford to the almshouse, where she lived before going to Jacob Duncan's dwelling near Oppenheimer.

Mrs. Hughes gave Mr. Harris, Emmaville, as her place of residence, and the groom that of Hopewell.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath Association.

The Second Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath Association will be held in Pittsburg and Allegheny City, Pa., on the 14th and 15th inst.

The program of exercise has been arranged with great care, and many of the most eminent Christian Workers in the county will be there.

The following bodies are earnestly requested to send two or more delegates to the Convention: Each County Auxiliary, and each County Committee where there is no County Auxiliary, and Presbyteries, Synods, Conferences, Associations, Evangelical Alliances or Federation of churches, National Reform Associations, Ministerial Meetings, Congregations, Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies; Women's Christian Temperance Unions, Young Men's Christian Associations, Labor Unions, and all other bodies, associations and unions that favor men having a Rest Day.

All friends of the Lord's Day are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Convention.

The Doctor showed what work, affecting the welfare of succeeding generations, one good man may do.

The day was fraught with many good things for the St. Paul's congregation and its friends, marking a new epoch in her history. Long may the memory linger in her heart, inspiring her worshippers to nobler deeds, and leading her closer to the Fountain of Life.

In behalf of the congregation, we return our hearty thanks to all who helped to make the occasion one of profit and joy.

**A. G. WOLF,** pastor.

J. B. Morse and wife were visiting friends in Everett the last of the week.

## 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.

W. E. Bair of Salvia, was in on business Friday.

Miss Ella Mann of Salvia, was a town visitor last Wednesday.

U. S. Doshong and wife of Pleasant Ridge, spent last Thursday in town.

Ex-Commissioner, H. K. Malot of Licking Creek township, was in town Monday.

Dr. A. K. Davis and Norris E. Hoover of Hustontown, were in town last Thursday on business.

Miss Dora Johnson of Burnt Cabins, called at the News office to renew her subscription while in town Monday.

Mrs. R. C. McCutcheon, near Zanesville, O., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kezia C. Johnston in the Cove.

S. A. Nesbit and wife and Mrs. S. M. Cook, attended a meeting of Presbytery at Welch Run last Thursday.

Max Sheets returned Friday evening after an extended trip through the West including the "World's Fair."

Mr. John Hartman of Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Reisner of this place.

Miss Jess Dickson spent the time from Saturday until Monday with Miss Bess Irwin at the Shippensburg State Normal.

Mr. Solomon I. Miller, of Peoria, Ill., is circulating among his Fulton county friends, after an absence of several months.

Harry B. Miller, one of Chambersburg's leading young business men, spent last Thursday night and Friday in this place on business.

Don Morton, Frank Daniels and Harry Seville, Shippensburg Normal students, came home last Saturday and remained until after they voted Tuesday.

Miss Bess Trout and her cousin Miss Nell Trout have been spending several days visiting at the home of Mr. S. Houston Johnston at Mercersburg.

Miss Sarah A. Nesbit, who had been visiting her brothers in this place and the Cove, returned to her home at New Bloomfield last Thursday.

Miss Minnie Reiser, who is teaching the school at Graceville, Bedford county, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reiser.

Mrs. W. W. Keggereis has returned to her home in Path Valley, after having spent a week visiting her parents, Lieut. and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston in the Cove.

Miss Mame Hoke and Dan Trout spent the time from Friday until Monday visiting the former's sister Miss Gertrude at Riddlesburg, and brother Will and family at Saxton.

Miss Jessie Mason, teacher of Locust Grove school in Brush Creek township, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Mason, of this place.

Frank M. Lodge and ex-County Treasurer John D. Smith of Brush Creek township, spent a few hours in town Monday. Mr. Lodge took out letters of administration on the estate of his father, John M. Lodge, deceased.

Our neighbor, Miss Lib Hess is "on the wing" and spent a day recently at the S. O. I. S. at Scotland the guest of Capt and Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner. After commenting on the excellent system of the school she adds, "It was very gratifying to me to hear of the high standing of Reed Ray and Olive Unger, two of our Fulton county children."