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IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT.

Members of Abe Dishong's Family Brought Up for Starting Forest Fires on Scrub Ridge.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRODUCED.

A peep into Justice Wible's of fice last Saturday morning disclosed the fact that the wheels of justice are not always set in motion by the ponderous leaden weights attached to the town clock, nor that Judge Swope gets a hand in all the judicial business in this county.

In front of the bar of the Justice sat three prisoners that had just been brought in from the jail by Deputy-Sheriff Fields, where they had been in confinement to await this particular hearing. These were Mrs. Abram Dishong, her daughter Annie, and her son Cleveland—all of the Meadowgrounds. Their faces showed plainly their keen realization of the fact that in the decision of the Justice rested their fate—whether they should be remanded to jail, and there remain until next March court, or be cleared of the charge against them, and allowed to go back in peace to their home.

Behind the bar, reclining in an easy chair, was Justice Wible, hearing the case with an ease and dignity born of thirteen years of continuous service on the bench of the County's lower court.

To the right of the Justice sat Attorney Daniels who represents the great state of Pennsylvania in the prosecution of Fulton county people who violate her statutes. Between occasional puffs of smoke drawn from a Cremona which he held in his fingers, he leisurely drew the facts from the witnesses; while seated nearer the prisoners, was J. Nelson Sipes, whose manner and tone of voice was so free from excitement—so subdued and sympathetic, as to make the prosecutors feel ashamed of themselves for being instrumental in putting innocent people to so much trouble.

In addition to the characters already described in this scene were a promiscuous crowd of witnesses, friends, and others who had been drawn there through morbid curiosity, so that there was scarcely standing room.

The trouble all arose in this way: About the 26th of last month, a forest fire was raging on Scrub Ridge mountain, in Belfast township. Charlie Bard, the fire warden of that district, in obedience to the law, collected a posse of men and went to the mountain to extinguish the fire, and by the evening of that day, had the fire under control.

As a matter of common prudence, Mr. Bard detailed three persons—William, Christopher, and Richard Dishong, to watch until the danger limit should be entirely passed. Seeing smoke arising at different points, they went to find the cause, and found Mrs. Abram Dishong, her daughter Annie, and son Cleveland; and on the grounds of suspicion, made information, had the three persons named, arrested by Constable H. E. Dishong of Licking Creek township, brought to town last Wednesday, and lodged in jail to await the hearing already described.

There was no evidence produced last Saturday morning that would warrant Justice Wible in holding the accused parties for trial in the Quarter Sessions, and he discharged them.

It seemed that the Dishong family had done no more than what their neighbors had done in the matter. They had been out trying to prevent the fire that was raging in the mountains, from getting down and destroying their home, and the fences and other property on the farm on which they lived.

No blame should be attached to the officers for their effort to apprehend the parties who had set fire to the mountain. Persons

JOHNNY MARTIN HURT.

Narrow Escape from Death While Assisting to Raze a Building.

While assisting in the removal of a building from the right of way of the Wabash railroad in Hancock a few days ago, Mr. John M. Martin, of Whips Cove, met with an accident that came very near terminating his existence in this world.

Mr. Martin was standing on the ground and a board from the top of the building fell endwise, striking him with great force on the left side of the neck knocking him prostrate.

When his fellow workmen picked him up they felt sure that he was dead; but a physician was summoned hastily, and it required long and patient effort to restore him to consciousness, and it was several days before he had sufficiently recovered as to be considered out of danger, and Mr. Martin is likely to suffer from the effects of the accident the remainder of his life.

"Between You and I."

What in the world is to be done with those otherwise good people who persist in conversation in using "I" and "he" in the objective? Most of these people know better, for some of them are graduates, but they go on saying, "Will you go with Dick and I to church?" and even, "It was between he and I," though they would never, of course say, "Will you go with I?" The number of people who use this solecism is apparently increasing.—Public school teachers use it, and the sound of it is not altogether unfamiliar in what is called society, though "me and him did it," is not a whit more ungrammatical than "between you and I."—Evidently some people use the phrase without knowing that they do it, but why should they? Still other people, who have been taught that "me and him went" is not correct, ignorantly suppose that "between you and me" is also ungrammatical. In this case, of course, the mistake is due to pure ignorance, and no one can complain of it, because ignorance is generally a misfortune rather than a fault. But when people who have been to school use the nominative case in the objective and say "between you and me," or "I will let you and he know" one feels like projecting some convenient article of furniture at them. Perhaps some form of violence will have to be resorted to in order to break up the practice.

BACK RUN.

Our farmers are busy plowing for their next corn crop. Calvin Tritle, who has been on the sick list during the past two weeks is, we are glad to note, recovering his wonted health.

John W. Ott and family visited at the home of the former's mother last Sunday.

Our teacher, Miss Carrie Humbert, accompanied by David Thomas, attended the local institute at the Corner school house last Friday evening.

Philip Ott has moved his shingle mill down onto Maynard Unger's land.

TAYLOR.

The protracted meeting at the U. B. church is still going on.

Miss Minnie Summers and Mrs. George Sipes visited in the home of Maggie Hess last Thursday.

Rev. A. S. Wolfe visited David Forner's last Friday.

Mrs. Effie Crouthers is visiting her mother near McConnellsburg.

Miss Chloe Chesnut is convalescing.

George Sipes goes to meeting every night.

who will destroy our timber lands by placing fire in the woods should be given the full penalty of the law; but it is not always easy to put your hand on the right person.

SCHOOL HOUSE LOOTED.

The Meadowground Schoolhouse Broken Into. School Supplies Taken.

Miss Lucy Feightel, teacher of the Meadowground school, in Ayr township, had a surprise when she returned to her school on Monday morning of last week. The first thing to attract her attention as she approached the house was, that the door was standing open. She well remembered having locked it when she left the house on the preceding Friday evening. When she entered the house, however, it did not take her long to discover that something had been "doing" during her absence. The stove and desks were there, but about everything else that was portable, had been taken away. Her entire stock of school supplies, together with many of the books, were among the articles missing, and compelled her to adopt the oral method of instruction with her pupils for the time being.

There is no reason for the raid as far as the teacher is concerned, for she has shown herself to be a very capable instructor.

THE COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Promises to Be the Greatest Ever Held in this County.

Fulton County Teachers' Institute will be held during the week of December 5.

By an act of the State Legislature all schools of the County must be closed during the week of the County Institute, and it should follow that every teacher of the County be in attendance at every session.

As a rule, a teacher's professional zeal can be pretty accurately estimated by his interest in the County Institute and the local institutes.

There should not be a teacher absent from the institute this year.

This year's Institute promises to be one of the strongest in the history of the county.

The evening lecturers and entertainers are among the very best. Monday evening Dr. Geo. P. Bible will lecture on "Life and Opportunity." Dr. Bible attended institutes here some years ago and was a favorite among our people.

Tuesday evening Dr. Rufus Emerson King will deliver his lecture "The Almighty Dollar." He comes highly recommended and we believe will please.

Fred High, one of the leading entertainers on the American platform, will be with us Wednesday evening, and the Amphion Male Quartette, of Boston, will entertain Thursday evening.

These are all first-class people and are listed among the very best talent furnished by Entertainment Bureaus.

The day instructors are all strong and stand among the leading educators of the country.

Dr. Bible, president of the National School of Oratory, will be with us all week. His work will be mainly along the line of reading—a much neglected subject in our schools.

Dr. Geo. W. Hull, whose books on mathematics are familiar to our teachers, will also be with us all week and will give special instruction on arithmetic.

Dr. Eckels is too well and favorably known among our teachers to need any comments.

Hon. Henry Houck, the most popular institute man at the Department of Public Instruction and of America, will be here most of the week.

Prof. W. M. Rife was here two years ago and is not a stranger to most of our teachers. He ranks high among the educators of the State.

Tom Johnson and Squire Dan Fore started for the World's Fair yesterday afternoon.

D. M. Kline and Roy Sipes spent a few hours in town last Friday.

DEER HUNTER KILLED.

Harry Kauffman of Lancaster County Met Death at a Crossing in Brush Creek Valley.

HIS GUN DISCHARGED BY ACCIDENT.

Last Saturday a week a party of eleven Lancaster county young men passed through this place enroute to Brush Creek valley for a two weeks' deer hunt. They were provided with a large tent, other camp equipments, had a cook in the party, and were in shape to have a most enjoyable outing. Most of the men wore khaki suits, and had Savidge 44-calibre breech loading rifles. The party was met here by M. A. Barkman, Gates Seiling, and Clarence Akers, who with teams conveyed the hunters to a point near Akersville, where they went into camp.

The weather which struck them the first day in camp was discouraging; but the sun came out, the skies cleared, and everything was most propitious for a pleasant outing and a successful hunt.

Having been rewarded on Tuesday with the capture of a fine four-pronged buck, they started out bright and early Wednesday morning. Under the direction of experienced guides, the crossings were soon all covered, and the day spent without any unusual incident. On Wednesday evening the hunters began returning to camp, one or two at a time, until they were all in but one—Mr. Harry Kauffman. It was not until late in the evening that his absence created much thought; and, then, upon discussing the matter among themselves, they decided that Mr. Kauffman had perhaps found himself up near the turnpike late in the evening, and had decided to stay all night at the Mountain House.

Early Thursday morning, however, they thought it best to look for him, and going to the crossing where he had been stationed Wednesday morning, were horrified to find him lying on the ground dead.

Undertaker D. S. Gump of Everett was at once summoned to come after the unfortunate man, and did so, removing his body to Everett, preparing it for burial, and shipping the corpse to the home of the family at Manheim, Lancaster county. Four of the hunting party, including a brother of the deceased, accompanied the remains by rail; while the other members were taken to Fort Loudon Thursday night, and took the early morning train for home.

Mr. Kauffman, the deceased, was about 24 years old, and leaves a wife and four children.

While no inquest was held, there did not seem to be a doubt in the mind of any one who saw the remains and the place that he came to his death by the gun in his own hands. The theory is this:

Mr. Kauffman was stationed upon a rock slightly elevated above the surface of the ground, at a crossing east of the road that leads from Akersville to the turnpike at the top of Sideling Hill, near the old Peck place. Near the edge of this rock he was standing, the breech of the big rifle resting on the rock at his feet, and the barrel clasped in his hands at his breast. By some unexpected movement, the breech slipped over the edge, dropped until the hammer struck the rock when the gun was discharged, the load entering Mr. Kauffman's cheek just below the eye, and blowing the entire top of his head off. Death was instantaneous. His clothing was ignited, and burned slowly until the cartridge belt was reached, when the cartridges being carried there, were discharged.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Reformed church held their first social at the home of Mrs. El Shimer Monday night, and spent the evening very pleasantly.

FARM GATE FELL ON HIM.

Little Son of Wesley Mellott Had Leg Broken While Going for the Calves.

Snively, little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wesley Mellott, of Belfast township, met with an accident on Monday evening of last week that will keep him out of school awhile. He was sent to a nearby pasture field to bring in some calves; and in attempting to open a large farm gate, the hinges suddenly gave way, and the heavy gate fell over on Snively, pinning him to the ground. The little fellow's cries soon attracted attention; and when he was released, it was found that he was unable to walk. Dr. Swartzwelder, of Needmore, was summoned, and when he arrived and examined the boy's injuries, he found that one of the boy's legs was broken.

On account of the boy's tender age, the matter of mending the broken limb will not require a very great length of time.

MRS. M. A. REED.

Mrs. M. A. Reed passed quietly away at her home in Licking Creek township, on Saturday evening, October 30, 1904, aged 62 years, 1 month and 14 days.

March 31, 1863, she was married to Martin A. Reed, and to them were born four children—two of whom preceded her to the grave years ago; the other two, namely, J. C. Reed and Maria, wife of Dr. S. S. Hoop, survive.

Mrs. Reed was a daughter of the late Samuel P. Lake, of Belfast township, and leaves two sisters, and one brother, namely, Mrs. Sarah Funk and Mrs. Parthenia Dishong, of Pleasant Ridge, and Samuel M. Lake of Hagerstown, Md. October 13, 1883 Mrs. Reed was stricken with epileptic spasms from which she has been a sufferer ever since.—She has been a constant member of the Old School Baptist church for a number of years and was always found in her place when her health would permit. She was known as a generous, kind hearted mother and wife, and an obliging neighbor. Her remains were laid to rest in the Sideling Baptist church graveyard on Tuesday following. Elder Ahimaz Mellott preached the funeral from the text chosen by Mrs. Reed during her life time found in Matthew 6:19.

STILL IN EVIDENCE.

Mrs. Peter Smith Goes Out on the Town of Bedford. Loses Money.

Mrs. Smith, alias Hughes, alias Duncan, whose marriage occurred in Ayr township on the 20th of October is still managing to keep her name in the public eye. It appears for reasons that are not given out to the curious populace that Mrs. Smith has not been living with her husband since the wedding, but has been making her home with friends in Bedford. Last Thursday night shortly after 11 o'clock, says the Hawkeye, she was on her way home in the company of an unknown colored man and had reached that part of town known as Texas when several young men of a convivial turn of mind approached the pair and entered into conversation. One of them produced a bottle and invited Mrs. Smith to wet her whistle, which, it is said, she did. The first called for another and, it is said, the bride soon had her skates on. But no odds about that. It is stated that the young men took advantage of her inebriety and appropriated her purse, which contained a small sum of money.

Later, it is averred, passers by came upon the party and compelled her assailants to restore the money. Thus far there have been no arrests.

Harry Dawney and wife, of Hustontown, were the guests of the latter's parents, Abram Runyan and wife in this place.

ON THE MOVE.

The B. & O. People Arranging for the Rights of Way.

The purchasing agent for the B. & O. railroad has been in Hancock several days arranging for buying rights of way for the new railroad to be built through this county from Hancock to Everett. The route has been surveyed, and it only remains to secure permission to go through the land between the two points before commencing work.

This link will shorten the distance between Pittsburg and Baltimore nearly eighty miles, and the grade is much lighter than by the old route.

Several routes, says the "Star" have been surveyed through the town of Hancock, but it is not known which will be taken. The road will cross the river at or very near Hancock to connect with the main stem of the B. & O.

Last year a crossing was surveyed at the West End and the right of way purchased from Frank Little, but owing to the grades this one was abandoned we learn, and other routes surveyed through the east end of town, one crossing the basin just east of the Potomac mills owned by Mr. P. E. Dawson. This route comes from the old Baptist Church, crosses the turnpike, Western Maryland Railroad, canal and river with a 60-foot trestle. This will doubtless be the point selected as it is the highest point the railroad and the one above the flood line when the river overflows.

ANOTHER BARN BURNED.

Near Mercersburg, Five Milch Cows Perished. Loss \$5000.

The citizens of Mercersburg and vicinity are much alarmed by the frequency of destructive fires. The latest to occur was that of the large bank barn last Sunday evening on the farm of Geo. C. Steiger, Jr., about a mile and a half west of Mercersburg. John Detrich is the tenant farmer. His loss will be heavy, but is partly covered by insurance. Five milch cows perished in the flames. The horses were saved. Notwithstanding the members of Mr. Detrich's family were at home when the fire broke out it had gained great headway before discovered. Then the alarm was given and hundreds responded to the call for help. It is believed here the fire was of incendiary origin and feeling runs high in view of the fact that but a short while ago the Spangler barn was set afire by incendiaries.

In the barn and a prey to the flames were 520 bushels of wheat, thirteen and one-half bushels of cloverseed, eight loads of fodder. The hay, straw and fodder on the outside of the building were burned as were the hogs and pen nearby.

The value of the barn and contents burned is estimated at \$5000. On this there is \$3800 insurance, making Mr. Steiger's loss \$1200. Mr. Detrich had small insurance on his property. The barn was one of the largest in the county, being 120 feet long. It originally was 80 feet long, but in the '70's forty feet were added.

Quite a Pedestrian.

Mr. William Patterson, of the Cove although in his eighty-second year, is remarkably well preserved, and moves about with the vigor and sprightliness of one much younger.

Last Wednesday he walked from the home of Judge Nelson in the Cove, to John Souders', where he took dinner; then he walked to town, and after attending to business at several places, walked to his home, having covered a distance of at least seven miles.

Mrs. Samuel Rotz and Mrs. John S. Nelson spent last Wednesday in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Emery Thomas.

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. C. B. Stevens spent last Friday night in Chambersburg.

S. A. Nesbit is spending a couple of weeks in Perry county on business.

Mrs. M. B. Trout is visiting her son, Dr. Nick, at Fairfield, Adams county.

Miss Nettie Knauff is spending this week among friends in Franklin county.

Nathan Everts went to Gettysburg Tuesday, where he has secured employment.

Mrs. Jas. Helman of Roxbury, Franklin county, is visiting among her Fulton county friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Isajah Sipes of Harrisonville, were pleasant callers at the "News" office yesterday.

Mrs. Bertha Bare and Mrs. D. W. Cromer, of Fort Littleton, spent last Wednesday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. Thomas B. Litton, a Thompson township veteran of the Civil War, spent a day in town last week.

Lemuel Smith and Calvin Morgret, of Whips Cove, spent a few hours in town on business last Saturday.

Prothonotary George A. Harris spent the time from Friday until Monday with relatives in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Cartharine Horn of Chambersburg, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Finff during the past ten days.

Miss Mary Demick, of this place, left yesterday morning for Sewickley, Pa., where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. George B. Mock, accompanied by Miss Minnie Mock and Miss Etta Fields, spent Saturday in Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Everhart, of Webster Mills, spent Monday with the latter's parents, Daniel Mock and wife.

Miss Artie Haulman, of Loudon, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCurdy in this place.

Mrs. S. R. Woollet, who had been spending six weeks visiting the World's Fair, and other points in the West, returned home Sunday greatly pleased with her trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wagner of Newville, and Mrs. Charles Wagner and son Lloyd of Markes, Franklin county, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wagner at Knobsville.

Capt. and Mrs. Reuben S. Cook of Everett, who had been visiting their son at the Academy at Mercersburg, were guests of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes Monday.

Miss Sadie Fisher, Leonard Hohman, George Rexroth, David Gress, Bruce Paylor, William Shidleman, Daniel Knauff, John Knauff and T. J. Comer—all spent last Sunday afternoon in the hospitable home of Mr. Michael Knauff.

Having sold his property in this county, Mr. James S. Akers and family of Whips Cove, started on their journey to Arkansas, in which state they expect to make their permanent home. The "News" will keep him in touch with his native county.

Our veteran friend Scott S. Hann, of Webster Mills, was in town last Saturday, and as is his custom once a year, visited all of the newspaper offices and paid his subscription a year in advance. Mr. Hann realizes the fact that a county could almost as well dispense with the public schools as the newspaper; and inasmuch as the newspaper is a direct benefit to every citizen, it is the duty of every citizen to give the newspapers his support.