

The Fulton County News.

VOLUME 6.

McCONNELLSBURG, PA., JANUARY 11, 1905.

NUMBER 17

ECHOES OF THE CIVIL WAR.

A Telegraph Operator's Recollections of Stirring Times in McConnellsburg.

THE REBEL RAIDS IN 1863.

(Continued from last week.)

"Several days after this I was notified by a scout of the presence of a body of rebels in the vicinity of Mercersburg, which I at once reported to Governor Curtin and was ordered to leave town, as the authorities had reasons to believe my capture would be effected through the perfidy of rebel sympathizers in the vicinity. I spread the news, none too soon, the people took alarm and ran their horses out into the country, hiding them in out-of-the-way places, leaving but one horse in the town, belonging to Undertaker Michaels, who had a funeral that afternoon at 2 o'clock. As I was ordered by the governor to take a horse wherever I could find one and get away I told the undertaker to postpone the funeral a few hours, when the animal would be returned to him if possible. The rebels not having appeared up to 4 p. m. I returned the horse to him, and remained at my post until 8 that evening, at which time the rebels suddenly made their appearance and I took leave forthwith, accompanied by William Duffield. We barely made our escape from the west end of the town, the rebels getting close enough to fire several shots at us as we ran through an orchard on the slope of a hill. In getting over the fence into the orchard I had the misfortune to fall and rupture myself. We wandered around the mountain until about midnight then sank down to rest, thinking we had got quite a distance from the enemy, but after a few hours sleep we awakened to find we had traveled in an irregular circle and slept within a fourth of a mile of the point where they had fired at us. We could see them all around below us. As quietly and hastily as we could we made for the far end of the woods, finally coming out on the old Baltimore and Pittsburg turnpike at a place called Bellevue. Here about noon I cut the wires, connected my instrument and reported the rebels at McConnellsburg a second time.

About 2 p. m. the Twelfth Pa. cavalry came along from General Milroy's headquarters at Bloody Run. Colonel Pierce requested me to go back to McConnellsburg with him. We got no further than a place called Licking Creek (Harrisonville), where after supper I opened an office, remaining until 11 that night, when sentries reported the rebels coming down the mountain. All hurriedly mounted and departed westward again, reaching Bellevue and putting up for the night without having seen anything of the enemy. We crossed over to McConnellsburg next day, Friday, the Twelfth regiment leaving the town Saturday, all returning to Milroy's headquarters except part of one company and myself. Sunday afternoon Lieutenant Badd Tourtellott asked me to go with part of his company on a scouting expedition. We started over the mountain toward Mercersburg. The road makes an abrupt turn directly on top. On reaching this turn we were surprised to hear the command to halt, and to find ourselves facing a body of rebels. The lieutenant gave some word of command, the company wheeled, but only to find themselves about to be cut off by other rebel cavalry coming out of the forest in our rear. A dashing escape was all that would save any of us and we took the chances. Out of thirty-nine men all were captured except Lieutenants Tourtellott and Stewart, Privates Jack Kelley and Torrence (?) and myself. In the summer of 1862 I was in company with several gentlemen in New York city. One of them, a Mayor Austin, in talking of Lee's raid in '63 gave an account of his ex-

The Spring Elections.

The borough and township elections this spring will be held on Tuesday, February 21st. As all election papers must be filed at least four weeks prior to the election the last day on which nomination papers can be filed will be Monday, January 23rd, so that nominations for borough and township offices must be on the Saturday previous January 21st. To the average citizen, the selection of the right man for supervisor, or assessor, or justice of the peace means much more than that of governor of the State, or even of the president of the United States. Let men be nominated with the thought of fitness uppermost, and then the public will not have to suffer from the mistake made by incompetents, or from wilful negligence.

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute of Licking Creek township, was held at Vallance school, Friday evening, 30th ult. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, Oliver Sipes, who appointed Mr. McClure chairman.

The program was opened by singing by the school. The following questions were then discussed: 1. The Recitation; How Conducted; Results to be Obtained. 2. Examinations; Why, When and How Held? 3. Tardiness; Its Effects; How Remedied?

The following teachers were present and took part in the discussions: Edgar Hann, Amos Peightel, Charley Mellott, Harvey Sipes, Lucy Peightel, Jessie Gress, Louise Everts and Ada Barton.

Several recitations were given by the pupils of the school, showing the ability of the pupils and also the teacher's training. They were, also, entertained by music from the graphophone.

Quite a number of patrons were present, showing their interest in educational work.

Margaret Daniels,
Secretary

periences in going over this mountain on a Sunday afternoon. When he reached that part of his story which brought him to the turn of the road I interrupted him and to his utter surprise finished the narrative for him. He congratulated me on being one of the five who got away from him on that Sunday in June. The five got back to McConnellsburg in quick time, picked up the balance of the company and set out for Bloody Run. In leaving the west end of the town we took what was called the old peach orchard road. We had not gone over half a mile before we saw a body of rebels riding toward us on a road to the south. Having too few men in our party to give them fight we started off at full speed, and having seen us they gave chase, six mile run, being near enough to fire shots for most of the distance. My horse was hit twice but not crippled seriously. We finally shook them off and went into camp about 8 p. m., next day returning to Bloody Run. While at this last camp, on a Monday morning we saw a large body of men approaching, some in blue and some in gray uniforms. We were at a loss to know whether they were rebels that had captured union men or union men that had captured rebels—the puzzle being solved when we observed it was the union men that carried arms. It turned out to be sixty-five of the First N. Y. cavalry under Major Adams that had captured about the same number of Imboden's men near McConnellsburg the previous evening. On reaching Milroy's headquarters the injuries I had received in my various flights became troublesome and I was compelled to report myself unable for further service, and was ordered home, returning to Harrisburg via Railroad and Pa. railroads, in company with the guards that escorted the prisoners captured by major Adams."

Delightful Social Occasion.

In spite of the zero weather, quite a number of persons recently spent a day very pleasantly in the home of Samuel W. Hess and wife, near Needmore. The festivities were in honor of the mothers of that worthy couple—Mrs. Elizabeth Hess and Mrs. Stillwell W. Truax.

Just at the noon hour, the dining room doors were thrown open and the company invited out to partake of a sumptuous dinner of turkey, chicken, cakes, confectionery, fruit, and all the other accessories that go with a first class dinner.

The zest with which her guests partook of the repast was a compliment to the skill of Mrs. Hess as a chef du cuisine.

The afternoon was spent in social chat and music, and as the sun was lowering in the west, all returned to their respective homes, with the exception of Mrs. Hess, who will remain in the home of her son and family for some time. Among the guests were, David R. Evans and wife, Miss Irene Evans, Stillwell W. Truax and wife, M. L. Truax, Mrs. Elizabeth Hess, Harvey Mellott, Miss Stone and Peter Wright.

New Grenada.

Arthur C. Foster, of Altoona, was at his home in Wells a few days.

Mr. Geo. Sprowl and his best girl—both of Wells Tannery, took advantage of the snow and sleighed down to New Grenada, on Sunday, and were the guests of Richard Alloway.

Harvey Shafer has secured a nice job blacksmithing for the Crescent Coal Company, at Six Mile Run. Mrs. Shafer is visiting her old home and friends at Saltillo.

Susan Yingling of Shore Valley is ill at the home of Jacob Crider. J. Calvin Shore, of Shore Valley, an aged citizen—brother of Eli E. Shore, Esq., who died a few weeks ago—suddenly expired on last Wednesday night, of paralysis. Interment in Shore Valley cemetery last Saturday forenoon. Age and particulars we were unable to learn.

Jesse B. McClain, the hustling Prudential insurance man of Mt. Union, but formerly of Wells, made a brief business visit here on Friday evening.

Jesse C. Bolinger moved his sawmill to Rossell Stains' farm, and the Bolinger Brothers are saving lumber for a new barn for Ross.

Mrs. N. G. Cunningham is still confined to her room and not improving very fast.

The coal miners on Broadtop are running full time; hence, our loafers are scarce. The many boys have their work that they have so long and anxiously looked for. When those small yellow pay-envelopes begin coming down over the mountain you can see smiles on faces; and, "sure thing," it is good for the valleys below.

While William Alloway and son Daniel were working in their mine at the top of the mountain Daniel made a mis-cue and ran the point of a mine pick into Daddy's heel, which gives the old boy a rest at home with a sore foot, causing much pain.

The many friends of Miss Nora Conrad, daughter of Johnstone Conrad and wife, near town, who recently underwent a critical surgical operation in a hospital in Pittsburg, will be pleased to learn that Miss Conrad is rapidly improving and is expected to be able to return home soon.

On last Saturday Mrs. N. I. Finiff made a surprise party for her husband. The surprise was all right, but the day being very bad, the friends and neighbors, except a few who were close, could not be present. Those who were lucky enough, spent the day very pleasantly. Nick wonders who will be the next to be caught.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS.

The Old Retire Gracefully, and the New Move Ahead Without a Jar.

The keys of the jail were turned over to James G. Alexander last week, and he was duly installed as sheriff of Fulton county. The fact that he was elected over a strong Democratic competitor, shows his popularity, and we have no doubt he will make a very satisfactory official. He appointed Mr. W. H. Nesbit of this place as deputy sheriff, an appointment that is in every way satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fleck, on last Thursday went back to their old home at Fort Littleton. During their three years' residence in McConnellsburg they enjoyed the esteem of everybody in the Borough, and it was with regret that they did not remain as permanent residents. While some of the work connected with the discharge of the duties of sheriff was distasteful to Uncle Dan, he on account of his uniform kindness to the unfortunate people who were placed in the jail under his guardianship, was loved as a father.

Fulton county's old purse was transferred from the pocket of George B. Mellott into that of Adam C. Lauver.

No more careful man than George has ever been entrusted with the coin of this county, and when the day came to turn the books over to his successor, there was a clean sheet. Especially is this true of the unseated land tax which usually hangs back, but, in this instance, less than seven dollars was back to annoy the new treasurer.

The splendid endorsement Mr. Lauver received at the polls shows that the people of the county wanted him for the custodian of the county's funds. Adam is courteous, obliging, and capable, and will make a popular official. He does not have a deputy. A. J. Fore, will manipulate the tripod and compass for the county during the next three years. Andy is well qualified for the work and will make an efficient officer.

Jonas Lake the retiring officer is too well known to need any commendation at our hands, having served as county surveyor a number of terms.

WEBSTER MILLS.

Hon. D. H. Patterson is attending the United States Court at Williamsport, Pa., as a juror.

Miss Bessie Robertson, of Baltimore, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Sappington, for several weeks, returned to her home Tuesday.

F. M. Duffy and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Duffy's parents at Foltz, Franklin county.

Herbert Hayes and wife, of Chambersburg, are visiting Mrs. Hayes' parents, Harry Duffy and wife.

Ellisworth Hendershot will move his saw mill from the Corner to the Meadowground mountain, near George Cooper's, to saw out a tract of timber for Samuel Mellott.

Calvin Crouse, who has been on the sick list for a few days is able to be around again.

A swallop party at the home of William Koudall and wife on Monday night was a very enjoyable affair.

LADIG.

John F. Johnson is on the sick list.

Dr. J. B. Mellott and wife, of Needmore, spent from Saturday until Thursday in the homes, respectively, of James Foreman and Jonas Lake.

Miss Sarah Hockensmith still continues ill.

There will be a local institute at the Laidig school on Friday evening, January 13.

Our school is progressing nicely under the care of W. G. Wink. Frank Price's children are ill with scarlet fever.

Death Record.

MARY McGRAIL.

Mrs. James McGrail died at her home at Phillipsburg, Pa., December 15, 1904, after a brief illness, the result of blood poisoning.

Mary G. Knotts McGrail was a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Knotts, former residents of this county, but now in Altoona. She was born near McConnellsburg, September 29, 1876, and at the time of her death was aged 28 years, 12 months, and 16 days. May 30, 1898, she was married to James McGrail of Coalport, Pa., where they resided until May of last year, when they moved to Phillipsburg, Pa.

The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the U. B. church almost all her life.

She leaves a husband and two small sons to mourn their loss—the youngest child being only seven days old.

Her parents, and these brothers and sisters—all of Altoona—are also living: George, Frank, Bessie, Alice, Flora and Emily.

The remains were taken to Coalport for burial, and the funeral services were conducted in the U. B. church at 10 o'clock by Rev. D. Barshinger, Sunday, December 18th.

SAMUEL J. MELLOTT.

Samuel J. Mellott, of Whips Cove, who has been a sufferer from consumption, quietly passed away on the evening of December 26th, and was buried in the cemetery at the Christian church on December 29th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. May, of Robinsonville, Bedford county. The deceased was about 27 years old and is survived by a widow.

BOSTON DIEHL.

Boston Diehl, who had been suffering for the past three months with kidney trouble died on the morning of December 26, 1904, and was buried on December 28, in the cemetery at the Whips Cove Christian church. Rev. May of Robinsonville, Bedford county, conducting the funeral service. The deceased was aged 62 years, 2 months and 7 days. He leaves a widow and three sons, Robert, Edgar and William.

Six Sayings To Remember.

Out of a large number of quotations selected by its readers the Woman's Home Companion for January prints the following as the six most helpful mottoes for the New Year. They are worth remembering:

"There is something better than making a living; making a life."

"Our success in life depends upon our will to do."

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

"Great principles are in small actions. If we fail in our present circumstances to live nobly, we need not imagine we should have done better on a grander scale. Develop great character in simple duties and in inconspicuous trials."

"To be of good cheer in case of disappointment; exercise greater charity toward the erring, and make more allowance for the opinions of people whose views differ from mine; to smile more and frown less."

"To be honest; to be kind; to earn a little, and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence; to renounce, when that shall be necessary, and not be embittered; to keep a few friends, and these without capitulation; above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and gallantry."

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Zion Sunday school in Little Cove, was unable to hold its Christmas service on Christmas eve. The next time their pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf, was with them, they presented him with a fine robe.

January Court.

Court convened yesterday at 10 o'clock a. m., with Judge Swope and his associates Nelson and Bender on the bench.

Judge Swope handed down his opinion in the matter of the estate of James Minnek, deceased, confirming the report of the auditor. The licenses were then taken up. No remonstrance having been filed against either John E. Speck, of Barnt Cabins, or Harry Hamill, of Fort Littleton, their licenses were granted and bonds approved. The remonstrance against granting licenses to Geo. Rexroth and Leslie Seylar being general the licenses were granted and bonds approved.

In the estate of George C. Scott deceased, the Court entered a decree awarding the real estate of the deceased to the legatees named in the will.

In the estate of John M. Lodge, deceased, an order was granted to the executor to sell the real estate.

Howard Hunter, who has been confined in the county jail for some time was discharged therefrom under the insolvent laws, and bond approved for his appearance at the March term for final disposition.

In re the appeal of William L. Moseby from the auditors' settlement of the school board of Wells township for 1904, continued to March court.

S. B. Woollet, guardian of Harry R. Fisher, was granted permission to join in the sale of the real estate of his ward.

Viewers appointed to lay out a road in Bethel township, reported negatively.

Widow's appraisement in the estate of John M. Lodge, late of Brush Creek township, deceased, ordered filed, and approved unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

On petition of Laura H. Mellott, William Mellott was appointed guardian, and his bond for same approved. William Mellott was also appointed guardian of Irene Mellott.

Widow's appraisement in the estate of David C. Mellott, late of Belfast township, deceased, ordered filed, and approved unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Order to sell the realty in the estate of William A. Spear, late of Licking Creek township, continued.

Report of viewers to locate a road in Union township, received and confirmed n. l.

Petition of John S. Bowers, executor of the last will and testament of John K. McCullough, late of Bedford, deceased, for an order to convey real estate, was granted, and permission was granted him to convey the interest he represented to the Pennsylvania Commission of Forestry.

On petition of Sarah E. Biesecker, John W. Hoop was appointed guardian of James O. Biesecker, and bond approved in the sum of \$100.

Petition of Baltus Stiger in re Chas. H. Henderson, use D. B. Nace, Cashier, vs. Wm. B. Stigers and Baltus Stigers, asking to be subrogated to the rights of the beforenamed plaintiffs. Rule granted returnable at the March term of court.

Petition of George Wilds in re D. E. Fore, vs. George Wilds.—Rule to show cause why judgment should not be satisfied. Returnable at March court.

HIRAM.

W. M. Keebaugh and daughters, May and Alice, spent Sunday at the home of J. V. Deaver. N. A. Shaw, who is on the sick list, is not improving very fast.

The fox hunters, Norris Hoover and S. C. Gracey, had another fox chase last Thursday. Fox Chase Jackson Comer, the champion buckwheat and oats raiser, is getting his wood for the summer.

Pine Grove school is getting along nicely under the care of Albert N. Mellott.

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. Berkeley Sipes called at the News office while in town last Friday.

Mr. James Foreman, of Laidig, was in town attending to business on Monday.

Mr. Bert Barnett of Wells was a genial caller at the News office yesterday morning.

Jackson Deshong of Harrisonville, has been seriously ill the past few weeks.

Miss Maggie Michael, of Everett, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George W. Hayes of this place.

D. S. Denisar, who is employed in Altoona, is spending a few days with his family near Hustontown.

L. A. Youse and wife, of this place, spent Sunday and Monday with D. Scott Denisar and wife, near Hustontown.

Mrs. Annie Mellott of this place, is spending the week visiting relatives and friends in the vicinity of Big Cove Tannery.

Mr. Abram Cutchall, who had been at Vintondale, Cambria county, several months, is back at his old home at Waterfall.

Master Wilmer Hayes of this place, spent from Saturday until Monday in Everett the guest of his aunts, the Misses Michael.

Rev. H. G. Clair will preach in the Presbyterian church at Greenhill on next Sabbath morning, and at this place in the evening.

F. B. Kistler and sister Miss Mary, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent from Monday until Wednesday of last week, the guests of S. A. Nesbit's family.

Mrs. George W. Cessna died at her home at Ransburg, Bedford county, last Thursday. She was the mother of Mrs. D. C. Stunkard, formerly of Wells Valley.

Constable Emanuel Keefer, of Thompson township, called to see us while in town one day last week. We are not usually at home when the constable calls.

Mrs. W. L. Nace and baby Helen Caldwell Nace, returned to their home at Carlisle on Monday after having visited several days among friends in McConnellsburg.

Auctioneer James M. Chesnut, of Hustontown, spent last Friday in town attending to business. He says that there is likely to be an unusually large number of sales this spring.

Mrs. Lillian Bernhardt, of Three Springs, who had been spending the early part of the winter in New York City, is now enjoying southern climate at the Altamonte Hotel, in Florida.

Mr. John Tice, of Knobsville, called at this office Monday afternoon and had the figures on his label changed to 1906. Mr. Tice keeps a number one fox hound and enjoys the chase as much now as in his younger days.

Miss Bessie Morton has accepted the school made vacant in Brush Creek township by the resignation of Ed Lodge. Mr. Lodge, who is a skillful telegrapher, stenographer, and bookkeeper, has accepted a lucrative position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Thirty-five McConnellsburgers in three sleds, went up to Fort Littleton Monday evening, had supper at Hotel Hamill, and spent the evening very pleasantly at that famous hostlerie. The sledding was fine, the temperature just right for an outing of that kind, and the supper which consisted of plenty of roast turkey and its concomitants, was simply great, and proved that a party makes no mistake in teaching Mr. and Mrs. Hamill to get supper.