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## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The Seventy-first Anniversary of the Twin Brothers, John and Jacob Gordon.

Quite a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Jacob Gordon and wife, on Wednesday, January 18, 1905, in honor of Jacob Gordon and brother John J. Gordon—it being their seventy-first birthday.

About half past 12 o'clock, the guests were invited into the dining room to partake of the grand dinner that had been prepared for them—such as turkey, chicken, sweet cakes, and many other things.

After dinner was served, the guests enjoyed themselves with singing and some very nice music, rendered by Chick Mellett's new accordion. They, both, received some very nice birthday presents. The guests present were William Fegley, wife, and five children, Edward Keyser, wife and five children, Chick Mellett, wife and five children, thus making fifteen grandchildren present, Himmie Harris, wife and two children, Ruth and Edgar; Fulton Gordon, wife and sons, Arthur and Willie; John Gordon, wife and daughter, Rachel; Mrs. Margaret Lynch, George Lynch, Mrs. Salmie Everts, Robert Mellett and wife, Jacob Clouser, David Bivens, James Gordon, Capt. Dotterman, Mabel Sidney, Mrs. Cora Bradnick, Miss Mary Shives, Alice Shives, and the three girls and one boy at home—John, Susan, Bessie and Maude—making fifty-two persons present. The visitors all left for their respective homes, wishing the brothers many more years of happy life.

## Mrs. Henry R. Lee.

Charlotte, wife of Henry R. Lee, of Union township, died at an early hour on Monday morning of last week, aged 59 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Lee had formerly been possessed of vigorous health, but during the past two years, there had been a noticeable failing of physical power, and when about three weeks before her death she was overtaken by an attack of typhoid pneumonia, she did not possess the vitality to withstand it.

Mrs. Lee was an excellent wife and mother, and greatly esteemed by her friends and neighbors, who deeply sympathize with the family who have been so suddenly bereft. Interment at the Lutheran church Tuesday afternoon. Besides her husband, Mrs. Lee is survived by the following children: F. M., Letitia, wife of George Price residing in Maryland; George, Howard, Lewis, Mary A., Nora Ellen, and Henry H., at home.

## LAUDS "MIKE" CROMER.

Speech at Opening of Mont Alto Park Again Quoted.

The Indianapolis American Tribune of December 15, 1904, says the Valley Spirit, brings to the front again a man who was well known to the people in this section of Pennsylvania, "Mike" Cromer. He was conductor on the South Penn branch of the C. & P. R. R. for a number of years and hauled the first excursion off that branch to Mont Alto park when it was first opened to the public. On that occasion it is said of Capt. Cromer that he went in advance of the crowd when they had landed in the park and after reaching a prominent position, with his hat off, faced the crowd and remarked:

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is Mont Alto park, just as Colonel Weisling and God made it."

Mr. Cromer had his residence in McConnellsburg up until the time of his death which occurred several years ago. His widow still resides here, and he has two daughters, Mrs. C. R. McKidney and Mrs. Harry Waidlich, residing in Mercersburg.

## OUR LAWMAKERS.

Some Bills That Were Introduced Last Week.

It has been wisely said if a session of our legislature should be spent in repealing the bad legislation on our statute books, greater service would be rendered the State, than has ever been shown at any former session. That there is no thought of doing any such thing, is evidenced by the great shower of bills that have already been introduced. Just how many of them will become laws, remains yet to be seen. The following are among those of a local interest:

Joseph T. Alsip, Bedford, authorizing the destruction of wildcats, foxes, minks, hawks and owls and providing for the payment of bounty by county commissioners, making the violation of the act a misdemeanor.

For pensioning judges who have served continuously for twenty-five years and attained the age of seventy years. Senator Scott stands sponsor for a bill which will give them full pay upon retirement after meeting the outlined requirements.

Senator Woods, of Allegheny, seeks to diminish the Fourth of July evil by prohibiting the sale of all fireworks containing nitric acid and explosive canes and pistols, designed to fire blank cartridges. A penalty of from \$50 to \$500, fine and imprisonment from thirty days to six months is the penal clause.

Mr. Dunsmore, of Tioga, introduced a bill for the punishment of the crime of rape. It provides that when a person is convicted of the crime upon a girl under seventeen years of age, he shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000, undergo imprisonment for life or for a period of not exceeding twenty years. The bill further provides that the offender be subjected to such physical punishment as to prevent a recurrence of the crime.

T. T. Kennedy, Beaver, fixing salaries of county commissioners in counties containing more than 10,000 population or less, \$400; in counties over 10,000 and less than 30,000, \$500; in counties over 30,000 and less than 50,000, \$750; in counties over 50,000 and less than 70,000, \$1,200; in counties over 70,000 and less than 150,000, \$1,800; in counties over 150,000, salaries shall be as now provided by law.

Mr. Reynolds, of Lawrence county, a bill providing that aldermen and justices of the peace be given final jurisdiction in suits brought for several of the lesser crimes and misdemeanors. The specific charges are enumerated in the bill. Should the accused wish, however, he may demand a trial by jury when first brought before the magistrate; in this case a hearing is to be given and the accused discharged or held for court, as the law now provides. In giving final jurisdiction to the magistrates power to send prisoners to a county jail or workhouse only is given; power is not given to send a convict to a penitentiary.

## BURNT CABINS.

H. H. Hertzler, Esq., spent a few days last week with his brother Stewart, who is suffering with Bright's disease at his home in Huntingdon.

Mrs. Alex Skinner of Fannettsburg, spent a few days with Mrs. L. C. Kelly last week.

Mr. Peter Wineman, of North Dakota, is visiting relatives at this place.

Quite a number of our folks from town attended the educational meeting held at Shade Gap last Friday evening by Prof. Kell. Ralph Speck, who had been working in West Virginia returned to his home last week.

Mr. Gottschall, of Pittsburg, spent Sabbath with friends in town.

Mrs. Jane Roach is spending some time with her friend Mrs. L. C. Kelly.

Jacob Miller is better at this writing.

## ACCIDENT AT KEARNEY.

Samuel Stech Formerly of this Place Injured.

While working at the Kearney mines on Tuesday afternoon of last week Samuel Stech, formerly of this place, but now a resident of Everett, met with a most painful accident, which was brought about by the breaking of a link between the cars used for hauling coal. The cars ran down the slope, a distance of 1600 feet, striking him and two other workmen, named Grace and Johnson. Stech received a number of severe cuts in the head, had his left arm and several ribs broken and was otherwise injured. He was taken home on Wednesday. Grace who lives at Kearney, had his collar bone and shoulder blade broken, while Johnson, a resident of Riverside, was only slightly hurt.

## Township High Schools.

Dr. Schaeffer's annual report, just issued for last year's school work, shows a total of 163 Township High Schools in Pennsylvania.

We feel quite proud to note Wells township High School among the number. These schools furnish to the boys and girls such instruction as will aid them in any field of labor; instruction equal to that given in any preparatory school in the State, and at a very much reduced cost.

There are in attendance this year at the Wells township school, eighteen boys and girls, many of whom would, no doubt, have ended their education with the common school course; but under present conditions, they are getting a three years' advanced course with little or no additional expense to their district.

The attendance shows the interest taken by those enrolled. For the month just closed, the attendance was 100 per cent, notwithstanding the bad roads, inclement weather, and distance to travel in getting to the school.

The following are those in attendance this year. Those marked \* will finish the course this year.

Robert Early\*, Maurice Baker\*, Daniel Cunningham\*, Ethel Edwards\*, Tillie Stunkard\*, Glover Horton\*, Harry Baumgardner\*, Ritner Black, Paul Baumgardner, Rene Guillard, Marjorie Sipe, Wm. Barnett, Walter Stewart, Vaughn McClain, Clyde Edwards, George Edwards, John Cutshall and Earl Schenck.

## Hustontown.

Mrs. Lulu Sollers of Broadtop City is visiting her mother, Mrs. David Lamberson.

John Cutshall left for Sixmile Run last week where he has secured employment in the store of Cutshall & Gates.

John Hoover and son Edward have been spending the past week visiting relatives in Hollidaysburg and Martinsburg.

William Cutshall, Sr., spent several days last week visiting his sons at Sixmile Run.

Samuel Fink of Yellow Creek spent a few days last week with his brother-in-law, Berkley Sipes, buying cattle.

Jos. Ranck, the popular blacksmith, returned to his home in this place last Friday from Dobbin, W. Va.

D. R. Mumma returned home last Sunday after having spent several weeks with his sons in Pittsburg and Jeannette, Pa.

David Heefner, Jr., and sister, Miss Jane, were guests of their brothers Ezra and James of Petersburg a few days last week.

The sledding party from this place to Clear Ridge on Monday night of last week was a repetition of the one on Sunday night, from the fact that they had a general "spill out," due to the breaking of a standard in the sled.

At a meeting of the parsonage trustees of the M. E. church last Saturday it was decided to build a parsonage on the lot belonging to the trustees, adjoining the church.

## MIDWINTER WEDDING.

Miss Frances Denver Becomes the Bride of Mr. James Low.

At high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Deaver, at Hiram, Pa., on Wednesday, January 18, 1905, Rev. B. A. Salter, of Hustontown, Pa., uttered the impressive words that united in marriage, Miss Frances Deaver and Mr. James Low, of Williamsport, Pa.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deaver—a lady well fitted to preside over the home of the husband she has chosen.

Mr. Low is a son of John N. Low, who resides in Williamsport, Pa., and who was formerly a grain dealer in a North Dakota grain elevator. James Low, the groom, has been a highly respected citizen of the city of Williamsport during the past ten years. The bride was attired in white silk.

After the ceremony was performed the relatives and a few immediate friends of the bride and groom sat down to a royal wedding feast.

The gifts received by the bride were many, valuable and useful.

The bride and groom left on Monday for their return to Williamsport, where they will make their future home at 59 Washington street.

Their many friends here as well as in Williamsport wish them a prosperous and happy voyage on the matrimonial sea.

## SWALLOWED A PIN.

Three-year-old Child of William Carbaugh Taken to Chambersburg for X-Rays Examination.

Last Friday evening a week, a three-year-old daughter of William Carbaugh, a resident of the lower end of Ayr township, swallowed a pin, and the parents being greatly alarmed called Dr. Sappington, who applied the usual remedies. After a week's time had elapsed, the difficulty which the child experienced in swallowing, and the fact that blood seemed to be coming from the throat, it was suspected that the pin had become lodged in the throat. On Saturday, Dr. Sappington accompanied the mother and child to Chambersburg, where a careful examination was made with an X-rays apparatus, without disclosing the presence of the offending pin. The probability is, that the child will be all right in a few days.

## WEST DUBLIN.

Frank Price's children, whose illness was noted in the News, have gotten well.

John Clevenger and family spent Sunday in Wells Valley.

Sadie Hockensmith, who has been ailing for quite awhile, is quite poorly.

Herbert Kirk is spending some time with relatives in Cumberland, Md.

James Gihland is staying at J. E. Lyons'.

Mrs. Susan King was quite ill a few days ago, but is better now.

Duella Laidig, who has been employed in Altoona, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laidig.

Edward Baughman and family of Yellow Creek, have moved to the "David Wolf" property, now owned by James Cutshall.

James A. Mumma and wife spent a few weeks recently with friends and relatives in Pittsburg and vicinity. They were much pleased with their trip to the "Smoky City" and think there is much business there.

James H. Low, of Williamsport, and Miss Frances Deaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Deaver were married by Rev. B. A. Salter at the residence of the bride's parents. In the evening the call thumpian band serenaded the bridal couple and wished them a pleasant voyage through life.

## JOLLY SLEDDING PARTY.

Spent an Evening Delightfully in the Home of Miss Katie Fore.

On Tuesday evening of last week a very merry party left town to spend the evening with Squire Daniel E. Fore and daughter Miss Katie, at their hospitable home near Knobsville. They were comfortably packed in that sled of Mr. James Henry that out rivals for capacity the traditional street car, and was, when carried along by his trusty bays a more comfortable and less jolting conveyance than that of any armpit. The sleighing was fine, the moonlight so matchless in its radiance that every object of interest enroute seemed glorified in its drapery of frost and snow, and was as perfectly outlined as at midday.

Those who through the courtesy and kind thoughtfulness of Mr. Henry our accomplished whip, enjoyed this treat were: Mesdames Henry, Runyan, Woollet, Robinson, Alexander, Nace, and Cook, and Misses Rexroth, Alexander, Sloan, Dickson, Trout, Runyan and Henry.

A pleasant incident of the drive was the meeting of other sledding parties who passed us, not exactly as "ships in the night" but who greeted us with the very loudest shouts in their excess of spirits and good humor.

Shakespeare says that "Good digestion waits on an appetite," and he might have as truthfully said that both wait on a sled ride, for never did oysters and their "trimmings" taste more delicious than to those who enjoyed them in that great, large farm kitchen, that is big enough to hold an ordinary town dwelling house, and never did guests hear more regretfully than we from our pilot, the reminder "that it was time to start home;" for the very pictures on the walls seemed to whisper "stay." Our return ride was gay with jest and song. Melody was not entirely absent, but it is a difficult matter to provoke a "cord of sweet songs" from a sled of musicians who are about equally divided in the rendition of "Sawnee River" and "Roll Jordon, Roll."

## Wells Valley.

The good sledding which was with us for some time has almost disappeared.

Walter Stewart, one of the high school students, was laid off for two days last week on account of a serious affection of the eyes.

Benj. R. Alexander, who has been at home since Christmas, has returned to his work again. While home he made quite a number of improvements to his property and had a telephone placed in his house.

N. E. M. Hoover passed through our town last Sunday en route to his school in Shermans Valley.

James B. Horton has purchased George Young's property and expects to move soon.

Last Wednesday evening the peaceful citizens living along the road between here and New Grenada were terrified by what they took to be a band of Iroquois Indians coming. Knowing some of the history of that famous tribe, and remembering the maxim that "History will repeat itself," they betook themselves to gathering together their valuables and preparing to "leave their happy homes."

On further examination, however, it was found that it was only a few of Old Wells' best young men and their lady friends en route to the Honck House to take supper and spend the evening. They report a jolly good time, but, on account of the roads (!), they did not reach home until about 6:30 Thursday morning, and Prof. Griffith wondered why some of his pupils were so sleepy Thursday.

Where has the Wooden Bridge correspondent gone? We'd like to have another line from him. His writings are exceptionally good for a dose of the blues.

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## SAMSON J. MELLOTT, DEAD.

Passes Away Peacefully at the Home of His Son Dennis on Pleasant Ridge.

Samson J. Mellett, one of this county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at the home of his son Dennis, at Pleasant Ridge on the 11th inst. He had been in failing health for many months, but it was not until the Saturday previous to his death that his condition excited alarm in the minds of his friends.

Mr. Mellett was an industrious and useful citizen, and enjoyed the highest respect of a wide circle of acquaintances. He was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church, and his relations with his fellow men were such as to cast no reflection in the cause of Christianity.

He is survived by ten children, Dennis, Ephraim and Elizabeth, of Pleasant Ridge; Andrew, of McConnellsburg; Gilbert, of Webster Mills; Mollie, wife of Wilson Waltz; Bessie, wife of J. C. Starr, of Bedford; Sadie, married to John Turner; Louisa, a trained nurse in Philadelphia, and Harvey, in Canada, six of whom were present at his funeral. He is also survived by 23 grand children, 1 great-grand child and 1 sister—Mary Starr.

Mr. Mellett was aged 75 years, 11 months and 14 days. His remains were laid to rest beside those of his wife in the graveyard at the Siding Hill Baptist church the funeral services being conducted by Elder Ahimaz Mellett.

## A MEAN TRICK.

The Star Tells How Hancock Doctor Earned Three Dollars.

The Hancock Star tells how one of their doctors was called out into the chilly atmosphere of a wintry night and hauled a traveler out to Warfordsburg.

This is what the Star says about it:

"The Doctor's bell rang the other night and he put his head out of the window into zero weather and said, 'What do you want?' 'How much will you charge to drive to Warfordsburg?' was the question that came back. 'Three dollars, was the doctor's reply. 'Alright, come on.' The team was telephoned for and away they went. Arriving at Warfordsburg the man said, 'Here is the house.' The Doctor stopped and the man jumped out and handed him \$3.00. 'But where is the patient?' said the Doctor. 'There is no patient,' said the man, 'I had to come out to Warfordsburg and thought a doctor would drive me out cheaper than a tiveryman.'"

## GEN.

Nathaniel Peck, who has been visiting in this vicinity for some time has returned to his home at Ambridge, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Snyder has been seriously ill for several days.

Mellett Bros., who have been sawing for Amos Gordon, have almost completed their contract. They are hustlers and do good work.

The institute at Maple Grove was a success. All the teachers were not present on account of the bad condition of the roads.

If the correspondent from this vicinity writes a few more reports like last week he (or she) will acquire a reputation for "veracity." Some good may be found for that scribbler in the following:

"As through the world you go, Learn seed of truth to sow. Do not cast thrusts of spite To make yourself seem right. Search your actions ever—A cause you may sever. Why you are not invited, And your future plighted. Your own sky will lighten If other skies you brighten. Instead of prying in And tattling round like sis."

Harvey Naugh and Roy Crutman made a business trip to McConnellsburg last Wednesday.

## 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.

T. J. Comer and P. P. Mann, of this place, spent last Saturday in Chambersburg.

George Unger, of the Cove, spent last Friday night in Chambersburg.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey went down to the Quaker City last Thursday.

Oliver Mellett and L. W. Funk, two Belfast citizens, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

Walter M. Comer and Andy J. Fore, of Burnt Cabins, spent last Wednesday in Chambersburg.

Mrs. E. A. Largent spent from Saturday until Monday in Chambersburg, with her daughter, Miss Barbara.

Mrs. T. B. Stevens and son, B. E. Stevens, of this place, visited friends at Fort Littleton last week.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore, and E. N. Akers, of Sipes Mill, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Clarence Conrad and John Matter left for Altoona Monday morning, where they expect to secure employment.

Dr. A. D. Dalbey and District Attorney Daniels were in Chambersburg last Wednesday night attending lodge of Elks.

H. T. Heeter, of Clear Ridge, took advantage of the good sledding to make a trip to McConnellsburg last Wednesday.

Joseph P. Hege, of Welsh Run, and brother Harman, of Mercersburg, spent a day or two on this side of the mountain last week.

Mr. A. S. Edwards, of Wells, was in town one day last week probating the will of the late David Green. Mr. Edwards is the executor.

Elder Arlie J. Garland will preach at Needmore 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in this month, also, at 7:30 Saturday night, Sunday morning at 10:30, and Sunday evening at 7:30.

Mr. F. M. Lee, one of our esteemed subscribers in Union town ship, was a welcome caller at the News office last Friday. He was driving a pair of mules that did not think it any trick to make the round trip of about seventy miles in one day.

Mr. Fred V. Palmer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Palmer, of Everett, was married a few days ago at Cumberland, Maryland, to Miss Bessie M. Penrose, of Bedford, a daughter of J. W. Penrose, trainmaster of the Bedford Division. Their friends extend best wishes.

Our town reporter, John S. Harris, is visiting his sister Mrs. S. D. Stevens, in Chambersburg. The Republicans took this opportunity to nominate him for Burgess. John will be elected by acclamation and will serve to the great benefit and appearance of the town.

J. V. Deaver, Esq., of West Dublin, accompanied by his son Charles, spent a few hours in town last Friday. Charlie has been in Illinois during the past four years, and came home to see the folks and to be present at his sister Fannie's wedding. He started on his return for the West Monday.

Mrs. Jacob Sharpe, of Knobsville, Pa., agent for the Laram Soap Co., Buffalo, N. Y., desires in this manner to thank her many patrons in this, and in Bedford county, for their liberal patronage in the past, and to inform them that others that she will still be glad to receive their orders for any of their soap and goods.