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## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Special Meeting in the Court House Last Wednesday Evening and Thursday.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

By a special arrangement with the State Board of Agriculture, an Institute was held in the Court House last Wednesday evening and Thursday. The first session began at 7:30 p. m., with the song "America," Mrs. A. W. Johnston, Jr., was then introduced, and gave a talk on the Farmers' Reading Matter. This talk dealt with the farmer as a reader of Agricultural Reports, Experimental Farm Bulletins, as well as farm papers, market reports, the daily and weekly papers, magazines, and the popular authors that have stood the test of time. Among these were mentioned the names of Dr. Weir Mitchell, Thos. Nelson Page and Ralph Cumer, as present day writers.

A. L. Martin and Rev. Houston followed with some appropriate remarks.

Prof. Chas. E. Barton occupied the next period, speaking on the "Elements of Success in Life." The speaker recognized the fact that the subject was too large to exhaust, but he named in particular four points, as follows: A Good Character, a Good Education, a Good Body and a Willingness to Work. The speaker very forcibly gave his views on these topics.

Mr. L. W. Leighty, of York county, was next introduced and gave a talk on Rural Education. Mr. Leighty thinks that the country school has been neglected by the leaders of education, and perhaps by the patrons of the rural schools themselves; and while the farmers have new methods and appliances, yet the methods and the appliances of the country school are the same as they were fifty years ago. As a cue, the speaker advocated the township High School.

Mr. Martin occupied the last period of the session with a few pleasing remarks on the importance of Education and its relation to Agriculture.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S. B. Houston.

C. J. Brewer occupied the first period with an excellent paper entitled, "In What Shape Can We Best Market the Products of Our Farms—in Crude or Condensed Form?" The speaker insists that whether the farmer is interested in horses, cattle, hogs, or sheep, the important part is in feeding the stock and returning the manure to the soil—thus increasing the fertility of the soil as well as the size of the bank account.

While Mr. Brewer is a dairy specialist, who has made a success of his business, it remained for the next speaker, Mr. Martin, to give special attention to the dairy as particularly suited to the conditions and surroundings of the Fulton county farmer. This speaker also thinks that on every farm more attention should be given the poultry business. Mr. Tobias Glazier followed with a few well chosen remarks along the same line.

H. C. McCloud, a telephone expert, was then introduced and spoke to the farmers on the importance of using the telephone as a means of securing market and weather reports, as well as a means of social communication that is both pleasant and profitable. The speaker urged the value of farmers co-operating in this matter as well as in other matters.

The Deputy Director—took up the next period, in which he argued the importance of the telephone, rural free delivery, social meetings and farmers' institutes as a means of cultivating a community of interests. An important part of this talk was devoted to the preservation of moisture in the soil. This can be done first by proper plowing, that is deep enough, and with the furrows set

on edge—afterwards thorough cultivation, deep for corn and more shallow for wheat—deep cultivation early, and shallow later on.

Mr. Leighty took up the last period with a dairy talk. This talk started with the foundation of a dairy herd which in his case was in the selection of a good male to head his herd. As a result the average butter product of his cows rose in a few years from 200 to 368 pounds per annum. The next division of the talk was devoted to an explanation of feeding tables.

With a chart which Mr. Leighty had with him, it was shown that a ration for dairy cows could be worked out with corn meal and alfalfa hay, and a far more productive ration than any of the concentrated feeds. To secure information on the raising of Alfalfa, Mr. Martin the Deputy Director, will be glad to send a bulletin on the subject. The questions on the part of the audience showed a great interest in the subject.

### THURSDAY EVENING.

Thursday evening session was opened with an essay by Miss Mary Grove on "The Value of Time." The essay very fully developed the value of time present and the improvement of it. Instances mentioned were Lincoln, Garfield, Elihu Burritt, and William Carey. The large audience gave close attention showing full appreciation of the excellent paper.

Mr. Martin occupied the next period with a talk on "The Opportunity for Boys on the Farm." The speaker contrasted the surroundings of the farmer's boy with that of the boy who works in factory and store in city life, to the great advantage of the former. As reasons for the distaste that some young men show for the farm, it was shown that too many farmers are inclined to cry down their own business, and, also, the lack of agricultural education to be gained in our country schools. These conditions can and should be removed that the farmer's life may be attractive as well as more profitable. To the young man the speaker urged the need of a well developed character, and to the young woman, the need of well learning the plain duties of housekeeping and home-making. The audience was then entertained with a song by Amos Stoutenale.

Mr. Leighty occupied the last period in "Developing the Dairy Ration." A chart was exhibited in which the different elements were shown in the ideal milk ration. Another chart showed the bacteria to be found in different samples of milk to be a relative difference of 267 to 7,500,000 in favor of clean milk.

After a vote of thanks to those who have helped to make the institute a success, the session adjourned.

### Secretary.

#### Stewart-Jackson.

By the Rev. Campbell, at Manor Hill, Pa., on Tuesday, March 17, 1905, Mr. Moody Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Stewart, of Wells Valley, was joined in marriage to Miss Cecelia Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson, of Brush Creek Valley.

The happy young couple have the sincere congratulations of their many friends.

### Card of Thanks.

Carey T. Layton desires in this way to express his gratitude for the sympathy and help of his many kind neighbors and friends during the illness and death of his beloved wife, which occurred on the 3d inst.

## MARCH TERM OF COURT.

The Usual Grand of Orphans' Court Business.

Court called at two o'clock Monday afternoon with President Judge Swope and Associates Nelson and Bender on the bench.

The first business was the calling of constables, and the twelve officers of the peace offered and made their returns in the usual form. Many findings were reported impassable.

Newly elected constables were then called, sworn, and bonds approved by the Court. The Court then delivered a very instructive charge to the constables.

The grand jury was next called—twenty-three answering. Edward Brakeall, of Thompson township, was appointed foreman, and they were directed to retire to their room and pass upon the business placed in their hands by the District Attorney, as well as such other business as might be presentable.

Liquor License of Harry Hamill, of Fort Littleton, assigned to Benjamin Wilds. Bonds approved, and assignment to go into force April 1st.

General panel of petit jury called—all answering except T. J. Comerer, of McConnellsburg, who was reported sick. As there was no necessity for retaining the full panel, owing to the escape of prisoners from the jail, the Court directed the clerk to draw the names of ten from the box—and they were excused from further attendance.

Calvin P. Carmack was granted a divorce from Ella Rebecca Carmack.

R. K. Hann was appointed guardian of Clara E. McDonald. Petition of citizens of Taylor township for a county bridge near Waterfall was presented.

Petition of guardian of Ruth Kendall for permission to join in deed for sale of land was presented and loan granted upon giving bond in \$2500. Deed of David M. Kendall, guardian of Ruth Kendall, acknowledged in open court. Estate of Mary Grissinger, return of sale of real estate to Morgan Watkin. Sale confirmed.

Anna Mason vs. Frank Mason. Petition of John Barment and of J. Tilden Hill, administrator of John Hill, dec'd., to stay execution. Execution stayed until June term. Bond in sum of \$1500.

Petition of sale of real estate, John M. Lodge, dec'd., confirmed. Estate of Frederick Snyder, widow's appraisal approved.

Estate of Eva Eckert, dec'd. Order of sale of tract No. 1 confirmed and No. 2 continued.

Petition of Wm. F. Barton for decree in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Estate of Boston Diehl, widow's appraisal approved unless exceptions are filed inside of twenty days.

Estate of Wm. A. Speer. Return of sale of real estate to Emory Hessler for \$3150. Confirmed. Petition of Virginia May Edwards for a decree of divorce presented and subpoena awarded.

Account of M. R. Shaffer, executor of Esther Fisher, confirmed.

Account of Stilwell Truax, administrator of Isaac J. Peck, confirmed.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

Estate of James L. Kerlin, report of auditor confirmed absolutely.

Estate of Catharine Fix, report of J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., distributing balance in hands of M. R. Shaffer, administrator, confirmed nisi to be confirmed absolutely if no exceptions are filed in ten days.

Report of Frank P. Lynch, Esq., auditor to pass on exceptions to account of Real Estate Trust Co., guardian of Ella R. McKibbin. Confirmed absolutely.

Estate of Henry McGowan. Auditor's report referred back to auditor. Report amended and confirmed.

Return of inspectors appointed to inspect county bridge at Knobsville confirmed.

## WILLIAM E. BIVENS, DEAD.

Another Veteran of the Civil War Passed Away in Wells Valley.

The many friends of Mr. William E. Bivens, of Wells Valley, will be shocked to learn of his death which occurred at the home of his son-in-law, J. W. Gibson, on Wednesday, March 15th, after a short illness resulting from an attack of acute pneumonia.

Mr. Bivens was born at Saluvia, this county, April 13, 1842, hence at the time of his death was aged 62 years, 11 months, and 2 days. When quite a small boy, he moved with his parents to Wells Valley, and lived near where the United Brethren church now stands.

When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in Company F. Seventy-seventh Regiment P. V. and served from September 1, 1861 to May 5, 1863. He was present at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, mounted at Stone River, December 30, 1862, detailed by order of Gen. Rosecrans, May 5, 1863, on gunboat until March 4, 1864, discharged October 20, 1864. During the years 1863 and 1864 he participated in a number of engagements on the Cumberland river.

During the winter of 1865, he was united in marriage to Emaline Woodcock, who died less than nine months ago. To them were born nine children—five boys and four girls—one girl dying when very young. Since the death of his life partner, he was very much dissatisfied—the only consolation he appeared to have, was in the company of his two daughters who reside in the Valley.

Mr. Bivens was a highly respected citizen and a kind and loving father. He was especially held in high esteem by all the people of the community, as was evidenced by the way the young as well as the old crowded around his death bed to pay their last respects and to watch that kind and loving life take its flight to that heaven of rest where he had been preparing and ready for more than twenty-five years.

W. D. Myers, Hancock's enterprising merchant tailor, was an early Monday morning caller. He came up from the River town Sunday evening, bringing with him his niece, Miss Nellie Hays, who was just returning from a visit to Washington City.

Mrs. Christina Daniels, widow of John Daniels, who has her home with her daughter, Mrs. Maria Mann, near Saluvia, celebrated her 89th birthday anniversary last Wednesday. While Mrs. Daniels has been a great sufferer from the effects of neuralgia for many years, her health otherwise is fairly good for one of her age.

A gigantic steam shovel is excavating the Wabash right of way through Hancock. Estate of William Knable. Widow's appraisal approved and ordered recorded. Petition of citizens of Wells township to stay proceedings in the matter of construction of road under provisions of Act of April 15, 1903, presented to the Court, and ordered to be filed.

Cecil U. Scriver was appointed guardian of Claud Scriver. Bond in the sum of \$4,000 approved.

Estate of John G. Charlton, widow's appraisal confirmed unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of Susan C. Unger, dec'd., petition of Laura Unger for inquest on real estate. Inquest awarded.

Same estate. Petition for appointment of guardian of Nada V. Unger, Ward P. Unger and Grace E. Unger, minor children of Edward Unger, dec'd. F. P. Lynch, Esq., appointed.

## DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Convention Called by County Superintendent for March 31st.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF FULTON COUNTY:

Our second annual convention of School Directors of Fulton county will convene in the Court House at McConnellsburg on Friday, March 31, 1905. You are respectfully requested to attend.

Our first convention, held a year ago, was a success; more than half the Directors were present, and we hope to have a much larger attendance this year.

The Act of April, 1903, which provided for these annual conventions, allows mileage at the rate of three cents per mile, round trip, to be paid out of the district funds to the Directors in attendance. This is by no means sufficient, but we feel sure that your interest in the schools will not allow this meager allowance to stand in the way of your attendance. Come and get acquainted with each other and learn each other's ideas of school work.

In addition to the day sessions we will have an evening entertainment which, in itself, will be worth your trip to the county seat. This entertainment will be free to Directors and their wives and we trust you will come prepared to stay for it.

Very respectfully,  
CHAS. E. BARTON,  
County Supt.

Following is the program:

FRIDAY FORENOON, 10:30.  
Devotional exercises, Rev. J. L. Grove.

Opening remarks.  
Topic—How May We Economize Without Injury to the Schools? Dr. W. F. Sappington, Ayr; Prof. R. R. Sipes, Licking Creek; A. W. Duvall, Brush Creek; John H. H. Lewis, Bethel. General discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30.  
Singing.

Address—What Can Directors Do For Education?—Dr. Jos. F. Barton.

Topic—How Do You Know a Good Teacher?—H. K. Markley, Bethel; M. D. Haiston, Dublin; A. U. Nace, McConnellsburg; T. H. Truax, Thompson. General discussion.

Address—School Laws—Wise and Otherwise.—Hon. John P. Sipes.

Topic—The Township High School. A. S. Edwar's, Wells; Dr. Jas. M. McKibbin, Union; Martin L. Truax, Belfast; Z. B. Barnett, Taylor. General discussion.

Miscellaneous business.  
EVENING SESSION, 7:30.

Music.

Entertainment.—Dr. Jos. F. Barton.

Dr. Barton will provide an evening of entertainment with the X-Ray, Wireless Telegraphy, Radium and many other beautiful and interesting experiments. An entertainment such as has never been given in Fulton county. An admission of 10 cents will be charged to the evening session.

Here is what two of our contemporaries say concerning this entertainment:

"The star feature of the evening was Dr. Barton's lecture and experiments in wireless telegraphy and X-rays. He had with him some very expensive and interesting apparatus including a small particle of the new metal, radium, which was viewed by many persons after the lecture. The experiments were interspersed by a valuable and interesting lecture."—Waynesboro Herald.

"There was a large audience in the academy of music, yesterday evening, to hear the lecture by Dr. Joseph F. Barton, vice president of the Shippensburg normal school, on "Radium, Wireless Telegraphy and X-Rays."

"Dr. Barton gave a brief history of electricity whose attributes were first discovered by Thales, an ancient Greek savant.

"Dr. Barton then discussed wire-

## DOWN IN "ARKANSAS."

Excerpts from a Private Letter Written By Davy Hunter, Formerly of the Cove.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. F. Johnston, we are permitted to publish the following from a private letter from David M. Hunter, a native of Webster Mills, and a former Fulton county teacher.

Mr. Hunter left the Cove in the fall of the year 1882, went to Nebraska, taught school, and was elected county superintendent of schools, which office he filled most satisfactorily for seven years.

After the close of his work as superintendent, he accepted a position as principal of a High School. After continuing in that work for some years, and finding his health failing, he quit the school work, went to a farm he owned, and spent a year making improvements on it. His health having not greatly improved, he sold out his holdings in Nebraska and with his family, went down and bought a farm 1 1/2 mile from Rogers, a town of 2,500 people, in the state of Arkansas.

"This is the land," says Davy, "of the Big Red Apple." "Our home place contains 55 acres—9 acres in woods, 6 acres in peaches, 2 acres in pears, 2 acres in strawberries, 2 1/2 acres in blackberries, 1 acre in raspberries, and the remainder in pasture, garden, lots, &c."

"Since we came here (September 1901) land has advanced in price from 50 to 100 per cent.

"There are no negroes in this part of the State.

"I am engaged in fruit raising, as my farm will suggest. It is the business that leads all others in this section.

"This country reminds me much of Pennsylvania. There is much rocky, hilly land, some smooth land, and a great deal of timber. The method of farming here, as practiced by the natives, is much like it used to be in Pennsylvania.

Arkansas is hopelessly Democratic politically, there being about one-half more Democrats than Republicans."

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Congregational church, and is one of its trustees; is superintendent of the Sabbath school, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Rogers Academy, and vice president of the county Sunday school association.

We are glad to have this evidence of our old friend's prosperity, and to know that he is making himself useful in the community in which he lives.

Mr. Jacob Shultz, Sr., of Union township, and son Jacob spent Monday night in town. The father has just been re-elected school director, and if he finishes this term will have completed twenty-seven years in that office.

Geo. M. Etemiller and wife, of Pittsburg, and J. I. Etemiller and wife, of McKeesport, have been spending the past week in town on account of the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Etemiller.

less telegraphy in a scientific manner and explained how it was accomplished. Afterward he gave a number of demonstrations. Among other successful experiments was the ringing of a bell by wireless telegraphy outside one of the front windows of the academy by operating an instrument on the stage.

"Dr. Barton then took up the subject of radium. He told of its rarity, its great cost—\$1,000,000 a pound—and its usefulness in curing cancer. He had a small piece of it, and gave the audience an opportunity to look at it afterward and notice its scintillations.

"The lecture was concluded with demonstrations by the X-Rays, a number of beautiful effects being produced.

"The lecture was instructive to a high degree and very entertaining."—Blue Ridge Zephyr.

## 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.

Ex-Sheriff Jere Mason, of Hancock, was a town visitor Monday. Miss Lula Snider spent last Wednesday with Miss Katie S. Fore.

Rev. J. C. Garland, of Pleasant Ridge, spent last Thursday night in town.

James Rhea of Union, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Henry Barmont spent an afternoon last week at the home of Miss Katie Fore.

Geo. Rhea and family of Union township, are moving this spring to Mench, Bedford county.

Wm. Rice's oldest daughter Jessie of Union township, is lying critically ill at present.

E. H. Sipes and Russell Decker, of Saluvia, were County Seat visitors last Thursday.

Maude Deshong was the guest of Miss Mary Daniels, at Patterson's Run last Saturday evening.

Matthew Sharp, one of Licking Creek township's well known citizens, is dangerously ill at his home.

Mrs. L. E. Harris and son, John S., of this place, spent Saturday, the guests of W. R. Speer and wife, at Saluvia.

Mr. Ahmaz Runyan and W. Frank Hart of Needmore, spent Monday night with friends in McConnellsburg.

Chas. E. Stevens and William Knepper, of Dublin Mills, were attending to business at McConnellsburg last Friday.

Mr. John G. Metzler, who had been on a prolonged visit among friends at Clearfield has returned to his old home at Harrisonville.

Aquilla Lodge, son of John M. Lodge, late of Emmaville, deceased, is dangerously ill in Altoona. His mother and brother John have gone to his bedside.

C. M. Dixon, one of Chambersburg's enterprising merchants, spent last Thursday evening at the home of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. T. Dixon, at Sipes Mill.

Mrs. James A. Deshong, after spending some time with her parents, H. S. Daniels and wife, has returned to her home in Pittsburg, accompanied by her sister Allura.

J. L. Grissinger, of New Grenada, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Oliver Cook, of Trough Creek, Huntingdon county, spent last Friday night at the Fulton House in this place.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Roy M., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley Daniels, to Miss Georgetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comerer, Wednesday evening, April 5th.

Having made public sale of his personal property, D. B. Mumma and family, near Knobsville, are moving to a farm in Franklin county. We hope they may find their new home pleasant.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams left Monday for Everett, where Mrs. Adams will remain with friends while Mr. Adams attends the annual session of conference which is held at Berwick, this year.

Last Friday morning, the pupils of the Mountain school in Licking Creek township wore a pleasant smile after the arrival of Clarence Seville and Richard Schooley, who took a picture of the entire group.

Capt. C. T. Dixon, of Sipes Mill, was in town last Saturday, arranging for the advertising of his personal property at public sale on the 13th of April. Captain has sold his farm and mill property, and will now close out his live stock, farming implements and household goods.