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## DOINGS AT COURT.

Abstract of Proceedings from Tuesday Noon Until Close, Friday Morning.

### TAYLOR TOWNSHIP WINS HER SUIT.

W. L. Moseby, vs. Frank C. McClain, continued at the instance and costs of the defendant. Wilson L. Cline vs. Lemuel G. Cline, continued.

Commonwealth vs. Russell Mellott, charge f. and b., case settled.

Commonwealth vs. Peter Shives charge, rape—grand jury found true bill, and process awarded. Same vs. same, breaking jail—true bill and process awarded.

John P. Sipes vs. Frank Mason, petition of other creditors to stay writ. Rule to show cause granted returnable June term and hearing.

S. B. Woollet guardian of R. R. Fisher acknowledged deed for real estate of ward in open court. Estate of Z. A. Shaw, dec'd. Widow's appraisal confirmed.

Commonwealth vs. Irwin Fisher and Doyle Morgret—charge, malicious mischief. Grand jury found it not a true bill, and county to pay costs.

Jas. G. Alexander, sheriff, acknowledged deed poll to Frank P. Lynch, Esq., for tract of land in Taylor township, containing one acre and 157 perches, sold as property of Calvin P. Carmack, for the sum of \$300.

John Hill for use of Wm. B. Stigers vs. Baltus Stigers. Additional affidavit of defense ordered to be filed in ten days.

Commonwealth vs. Howard Hunter, charge, f. and b. Recognizance forfeited.

Petition of citizens of Taylor township for a county bridge over Sideling Hill Creek near Dublin Mills. Court appointed Wm. Daniels, D. F. Trout and A. J. Fore viewers.

Petition of citizens of Union township for appointment of a supervisor on account of failure to elect. Court appoints James Rhea to fill vacancy.

In the matter of the rule on Overseers of the poor of Ayr township, on motion of Attorney Shaffner, rule made absolute by the court.

In estate of John McKibbin, petition for citation on Real Estate Trust Co., and for decree to sell land in Union township, order to be made at chambers.

In re first and final account of M. R. Shaffner, executor of last will and testament of Esther Fisher, late of Tod township. G. B. Daniels appointed auditor to distribute balance in hands of executor.

The first and only commonwealth case that came before a petit jury was that of Isaac Peck of Thompson township, charged by Captain Dotterman of the Salvation Army with having disturbed a religious meeting that was being held in Thompson township on Sunday evening, the 25th of last September. Captain Dotterman and General Peddin were conducting a campmeeting, and had a big canvas covered pavilion or "tabernacle." The defendant sometimes wickedly called Devil Ike, was there on this particular evening, and shared the sentiment of many others—that meetings of that kind were productive of more harm than good in a community, except to those who conducted them.

One or two glasses too many of hard cider had led the defendant to forget that the law gave those Salvation army people the same protection that it gives to others, and when Captain Dotterman arose to begin the services there was much loud talking just outside the pavilion.

After pausing a few moments for order the Captain said, "Who ever is doing that loud talking—if he will come up here he can talk from the stand."

Accepting the challenge Ike marched up and said, "If you mean me, I am here."

"I did not intend to address

your audience, but I did say you were preaching for money, and I ask if you practice what you preach?"

General Peddin has been blind for many years. He is a good man and a fine singer. Hearing the conversation between Dotterman and Peck, and desiring to avoid a disturbance, he began to sing, the audience joined and the defendant walked away.

The sermon was followed by the usual testimony meeting, and as one after another arose to speak, Ike, from the outer part of the circle, volunteered suggestions of a more or less practical nature, and much to the annoyance of those desiring to be good, and amusement of the thoughtless.

In order to convince others, who may be tempted, that it is risky business to disturb any kind of a public meeting, Mr. Peck was prosecuted, and must now atone for his folly by spending three months in the county jail, paying a fine of one dollar, and the costs of prosecution.

The case of Jacob E. Deavor against the township of Taylor was the only civil case tried during the week. This was an action by the plaintiff to recover damages from the township for alleged injuries sustained while driving along a public road on March 2, 1904. At the point where the accident is alleged to have happened the road is very narrow, not over 9 feet wide, without any guard rails, while at the lower side of the road there is declivity through an old field with a fall of one foot every two feet, and the upper portion of the road was covered with ice. Mr. Deavor resides at Waterfall, and was returning home from Dublin Mills, he having left the latter place about dark. He claimed that when his buggy wheel struck the ice his horse shied and caused the lower wheels to run over the embankment about three feet, and in trying to get the buggy in to the road the right trace broke, and when in this perilous position he attempted to get out of the buggy, and in so doing he fell astride the upper front wheel and was seriously injured. He then tried to pull the buggy into the road, but being on a lock he was unable to do so, and to prevent the horse and buggy from both going over the embankment he cut the back strap and left trace of his harness, when the buggy went down 51 feet to the foot of the hill and was badly damaged. The case went to the jury at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening and at 5 the next morning they agreed upon a verdict, and when Court met at 9 o'clock on Friday morning a verdict for the township was announced, the jury finding that it was no fault of the township by neglecting to have a guard rail at the place where the accident happened, and that the plaintiff had not taken the necessary precaution in driving over the road. A motion for a new trial has been made.

Word was received here on Wednesday evening that Frank Carmack, one of the prisoners who escaped from the jail on the night of the 8th inst., had been captured in Franklin county, and on Thursday he was brought to McConnellsburg, by Constable John Brindle, of Peters township, Franklin county, and turned over to Sheriff Alexander.

On Friday morning, after the court had finished the Taylor township case, Frank was brought into court and plead guilty to the charge of larceny preferred against him by Luther Grove, of Clear Ridge. The Court, after giving him some wholesome advice, sentenced him to fifteen months' confinement in the Western Penitentiary. On Monday Sheriff Alexander and Deputy Nesbit took the prisoner to his new home.

Frank is twenty-two years of age, with a good face, and looks like he was endowed by nature for better things. Good conduct

## MATTHEW SHARPE, DEAD.

Veteran of the Civil War Shot Through the Head in Battle.

Another of the brave men who felt the sting of rebel bullets during the Civil War has passed to his final reward. This time it was Mr. Matthew Sharpe of Licking Creek township, who died at his home on Monday, March 20, 1905 after an illness of about six weeks at the age of 75 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

Mr. Sharpe had been a resident of Licking Creek township during his entire life, was a member of the Christian church since he was twelve years old, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church on Wednesday the 22nd.

Mr. Sharpe was a member of Company I, 88th Regiment, P. V., and served almost three years in the Civil War, his term of service ending by his being shot through the left temple the ball tearing out his left eye and lodging in the cheek bone on the other side of his face. Here the ball remained from June until September, and was removed by Dr. Samuel Scott after Mr. Sharpe's return from the army.

He was married many years ago to Miss Nancy Charlton, who died about fourteen years ago.

Mr. Sharpe is survived by the following children: Hattie, wife of W. G. Wink, Hustontown; Rowland, on the home farm; Sadie, wife of Milton Mellott, Sipes Mill; Jennie, wife of Oliver Debaugh, Bedford; Annie, wife of Henry T. Bard, Pittsburg; and Mary, wife of J. A. Holden, Baltimore.

## Wells Tannery.

Mother Earth has exchanged her beautiful coat of snow for a generous coat of thick, red mud, deep enough to tax the energies of the strongest horses.

By the number of marriages that have been in Wells of late it seems as though our Y. M. are only waiting for Leap Year to pass to get their turn to propose. Our latest is Mr. Jas. D. Foote to Mrs. Florence Sipe, of Everett. May happiness and health, which compose the keystone of wealth and prosperity, be the heritage of the happy couple.

The High School pupils are having an indefinite vacation on account of the illness of their teacher, Prof. Griffith, who is some better at this writing.

Miss Elizabeth Baker is spending some time at the M. E. Conference at Berwick.

The most of our citizens say they sleep ten per cent. better since the latest "good roads" news.

Mrs. H. M. Griffith is quite ill at this writing.

One of our reputable young men was seen passing along the road which leads past G. W. Sipes, on last Saturday evening. He had his violin under his arm but we are unable to say whether he intended to serenade his lady or entertain her parents. Call and entertain your correspondent some time, Rene.

We understand our citizens have made application for a Rural Free Delivery service from Hopewell through Wells Valley and return. The correspondent earnestly hopes the good citizens may succeed and thus help those whose mail advantages have been so poor.

Pine Grove M. E. Sunday school intends having an Easter service this year. The observance of Easter in this way is something new in our Valley and should be well attended by all.

in the prison will shorten his term a couple of months, and when he comes out again he will show his friends that he will rise above the mistakes of his early life.

After escaping from the jail here, Frank went to Franklin county and hired with John Besore, a farmer near Greenvillage, where he was found by the officers last Wednesday with a big revolver in his pocket.

## A SHOWERY APRIL.

Hicks Promises Plenty of Warm and Pleasant Weather Between Showers.

### FINE WEATHER FOR SPRING WORK.

For April Rev. Irl R. Hicks, of St. Louis, makes these guesses in Words and Works:

We distinctly repeat our statement made in March "Word and Works" concerning the central date of Venus equinox. It properly belongs on April 5th instead of May 6th, as by an unfortunate mistake it is made to appear in our 1905 Almanac. This will throw the first April storm period near the center of the Venus period, as the first regular Vulcan period is central on the 1st, extending to the 5th.

A marked change to warmer, with corresponding fall of the barometer, will progressively pass from west to east over the country during the first two or three days of April. Indications of coming change and storms will be apparent to observing people over most parts of the country, and these fore-running indications will culminate in storms of rain, wind and thunder, centering on and touching Monday and Tuesday, the 3d and 4th. Any locality in all the great storm belts of the country will be liable to these visitations, and wherever high humidity and temperature, attend by low barometer may exist, to that extent forceful and violent storms will be probable. Anyone of ordinary intelligence can tell hours before whether his immediate locality is going to fall in the direct path of a storm. The tendency to hail storms will be greatly increased at this time, a copious, electrical cloud being almost a certain precursor of approaching hail. The period will end in change to much cooler with probable snow flurries northward, and cool to frosty nights will follow up to about the 6th.

The 7th and 8th are central dates on and touching which reactionary changes to storm conditions will take place. These changes to warmer, falling barometer, with outbreaks of rain and storminess, will begin in western and make their transit to eastern sections, being followed by rapid rise of the barometer and change to much cooler. Electrical, Venus storms until past the middle of April, should be warnings of sudden changes to cooler with frost.

A regular Vulcan storm period extends from the 11th to the 15th. The changes that go before the formation and approach of cloudiness and storms will appear to the westward as we enter this period, and later, say from the 13th to 15th, rain with thunder and storminess will touch numerous localities in their progress eastward over the country. The Mercury disturbance blending with that of Venus at this time, will almost surely prolong and intensify storm conditions, so that little or no intermission of settled weather will follow this period before the beginning of another.

The next storm period includes the 17th to the 20th inclusive.—The Easter full moon on the celestial equator and in perigee are embraced in the 17th to the 19th. Very threatening electrical storms, violent and possibly tornado in places westward and central, are possible and probable at this time. These storms will break up into snow squalls over much of the country northward, and be followed by several days of bleak to frosty weather. Late sleet storms will visit many sections on and touching the 18th and 19th.

The next regular storm period is central on the 24th, covering the 23d to the 27th. The barometer will fall generally during the progress of this period, and April showers will thicken into wider and heavier thunder storms. At all the periods in April up to this period, many parts of the country will get more rain than for many

## PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Little Bessie McQuade Suffers Loss of an Eye.

A distressing accident occurred at the home of Daniel McQuade in Ayr township last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. McQuade, like many others, were scarcely able to attend to the ordinary cares of their home for several days on account of gripe. On Friday, a boy was cleaning out one of the stables, and two of Mr. McQuade's children were playing about the barn. The older of the two children, a bright little boy of six years, got a fork and began to assist in throwing the litter from the stable. Just as he was pitching a forkful out through the door, his three-year-old sister, Bessie, poked her little head in view and a prong of the fork entered one of her eyeballs, completely destroying it. Dr. Mosser was called, and advised that the child be taken at once to an eye specialist. This the parents did on Saturday, returning Monday. Of course, the matter of concern is the saving of the other eye.

## Spring Weddings.

TRAYER—MELLOTT.

In the private parlor of the Hotel Washington, Chambersburg, on Tuesday evening of last week, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. Dr. W. C. Cremer read the pretty service of the Reformed church, which united in marriage, Mrs. Annie Mellott, of McConnellsburg, and Mr. W. F. Trayer, of Salisbury, Md. Later in the evening the happy couple boarded a Cumberland Valley train and departed for Salisbury, Md., where they will reside on one of the groom's large farms.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Glazier, of this place, and the widow of the late D. J. Mellott, of Ayr township. She has a host of friends here, who join in wishing her and her husband much joy in their new relation.

Mr. Trayer was for many years one of the most prominent farmers and lumbermen of Franklin county. Several years ago he sold his farms and business near Mercersburg and removed to Salisbury, where he is pleasantly situated. He is engaged principally in the raising of vegetables for canning purposes and has been very successful.

STEVENS—RAKER.

On Tuesday evening of last week, in the parlor of the National Hotel at Chambersburg, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. James B. Stein, of the Methodist Episcopal church, united in marriage Mr. Charles E. Stevens, of Dublin Mills, and Miss Emma C. Raker, of McConnellsburg. The Chambersburg Public Opinion says they were an attractive couple, and the felicitations given them by those who witnessed the happy event were hearty and sincere.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer and the bride is a cultured and amiable young woman.

The happy couple returned to Fulton county on Wednesday; and will, in a few days, settle down to the active realities of life on a farm in Trough Creek Valley, Huntingdon county.

Gilbert Cook was in town Monday. Mr. Cook is moving this spring from the Madden farm, near Dublin Mills, to the Abner Horton farm, which he has purchased, near Hustontown.

months past. Low lands in all central to western states will have too much. Change to fair and cooler will follow this period, up to the 29th. On the 29th and 30th reactionary storm conditions will return. April will end with much warmer weather, low barometer, and a series of thunder showers passing eastwardly across the country.

## EXODUS OF FARMERS.

Families Who Are Going Out of the County This Spring.

On account of the fact that there seems to be a better chance for farmer-tenants in the counties east of us, several of our best families are leaving the County this spring.

Samuel Rotz leaves the George C. Scott farm, near town, and moves onto a farm near Marion; George Fox leaves the James Henry farm and takes possession of a farm near Lemaster; Austin Carbaugh goes from the Samuel R. Cromer farm, near Knobsville, to the Mrs. Carson farm near Mercersburg; Daniel B. Mumma near Knobsville, to a farm near Roxbury—all Franklin county farms—and Wm. M. Grissinger goes from the farm in Tod township, on which he has resided twenty-one years, to a large farm near Newville, Cumberland county.

It is claimed that in making the change, they place themselves nearer market, and can generally secure more favorable terms from a landlord.

Mr. Grissinger has a large limestone farm four miles from Newville. His landlord finds all the phosphate, gives him all the fruit from an orchard of 500 choice trees, allows him to keep twenty-five head of cattle and a corresponding large number of horses, and if any hay is sold he gets half—the landlord preferring that the tenant should keep stock enough to consume all the feed on the place.

## NATHAN MELLOTT.

Highly Respected Citizen of Belfast Died Last Thursday.

After an illness of about three months, of dropsy and heart trouble, Mr. Nathan Mellott, one of Belfast township's highly respected citizens, died at his home on Thursday of last week, aged about 62 years, and was buried in the graveyard at the Sideling Hill Baptist church on Saturday.

Mr. Mellott was a consistent member of the Christian church, and the services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Powers, who preached the funeral sermon in the Sideling Hill Baptist church.

Mr. Mellott is survived by his widow, and the following children, namely, John, Thomas, Clarence, Frank, Harvey, one daughter at home, and one, the wife of Riley Hess. He is also survived by his brothers, Noah, David R. and George S.

## Birthday Anniversary.

Saturday evening, the 18th inst. is a date to which is attached many pleasant memories in the minds of the jolly party who were present at the hospitable home of D. H. Fore and wife, of Tod township.

The occasion was the celebration of an anniversary of the birthday of their daughter, Mabel.

Oysters formed no unimportant part of the splendid refreshments served.

Those present were C. R. Spangler and sons John and Rudolph, Enoch Kerlin, wife and son Norman, Mrs. E. A. Sharpe and daughters, Sadie and Verda; Neri Beltz, Grover Peck and Joseph Sowers.

The evening was spent very pleasantly with plenty of music and innocent games till a late hour, when they all returned to their homes hoping to enjoy many more such occasions.

Ed Reiser, who has been a student in Ursinus College, has been elected an assistant teacher in the Shippensburg Normal school for the spring term.

John H. Truax and family moved from their home in the Meadowgrounds, to the property which Mr. Truax recently purchased at Charlestown, near Cove Gap. We trust our old time friends may find their new home pleasant.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Obed T. Mellott, of Sipes Mill, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Mrs. William Ludwig and daughter, Miss Lena, of Hustontown, spent Monday in town.

Howard Skipper and family are moving from Harrisonville to Harrisburg this week.

Mac McClade and Linn Stigers of Mercersburg, were guests of friends in town last Sunday.

Prof. Lamberson and Prothonotary Harris attended lodge at Harrisonville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the Huston family at Clear Ridge.

B. F. Kistler, of Brookly, N. Y., spent a day last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nesbit.

Mrs. Lydia Bobb, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria Mann, and other friends at Saluvia, returned to her home at Norristown, last Saturday.

Miss Belle Stoutegale, after having completed another very successful term of teaching in Franklin county, is home again for her summer vacation.

L. H. Cook called at the News office Monday morning. Mr. Cook has rented his property at Knobsville and will move to one of Charlie McGehee's farms at Burnt Cabins, and try farming awhile.

Merchant J. G. Reiser, of this place, is spending this week in Philadelphia and New York purchasing a large stock of spring and summer goods for the constantly growing trade of the firm of G. W. Reiser & Co.

Harry E. Spangler and wife, who have spent the past three years in Pittsburg, have on account of impaired health, moved back to Wells Valley, and will engage in farming. Harry came down to the Cove last Thursday evening, and on Friday morning purchased a fine farm horse from A. M. Richards below town.

Emma Sloan, Bessie Irwin, Harry Seville, and Don Marton, of this place; J. Frank Daniels, of Harrisonville; Grace Hixson, of Crystal Springs; Carrie Hill, of Fort Littleton, and Bessie Reese, of Burnt Cabins—Fulton county students at the Cumberland Valley state normal school—are all home for their Easter vacation.

During a visit to Hamburg, Pa., last week to consult the officers of the McConnellsburg Water Company, Nicholas Roettger, superintendent of the company at this place, was instructed to lower the mains, put the big reservoir in conditions to hold water and to spare no pains nor expense in giving the people of McConnellsburg first class service.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sipes were not a little alarmed last Sunday to find that their little three-year-old son Floyd had poked a button up his nose. Dr. Mosser was hastily summoned, but found it impossible to insert an instrument to extract the offending button on account of the squirming of the boy. A few whiffs of chloroform led Floya to withdraw his objections, and the button was soon brought from its lodging place.

Corder W. Snyder and wife, of Gem, were in town last Saturday. They have gone to housekeeping on the Jonathan Peck farm, from which John T. Laley recently moved back to his own farm at the Ridge. Job Harr moved from the Big Cove to the F. Gordon farm which he purchased from Amos Gordon last fall. Harvey Lynch moving from Philip Gordon farm to his property at Gem, are among other changes that will be made in that vicinity this spring.