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DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

Eight of the Twelve School Districts Represented. Weather Too Good This Time.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual convention of the School Directors of Fulton county, held in the Court House last Friday and concluding with Dr. Barton's entertainment Friday evening, was not so largely attended as might have been desired, but in point of interest and value of work done surpassed any effort of the kind ever before made here.

The delightful spring weather, offering such splendid opportunity to the farmer to rush his spring work, was responsible for the non-attendance of some of the directors.

Rev. J. L. Grove conducted the devotional exercises, after which County Superintendent C. E. Barton made a short address, calling attention to the law which provides for these annual gatherings, the valuable results that should spring from a day's consultation of the directors of the county—coming together, comparing notes, and laying plans for the advancement of the interests of the schools of the county. Whatever other officers may, or may not do, the success or failure of the schools depends very largely upon the action or inaction of the local board of school directors.

Hon. Jno. P. Sipes was then introduced and addressed the convention on the topic assigned him, "How Economize?"

Mr. Sipes has given the public school question as it exists in this county much thought, and has done all in his power as a member of the legislature to bring relief to our overburdened taxpayers; but the action of that great body of modern Solomon at Harrisburg has shown a disposition to "lay on, Mac Duff!" instead of offering any relief.

Mr. Sipes referred to the money much of which is practically wasted in purchasing supplies. Agents in their eagerness to furnish the supplies, put in a quality of stock so inferior, as to be next to useless in the hands of pupils. Then it is natural not to place proper value on that which costs nothing; and as paper, pencils, &c., are furnished free, there is no effort on the part of many pupils to take care of it, and, hence, extravagant habits are being ground into the character of our boys and girls.

Mr. Sipes deplored the fact that there were so many schools in some of the districts, and suggested that it would be better to close some of them and transport pupils.

Dr. Barton said that he heard State Superintendent Scheaffer say, on one occasion, that more was spent in Pennsylvania for tobacco and whiskey than was spent for the public schools. This is probably true; and yet we never hear of the tobacco trust or the whiskey trust being boycotted on account of the price of their commodities.

Mr. A. U. Nace talked earnestly about the extravagant expenditure of money in directions that brought poor returns. The spirit of the age tends toward extravagant habits of living, and the maxims of thrift and economy that formed such important elements in the foundation of success and wealth of the men of the present generation, are taken down from the walls of the school and home, and are forgotten. It is high time to return to the "simple life" if we would save the generation now entering the arena, from a disastrous defeat in the great struggle of life.

Hon. S. P. Wishart says that no fear need be entertained that too much money will be spent for education. The light of America's freedom now reaches the dark parts of all the earth; and it is because that the dynamo

that furnishes it, is charged with the highest type of intellectuality and morality in the world. Mr. Wishart further referred to the fact that he had been most deeply interested in the cause of popular education in Fulton county for a period of more than three-score years; and that the times now demand more than ever that the men in whose hands is placed the responsibility of caring for our educational interests, shall be men of strong common sense. They should study the situation, and act for the greatest good of the people.

Martin L. Truax, a former teacher and now a Belfast township director, said, in answer to a suggestion that it might be necessary to forfeit the State aid, that it would be a most foolish and dangerous thing to cut loose from the aid afforded by the State and thus diminish the length of the school term. The township that would do this, would bring down the everlasting reproach of the boys and girls that would be obliged to grow to manhood and womanhood under such conditions and go out into the world to cope with those whose opportunities had been better. Mr. Truax said further that school boards often do not keep close enough tabs on their school supplies, and in referring to the extended course of studies now in vogue, said it would be better for most pupils if they were kept a little more closely to the "three R's."

Hon. D. H. Patterson was of the opinion that the number of schools was too great. Let's have fewer schools and better ones. This does not mean of course, that the privilege of the public school shall be taken away from any child, but that facilities shall be afforded for their transportation.

Dr. Barton's entertainment in the Court House, Friday evening was a very fitting climax to the work of the day. The room was crowded before the hour for beginning.

Most of the directors who were present during the day remained for the evening and many who were unable to be present for the day session came in the evening to be entertained and instructed. There was also a goodly attendance by teachers from the near by districts.

Dr. Barton preaced the entertainment by a half-hour's lecture on electricity, dwelling particularly on the work of wireless telegraph and X-Rays.

Immediately following the lecture came an hour of most beautiful and interesting experiments.

The Doctor had with him a large battery and a powerful induction coil by means of which he gave the people of Fulton county their first wireless telegraphy.

One instrument was placed on the judge's stand, and another taken outside of the room when wireless messages were successfully transmitted through the heavy doors of the room.

The work of the X-Rays was also a new and very interesting feature to most of our people.

Hundreds took advantage of the opportunity to take a peep at the bones in their hands and arms, and when some had looked at objects through three and four inches of solid oak wood, were made to exclaim, "wonderful!"

The entertainment was a red-letter event in the history of McConnellsburg.

Our town council are to be commended for the progressive spirit shown in their effort to clean up the streets and gutters. There is a marked improvement in the appearance of our town already. They should receive the co-operation and support of every citizen and encouraged to continue the work until we can point with pride to what can be accomplished by a body of progressive councilmen.

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MAY INCREASE TAXES.

May Attend Borough High School At Expense of Township.

A law just enacted provides that children residing in districts in which no public high school is maintained may attend a high school in some other district near their homes, and do so at the cost of their school district for tuition and school books. Heretofore such pupils could attend a high school in another district at their own expense, if the directors of the high school were willing to admit them. The new law makes it obligatory upon the district without a high school to pay the tuition and cost of books.

In townships adjacent to the borough of McConnellsburg, or to any other town or township where a high school is located, this law will probably result in an increase of tax, for the children will doubtless desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded to secure further education.

Eastern Shore.

Dear Editor:—This beautiful March day, I will write and let the readers of the News know what we are doing down here on the sandy lands. We have been having very nice weather for the last three weeks. The farmers are busy planting their spring crops, most of them have their oats sowed and are now planting their early crop of potatoes. Wheat in our neighborhood looks very promising. The scarlet clover that was sowed last August is looking fine and will make a large crop of hay.

We cut our clover about the 15th of June. We expect to plant about 100 bushels of potatoes, and 75 acres of corn and about 3 gallons of sweet corn. There will be a large crop of watermelons and cantaloupes planted on the Eastern Shore this season. We have a great many canning factories in our neighborhood that can all kinds of fruit and vegetables. We have 75 peach and 75 apple trees on this farm, one peach tree that measures 3 feet in circumference 1 1/2 feet above the ground. A few days ago Mr. Trayer was out in his timber and saw a few big trees, one of which was a black oak that measured 13 feet, 11 inches in circumference 5 1/2 feet above the ground; one white oak, 13 feet, 9 inches; one yellow pine, 11 feet, 6 inches; and one 9 feet, 5 inches. We have 40 acres of land plowed, which we did with 4 horses this spring. Our farm lies 4 miles west of Salsbury and 14 miles south of Rockawalking station on the B. C. & A. railroad.

CLARA J. KLINE,
Salsbury, Md.,
R. F. D. No. 5.

ARM BROKEN.

Little Floyd Sigel Meets With An Accident While Riding on a Load of Hay.

On Wednesday of last week Commissioner George Sigel of Union township, was hauling some hay from an adjacent stack into his barn. Mr. Sigel was riding the saddle horse, driving, and one of the boys was sitting on the load. Floyd, another of his sons, six years of age, came running behind the wagon and wanted to ride on the load, too. So his brother assisted him to climb up, and he was enjoying his high position when, in crossing a little gutter in the road, the wagon gave a lurch, and little Floyd was switched off to the ground. When picked up it was found that he had an arm broken.

Mr. Hiram K. Hill, treasurer of the Belfast township school board has in his possession a wooden clock, that is a clock whose wheels are made of wood, that has been doing service as a time measurer for over a hundred years, and is doing better work than a Waterbury watch yet. It was formerly owned by the late John Morgret of Pigeon Cove.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.

John Huston, of Clear Ridge, Met Death in a Lake in Mississippi.

BODY BROUGHT HOME FOR INTERMENT.

A telegram last Friday morning brought the sad intelligence that John Huston, of Clear Ridge, was drowned in Buford lake, Mississippi, and that his body had not been found. An hour later another was received saying "body found."

The remains reached the Huston home at Clear Ridge, this county, Sunday evening, and on Monday afternoon was interred in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends, in the family lot in the little cemetery at the Methodist Episcopal church, by the side of those of his parents and brother, who had preceded him to the other world.

John Huston was a son of the late Thomas B. Huston, and was born on the 8th of January, 1883; hence he was aged 22 years, 2 months and 22 days (notice the 2's).

A naturally bright boy, he was prepared at an early age to enter the work of teaching in the public schools. Last summer he took a commercial course at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in October went to Lambert, Mississippi, and accepted a position as clerk and book-keeper with the firm of the Hoyt & Woodin Cypress Co., lumber manufacturers, who have a plant on the edge of Buford lake. Thousands of logs were cut and floated on this lake to the mills, and during his leisure moments, John would sometimes go out on the lake, mount a big log and row it to the "dock."

Being a good swimmer, he did not regard it a serious mishap if once in a while a log did turn and give him a ducking.

About five o'clock last Thursday evening, John put on his hat and left the store. The warm weather of the South made the logs, lying lazily on the smooth waters of the nearby lake a temptation for recreation and amusement, and without saying anything to any one about his intentions he sauntered down to the side, mounted a big log, and was pushing out into deep water.

A woman who happened at that moment to be looking from a window at her residence, and the only one who was a witness to the accident, says, that when John had rowed his log about ten feet from the shore, the water at that point being about twenty feet in depth, the log began to turn, John lost his balance and in a moment disappeared beneath the water.

As he did not at once come to the surface she gave the alarm and soon a large number of excited people had collected.

Although less than ten minutes had elapsed when his friends had arrived, there was not a ripple of disturbance on the face of the water, and nothing save his hat lying on the water where he had gone down, to mark the place.

It required more than an hour of most diligent effort to find the body, which was at once taken to Memphis, Tenn., a distance of seventy-five miles, for embalming and preparation for its return home.

Mr. E. B. Kepner, Assistant General Manager, accompanied the remains to the Huston home, and bore loving testimony to the brothers and sisters of the high esteem in which John was held by his employers in the South.

John is survived by his brothers, Harry, Charles, George, Samuel, Amos, and sisters Millie, Grace, Ella, and Lois.

The new "sign" painted for Jos. B. Mellott, by John S. Harris, of this place, last week, shows that John is as skillful when it comes to painting a nobby sign, as in building a nice set of harness.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Andrew Heinbaugh, Mrs. Alfred Barnhart, Mrs. Catharine Miller.

HOBMAN.

Leonard Nicholas, son of Nicholas Hobman and wife, of Ayr township, died Wednesday, March 22, 1905, aged 7 months and 5 days. Interment in Union cemetery. Funeral services conducted by their pastor, Rev. C. M. Smith.

MILLER.

Mrs. Catharine Miller, widow of John Miller, late of Union township, deceased, died at her home in Buck Valley on Friday, March 24, 1905, aged about 60 years.

The immediate cause of her death was paralysis, but she had been confined to her bed for a period of about six weeks with an attack of grippe.

Her remains were interred in the cemetery at the Lutheran church in the Valley on the following Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller was a highly respected woman, and is survived by one daughter, Mary, and three sons, Henry, William and George.

BARNHART.

At the age of about 60 years, Mrs. Alfred Barnhart died at her home in Pigeon Cove, March 29th, and was interred in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg on the 30th.

Mrs. Barnhart had been a sufferer from consumption for a long time, had borne her illness with Christian fortitude, and she came to her death with a clear vision of a blessed immortality.

Mrs. Barnhart was a daughter of the late John Morgret, of Pigeon Cove, and a sister of Herbert Morgret, of Belfast township.

DANIELS.

After a number of years of patient suffering, Mr. Reuben Daniels, one of Licking Creek township's aged citizens, died at his home last Saturday, and interment was made in the cemetery of the Siding Hill Christian church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Daniels was a son of the late Benjamin Daniels. His brothers are all dead, and but three of his sisters, Rebecca, wife of Jonathan K. Sipes; Caroline, wife of John A. Hauman, and Lydia, wife of Emanuel Mellott, survive him.

Of his own immediate family, his wife, two sons, and three daughters survive.

He was a member of the Christian church for many years and an exemplary citizen.

He was aged about 70 years.

HEINBAUGH.

Mr. Andrew Heinbaugh, one of Ayr township's most highly respected citizens, died at his home last Thursday, at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 21 days.

While Mr. Heinbaugh had been in failing health for some time incident to advancing years, he had been able to drive out, and was in his usual health up to the day of his death—the immediate cause of which was paralysis.

Funeral on Saturday and interment made in Union cemetery.

Mr. Heinbaugh was born in Elm Schletter, Germany. When he reached the age of twenty-one years, he joined the Regular Army in that country and served a full term of four years.

October 1, 1851, he was married to Miss Anna Catharine Schmidt, of Germany, and soon thereafter, the young couple came to America, landing in Baltimore, in which city they resided until March, 1852, when they came to the Big Cove, where they have since resided.

Mr. Heinbaugh in very early life identified himself with the Reformed church, and his straightforward dealing with his fellow men, his consistent life, were such as to win the good will and esteem of all who came to know him.

Besides his wife, he is survived by six of the ten children that were born to them, namely, J.

LETTER FROM ELLIS SIPES.

Tells of Their Trip to California, and His Impressions of the Country.

Dear Editor:—Thinking a few lines descriptive of California might interest your readers, I will drop you a few lines. We left Pittsburg, Pa., over the Wash Railroad, the 19th of last December, and arrived in Kansas city on the morning of the 21st. We changed to the Santa Fe railroad and arrived in Los Angeles, California, on the day before Christmas, after a very interesting and pleasant trip. One has to make a trip across the continent to realize the extent of Uncle Sam's domain.

We spent four days sightseeing in Los Angeles and vicinity. It is a very beautiful city, as is, also, the surrounding country, which is dotted with fine homes and orange groves and orchards, beyond which lies the beautiful Pacific ocean.

Every home has roses, and they were blooming in profusion. We left Los Angeles on the evening of December 27, and arrived in Reedley the next day, where we expect to make our future home.

Reedley is a lively town of 600 inhabitants. It is situated in the San Joaquin valley, on the King's river, six miles from the foot hills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, which are covered with perpetual snow. Mt. Whitney is eighty miles directly east and can be seen plainly any clear day.

Reedley has two railroads—the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe—three churches and a twenty-thousand-dollar school building, with an excellent graded and high school. It is surrounded by fine land suitable for raising all kinds of fruit. One of the principal of which is the raisin grape—this being their home county, which produces almost the entire commercial crop of raisins. They are followed by peaches, which are produced in large quantities. Many oranges, lemons, figs, prunes, apricots, as well as most of the fruits produced in the East, are raised here.

Fruit growing is very profitable. Many men are making more money off ten acres here, than could be made off a hundred in the east. Many persons are making a comfortable living off of five acres.

We have the very best of roads here. The tax is all paid in money. A supervisor is elected whose business it is to oversee all the work which is done by a contractor, and the result is good roads.

We had a very fine winter here—if winter it might be called.—The temperature dropped once to 26 above zero, and twice to freezing point and that only lasted about half an hour, early one morning. No snow, no ice nor mud, but lots of warm comfortable sunshine.

Geraniums, Vgerbenas, and Oleanders grow out of doors nicely all winter, and roses have been blooming ever since we came here.

We have all the hardy kinds of garden truck here all winter. Potatoes, corn and beans are all up and doing well.

There has been much exaggeration in regard to California.—This should not be, for the truth is good enough. The climate is good enough for the most fastidious. The products are varied and yield very large. Any man can make a beautiful, as well as a very profitable home on a very small piece of land.

G. ELLIS SIPES.

Reedley, Cal.

March 28, 1905.

You can have the NEWS on whole year for a dollar.

Adam, Nebraska; J. Conrad, of the Cove; George W., of McConnellsburg; Katy, wife of William Walker; Anna, wife of John Koyser, and Margaret Jane, wife of John Ainsley—the girls all living in Franklin county, Pa.

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.

Charles Seville, who is teaching at New Grenada, paid a short visit to his home at this place Sunday.

Mr. David Newman, of Woodvale, Huntingdon county, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Margaret Daniels of Pleasant Ridge, and Mary Daniels of Harrisonville, were among the throng of shoppers at this place Saturday.

Miss Barbara Largent and gentleman friend, of Chambersburg, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Largent.

D. R. Mumma, John Hoover, and M. D. Mathias—a trio of Hustontown citizens, were callers at this office last Saturday morning.

George W. Foreman, wife and their little daughters, Vera and Evelyn, of Wells Valley, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg, Monday.

Mrs. George B. Daniels and children and niece Miss Frances Daniels, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Licking Creek township.

Howard Mellott and brother Albert, of Pleasant Ridge, two of Fulton's progressive teachers, were business visitors in this place Saturday.

Rev. A. F. Waldo, of Chambersburg, will preach in the Presbyterian church at Greenhill, next Sunday morning at 10:30 and in this place at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Lillian Wink, of Sipes Mill, spent a few hours in town Monday. She will go to Bedford in a few days where she expects to spend the summer.

Frank Deshong and son Ralph, of Fannettsburg, spent from Saturday until Monday at the home of Mr. Deshong's brother-in-law, Hon. John P. Sipes of this place.

James Harris, one of Ayr township's enterprising young farmers, was in town last Thursday. Jimmy has bought the Pott farm on which he has been living several years.

County-Surveyor A. J. Fore, accompanied by ex-Commissioner Van Kelley, Blaine Welsh, and Gracey Naugle, made a trip to McConnellsburg yesterday in Andy's automobile.

Hon. S. P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, came down last Friday to attend the School Directors' convention and remained Friday night the guest of his brother, Dr. H. S. Wishart, of this place.

Miss Bessie Motter, who has been employed down at the Eastern Shore, came home last Friday for her Easter vacation. She expects to remain four or five weeks with her parents and many friends here.

Polk Sipes, who resides on Pattersons Run in Licking Creek township, cut one of his fingers a short time ago. Blood poisoning has developed, and his condition is critical. It is probable that the hand will have to be amputated in an effort to save his life.

Miss Ethel Hays left Saturday for Shippensburg where she will attend the State Normal school, and purposes to fit herself for the profession. Miss Hays is endowed with those qualities essential to a successful teacher, and will be welcomed among the progressive teachers of our county.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather on Friday evening, March 24th, the local institute to be held at McGovern's school house was postponed until Thursday evening, April 6th, when the same subjects will be discussed, viz., 1 Study; How; Where; When; 2 The Teacher; 3 The Influence of the Home upon the School.