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## DRAGGED TO DEATH.

Horse Ran Away with Wilson Varner a Franklin County Veteran as He Was Returning From McConnellsburg.

WAS A MOST SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Dragged by a runaway horse a distance of a mile and a half down a steep mountain road on last Wednesday afternoon was the sad experience of Wilson Varner of Franklin county, and resulted in his death a few hours later.

Wilson Varner aged about 63 years, a prominent farmer of Amberson Valley, Franklin county, and a veteran of the Civil War was ordered before the Examining Board at McConnellsburg last Wednesday for examination for increase of pension. Not being a strong man physically and the distance being long for one day's drive, came to McConnellsburg Tuesday evening, and appeared before the Board early next morning saying that he wished to be first on the list of examined that day, as he wished to leave McConnellsburg in time to reach Speck's hotel at Burnt Cabins for dinner.

The physicians granted his request and by ten o'clock he was ready to leave.

Having stopped at the Cabins for dinner, he had ascended the mountain and was passing down on the other side, when the horse he was driving became frightened and dashed away down the grade towards Fannettsburg. The unlooked for leap of the horse overbalanced Mr. Varner, and he fell from the buggy. Here began the horrible part of the accident. In being pitched out of the buggy, Mr. Varner's foot became tightly locked between the seat and the floor of the buggy, and there he dragged over the side, head downward and body partly under the wheels, while the horse went plunging down the mountain at a furious rate.

What dreadful experiences those few minutes must have been to Mr. Varner no one will ever know, for it was not until the horse had stopped in front of the residence of Mrs. Alexander Skinner—after having run a mile and a half—that the condition of Mr. Varner was discovered.

Here he was found, his foot still fast in the buggy seat, his body dangling over the side, the flesh torn from one side of his head and the upper part of his body, one ear and one eye entirely gone, and he was, of course, unconscious.

Dr. Shoop was quickly summoned; but a glance from the physician, and he knew that the unfortunate man was beyond the power of any human agency. After lingering a few hours, death graciously came to his relief.

Mr. Varner was a good soldier—a member of—Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. He is survived by a wife and eight children. Funeral took place on Saturday.

## Eighty-Second Annual Session.

The eighty-second annual session of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania was in session last week at Scranton, and was well attended by delegates and members of the order from all parts of the state.

A resolution was passed giving the sovereign lodge of Odd Fellows the use of Odd Fellows' temple in Philadelphia for its session in September. The matter of donating \$10,000 to defray the expenses of the sovereign lodge was not reached. The per capita tax was continued at 12 cents.

Pittsburg was selected as the place for holding the next session of the grand lodge. Other candidates were: Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, York, Sunbury and Allegheny.

Charlie Deshong of Big Cove Tannery, came in and pushed his subscription away ahead while in a town last Saturday.

## EDUCATION IN NORTH DAKOTA.

Mr. D. W. Fraker, a Former Fulton County Boy Tells of the Advantages in His State.

Knowing just how much the good people of my old home county of Fulton is interested in the work of education, and knowing how many young people have laid the foundation of an education that has enabled them to go forth into other parts of the world, and hold their own against those who have had much better facilities, I feel that they will be interested in learning something about the school system employed in most of the newer western states; but it is of North Dakota that I wish to speak.

In providing for the permanent organization of an educational system, North Dakota being one of the newer states, profited by the experience of the older states, and now has, I believe, the most satisfactory plan of any state in the Union.

The framers of our State Constitution, believing that the secret of true greatness and success in any people is in their intelligence, provided from her public domain such an appropriation as would insure a perpetual fund for the maintenance of all her educational institutions.

From the public lands they set aside 3,170,000 acres, of which 2,500,000 were for public schools. Up to this time about 336,000 acres have been sold—none of it at a price less than \$10 an acre. In addition a large sum is realized from the rental of vast tracts for pasturage. Distribution is made to the higher institutions as follows:

University at Grand Forks, 86,000 acres; Agricultural College at Fargo, 130,000 acres, and government appropriation; Normal schools at Maysville and Valley City, 80,000 acres; Manual Training school at Ellendale, 40,000; other institutions in the State have a like liberal appropriation, and, altogether, will eventually provide a permanent fund of \$25,000,000, with a clear income of \$1,000,000.00, thus, in due time, providing a self-supporting fund for educational purposes as long as time shall last.

In any unorganized school territory, one-third of the residents, each of whom having the custody of a child of school age, may petition the County Commissioners, and a school will be established, provided, that there are not less than ten children of school age living in the district. Settlers may thus be sure of having school facilities for their children as good as the best.

According to the biennial report of the State Superintendent, there are 3,495 school houses; 5,355 teachers 118,812 school children, with an enrollment of 92,224 pupils. Teachers are scarce and every method of good is presented for their higher proficiency by our head educators. Teachers' certificates for common schools provided by examinations within the various counties, are of three grades—3rd, 2nd and 1st. No applicant is provided certificates unless having attained the age of 18, of good moral character and passing ten branches, Arithmetic, Civics; Geography, History, Writing, Grammar, Theory and Practice, Physiology, Reading and Orthography. The 3rd grade requires an average not less than 75 per cent, and not fall below 60 per cent. in any one branch; for 2nd grade, average not less than 80 per cent., and not fall below 70 per cent. in any one branch. The first grade, 20 years old, must have taught school successfully 12 months, at least, in the State; must average 90 per cent., and not fall below 75 in any one branch in above named list, and must average 75 per cent and not fall below 65 per cent. in additional following branches—Algebra, Geometry, Psychology, Natural Philosophy and Natural Geography. But an applicant can have two trials to

## BABE KILLED BY A RAT.

Attacked Child of Noah Shank, near Welsh Run, With Fatal Result.

From Valley Spirit.

On the farm of S. Fred Burkholder, a mile from Welsh Run, a rat killed the two-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shank, the tenants on the farm. The child had been placed in a bed, made of two chairs at the side of the dining room, while the family ate supper in the summer kitchen. Suddenly the parents were aroused by the little one's screams and appeared at the babe's side to see a large rat slide from the chairs.

They were horrified to find the babe had been bitten on the cheek and tongue and that the ends of the fingers had been eaten off. Death resulted last Sunday evening. On Tuesday the body of the babe was taken to Greencastle and buried in Cedar Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Shank moved from Milnor to the Burkholder farm last April. The mother is prostrated over the untimely death of her babe.

## Deneen—Fisher Nuptials.

In the parlor of the Fulton House, on last Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Miss Lillian M. Fisher and Scott O. Deneen were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. V. Adams of the M. E. church of this place.

The wedding was witnessed by a few of the bride's most intimate friends.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white albatross, and the groom wore the conventional black.

On Thursday evening they were entertained in the home prepared by the groom, and quite a number of friends gathered to welcome the bride and help consume the good things with which the tables were well laden.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Fisher, of Thompson township, is one of Fulton county's successful teachers, having taught quite a number of terms. The groom is a resident of Bethel township and is a very popular young man.

The happy couple will take up their residence about four miles west of Warfordsburg.

Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.

secure any of above certificates, providing in first examination percentage in more than two branches; he or she returns and writes up on branches they fell below in. All grading is done by the State Department at Bismarck.

No state pays their county superintendent more than North Dakota, and every available incentive is given for advance in teachers wages—1904 average for teachers salary are thus: for men teachers, \$47.87; women teachers \$40.90—all teachers \$42.77—a month.

No truer index of any community's higher life can be found than the interest and attention given to the children of North Dakota. No one need have any reason to fear the developing of our system compared with other states, requiring elementary agriculture taught in the public schools, ours being one of only seven or eight states to do so, because the people depend on agriculture for means of livelihood and building up of their resources.

Spring has been much disturbed by cool weather, some folks with a poetical turn of mind have occasionally remarked that "winter has set down in the lap of spring" but when snow fell all day on the 4th and on the 10th of May it impressed one it had set down in the whole works.

Best wishes to all my old friends—especially around the "Old Fort."

D. W. FRAKER.

## THE JACKSON DEMOCRAT.

Founded in Bedford in 1849. Taken to McConnellsburg in 1850, and Name Changed to Fulton Democrat.

The Fulton Democrat owes its origin to James B. Sansom, who founded a newspaper in Bedford, issuing the first number to the public, December 28, 1849. The bill providing for the organization of the county of Fulton, which was stricken from the county of Bedford, was signed by Governor William F. Johnston on the 19th day of April, 1850. Mr. Sansom thinking that the new county offered a better field for the publication of his paper than Bedford, removed his paper to McConnellsburg in September 1850 and began the publication, changing the name from the "Jackson Democrat" to the "Fulton Democrat", which name the paper still bears.

A few weeks ago when Mrs. Eliza B. Crosby was making sale of the effects of her sister, the late Miss Rebecca Pott, she found among many other old newspapers, a copy of the Jackson Democrat, "No. 19, Vol. 1," and very kindly gave it to the present editor of the Fulton Democrat.

It bears the date of May 3, 1850, and of course was printed at Bedford.

The principal item of news is the full text of the bill erecting the new county of Fulton, and which had just been signed by the Governor. Other items of interest were as follows:

The Postmaster General has established two new postoffices in this county—one at Webster Mills, and one at Dublin Mills. J. S. Zimmerman is postmaster at Webster Mills, and A. Weidman, at Dublin Mills.

The following named gentlemen were serving on the Democratic county committee: Bethel, John Fisher and Benjamin Mellett; Belfast, Daniel Lake and Aaron Hess; Dublin, Robert Gamble and James Fields; Licking Creek, Samuel Michaels and Jacob Mumma; Thomson, Jacob Fisher and John Litton; Tod, A. J. Fore, Esq.; Wells, David R. Nail and David R. Bowles.

At a Democratic meeting held in Bedford on Monday evening, April 29, 1850, among other resolutions, the following appears: That we hereby cordially approve of the course of John Cessna and Samuel Robinson, Esq's. in the Legislature, and return them our thanks for the attention and ability which they have devoted to the interests of Bedford county.

The editor states that "we have been informed that a report is in circulation in McConnellsburg, to the effect that the Commissioners of Bedford county have borrowed from the Williamsport Bank, the sum of \$16,000, and that it is kept a secret from the people. We deem it due to the tax payers to brand the statement as maliciously false."

The only advertisement we see from McConnellsburg is that of Daniel Humbard, in which he offers at private sale his property in McConnellsburg, consisting of a lot of ground on main street, with a two-story frame weather-boarded house with a frame building attached, formerly occupied as a wagonmaker shop.

The following item of Wells Valley news occurs—

"We learn that Mr. Henry Whitehill, of Wells Valley, one day last week, was attacked within a mile and a half of Hopewell Iron works, and robbed of near \$300. We learn from Mr. Whitehill that he had left home to purchase some cattle, and whilst riding slowly along on a lonely piece of road, three men made their appearance, disguised by having their faces blackened, one of whom ordered him to stop, and on his not heeding the order, fired at him, the ball grazing his person. They then dragged him from his horse, and after a scuffle, in which he was stabbed and choked, succeeded in getting possession of his money, and then decamped. This is a bold and

## FROM THE HOOSIER STATE.

D. H. Gracey Writes from Muncie. Opportunity for Right Man.

This is what happens to some people when they get a jag on: Mrs. Abbie Slegle residing in what is known as the Johnson Row in this city had command of the entire district last night. First place she got hilarious and the houses in the row being all alike she got in the wrong one; but as she thought she was lord of all she surveyed, she bumped up against the unexpected, and several scrimmages—such as hair pulling, fist fights, and cuss words was the result. She threatened nearly every one in the row, and was only prevented from doing bodily harm to some of the residents by their agility to dodge around the corner—and then the language didn't sound much like preaching.

As a last resort, the police were called, and before she would submit and agree to take a free ride in the Rogues Express they had to rub her gently over the head with their clubs.

She was then landed at Police Headquarters and three charges preferred against her—one for malicious trespass with \$11.00; profanity, \$6.00, and intoxication \$11.00. She had no money and went to jail for thirty days.

I see by your paper recently that your county is decreasing in population instead of being on the increase as most all parts of this State are. Our city here, at the count which was finished yesterday shows an increase of 1,615 during the year, it being now 33,221. With this business is increasing. Yesterday, the Godard wholesale grocery house was let for \$50,775 to Fred Ellingsworth. The structure will be four stories high, and 130 feet square. The same contractor has on hand the T. F. Rose Hotel at \$100,000, and a business block at \$10,000 and there are other contractors who have a large amount of work. One building known as the Old Opera House Block will be vacated on the first of June and torn down and rebuilt with a six-story block; another, three stories high will be on the Court House Square.

As to wages, they average with other towns of the same size in the State, and I think, rather better. This, of course, has been brought about through organization. The independent man takes what the boss gives him; but he pays us what we ask. Union carpenters get \$8.15 a day of nine hours; brick layers \$4.00 for eight hours; hod carriers 25 and 30 cents an hour; painters are not organized and run from 25 to get to work, to \$3.00 a day for work. Common labor is \$1.50 per day, and two-horse teams, \$4.00. Oil men get good wages. Drillers, \$2.50 to \$4.00; pumpers, \$50 to \$60 a month.

If you know of any middle aged gent that wants to marry a refined widow with a good house and two lots in this city, now is his time. There is no use in going into details as to the kind of man she wants, except that he must be sober and industrious—not lame, nor wind broken—nor in the habit of jumping out of the pasture o' nights.

For further particulars, inquire of the undersigned.

D. H. GRACEY,  
Muncie, Ind.  
May 10, 1905.

Russel Ranyan and Wilmer Hays, of this place, not satisfied with crystal streams of their native locality, left on Tuesday for a fishing expedition in the classic waters of old Licking creek, and the quiet ponds of Tonoloway.—The boys understand their business, and the sucker that is not tired of living had better not swallow the hook.

daring outrage, and its perpetrators should be ferreted out and brought to justice. The money taken was principally notes on the York Bank, almost new."

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Program of Exercises to be Observed in McConnellsburg.

A beautiful and impressive exercise will be held in the Court House on Tuesday, May 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. in memory of our soldier and sailor dead. The public is invited to be present and pay their tributes in flowers, fruit and fragrant to those who have answered the "roll call." A very attractive program will be rendered by the public school children under the management of the Ladies' King Corps, No. 18. The following is the order of exercises:

Music—by the public school children.  
Invocation, Rev. J. V. Adams.  
Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Miss Mabel Trout.  
Recitation, Miss Stouteagle.  
Music.

Tableau of decorating the cenotaph to unknown dead—by forty-five children, representing the States of the Union.

Address, by Dr. J. A. House, of Chambersburg.

Music, by the Hustontown Band.  
Recitation, by Miss May Sheets.

After the exercises in the Court House are concluded, the children, veterans, ladies of the Relief Corps and all others who wish to pay a graceful tribute of respect to our soldiers living or dead, will form in line and proceed to the different cemeteries, when a detail of children will decorate the graves in each lot.

After this beautiful ceremony they will return to the Court House and disband.

The following named persons are appointed on the different committees:

Marshal Aids: W. Lee McKibbin, David Fields, D. Malloy, J. W. Hoop.  
Musical Director, Mrs. Rebecca Stevens.

Committee of Arrangements: Mrs. S. M. Cook, Mrs. H. S. Wishart, Mrs. Thomas Hamil, Wells Greathard, Mac Helman, Abram Ruanyan, Adam Clevenger, Cyrus Kelly.

Flower Committee: Mrs. Lou Jackson, Mrs. Jas. Rummell, Mrs. John P. Sipes, Katherine Cook, Ruth Roettger, Minnie Smith, Minnie Mock, Myrtle Comer, Blanche Morton, Emma Ray.

Committee for drapping cenotaph: Mrs. B. W. Peck, Mrs. S. B. Woollett, Mrs. C. B. Stevens.  
All flowers to be sent to Mrs. Lou Jackson, where they will be arranged by the flower committee on Tuesday morning.

Committee of arrangement will meet at the Court House on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of decorating the House. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. S. M. Cook,  
Secretary.

## Mrs. Susan Wright.

After having been confined to her home for a long time, Mrs. Susan Wright died in this place on Thursday evening of last week at the advanced age of about 84 years. The funeral was conducted on Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. V. Adams, of the M. E. church, and her remains were laid to rest in the Reformed graveyard.

Mrs. Wright was married twice. The first time to a Mr. Prosser, and from this union two sons survive, Vincent, of Gettysburg, and Alex, of Bedford county. Her second husband was William Wright, who has been dead many years. From her last marriage one daughter survives, namely, Mrs. Martin Melus, of Manchester, Va.

Change in the management of the Cooper House was made last week, and now the patrons of that hotel will find Harry Hamil to give them a welcome and to take good care of them while making the house their home. Leslie Seylar is in Gettysburg just at present.

## 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.

Misses Daisy and Annie Wink and Robert Alexander spent last Friday in Mercersburg.

Mr. Jacob Rotz and daughter, Miss Sadie, spent last week visiting friends at Lemaster and Chambersburg.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout, of Red Lion, Pa., spent a few days during the past week with his mother and sisters in this place.

Our friend Jacob Yeakle, of Thompson township, spent the time from Saturday until Monday, with his son Samuel in this place.

George Fox and family spent the time from Friday evening until Sunday visiting in the home of Mrs. Fox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Henry.

Harry B. Miller, of Chambersburg, and W. T. Jenkins Oph. D., of Waynesboro, were in town a day or two the first of the week on business.

Attorney J. H. Light, Dr. J. A. Keepers, Josiah Leshner, and N. S. Phillip—all of Greencastle, drove over last Sunday and took dinner at the Fulton House.

After having been "housed up" for six weeks, and part of the time a very sick man, Postmaster S. B. Woollett was able to resume work in the postoffice last Saturday.

A coat of paint has added much to the appearance of the already handsome residence of our townsmen, Attorney M. K. Shaffer, and Assistant Postmaster W. A. Sloan.

Walter J. Shaffer, foreman in the Mercersburg Journal office, and John Witter, a clerk in Boyd's store, Mercersburg, spent Sunday afternoon and evening in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. L. H. Wible and son Hollis, were called to Greenhill last Saturday on account of the dangerous illness of the former's uncle, Samuel Newman, who is suffering from gangrene.

J. M. Bowman and nephew, Fred Bowman, of Burnt Cabins, were mingling among the throng of visitors to the County Seat last Saturday. John was sporting a \$140 horse that he had just purchased the day before.

After having been confined to her home for ten weeks on account of poor health, Miss Blanche Sipes, daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes, was able to drive in to town a few days ago. While not well, by any means, Blanche's many friends are glad for this evidence of regaining health.

In honor of their daughter, Miss Nora, who returned to Pittsburg on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad entertained at dinner last Friday, a number of their friends. Among those present were, R. N. Fryman, wife and daughter, Meta; James Fryman and wife, Mrs. Calvin Trille and children; J. P. Conrad and wife, W. H. Nelson, Esq., and John S. Harris.

Monday morning Miss Bessie Nesbit was driving down Water street. She intended to stop at the postoffice, but, for some reason, the horse she was driving became unmanageable, and would not stop. Miss Nesbit now decided to pull the horse in to the hitching rail in front of Greathead's store, but in attempting to do so, a front wheel caught one of the posts, which brought the buggy to a sudden stop, pitching Miss Nesbit out over the dash to the pavement, and at the same time breaking the crossbar of the shaft. Ed Shimer happened to be near and caught the horse, thus saving any further trouble. Fortunately Miss Nesbit was not seriously hurt.