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## FARMERS WANT

### MORE EDUCATION.

They Ask for Fewer and Better Schools in Rural Districts.

Paragraphs Gleaned from the Report of Discussions at a Recent Farmers' Institute.

Mr. R. M. Kendall of Ayr township, handed to us a few days ago a copy of the Daily Local News, published at West Chester, Pa., containing a report of the talks given in that city by well known educators, at a recent Farmers' Institute. The conditions that exist in Delaware county may be found to a large extent in Fulton, and anything that will awaken greater interest in the improvement of our educational system is to be commended. The speakers all dwell on the fact that the farmer who would be successful, must cultivate his brains as well as his acres.

Mrs. Wallace, who was a writer well known in Western Pennsylvania under the nom de plume, "Aunt Patience," has given much thought to the educational question.

She is not one, she said, who believes that what was good enough for her in her youth is good enough for the children today. She believes that educational methods must advance with other progressive movements, and that upon the thoroughness and excellence of the schools of today depends the status of the men and women of the future.

For several years, said Mrs. Wallace, I was educational editor of one of our Pittsburg newspapers, and it was my duty to visit frequently the large public schools of our city. What I saw there fully convinced me of the value of the carefully graded schools, and proved to that the question of education is one far more important than the culture of alfalfa, or how much corn may be grown to the acre.

The pupils in the rural school are under a great disadvantage under generally existing circumstances, but where townships have adopted the plan of consolidating the schools and transporting pupils to them, the results have been found admirable. Far less sickness prevails among pupils transported in coaches, because wet feet and damp garments are avoided. School attendance is more regular and the schools are able to adopt a graded course and to employ more efficient teachers, placing the country child on an equality with the city child, educationally. In these consolidated schools also it would be possible to introduce successfully the study of agriculture, which is now crowded out of the ungraded school.

Mrs. Wallace said that in her section of the State the idea of the consolidation of rural schools is like the measles, catching, and she hoped that the microbes might travel far and wide over the State until every Pennsylvania farmer shall have become inoculated with them.

If more school boards could be partially composed of good, intelligent women, many a teacher's mind would be relieved of a sore burden.

The establishment of township high schools has been found to be an economical step, as well as one which is in the direct line of progress, and no loyal Pennsylvanian ought to rest until the educational facilities of our State are equal or superior to those of any other State in the Union.

Prof. John A. Hamilton in his opening remarks emphasized the truth of the remarks made by Mrs. Wallace, saying that the children in the little cross roads schools have been for too long a time neglected, and expressing the hope that the time has come for betterment in this respect.

Farmers' Institutes continued the speaker, are the educational

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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Harris, Humbert, Davis, Gracey, Daniels, Myers, (D. H.), and Garland, (A. M.), the Nominees.

The Democratic County Convention brought a number of people to town Tuesday in addition to those who were directly interested in the nomination of the ticket.

At 11 o'clock Chairman Henry called the convention to order in the Court House, and an organization was effected by the election of John H. H. Lewis, of Bethel, chairman, and George Mills of Union, and John Hess of Taylor secretaries.

The list of townships was called and the following persons enrolled as delegates without contest.

Ayr—D. A. Nelson and Joseph B. Mellott.

Belfast—Hayes Morgret and Eli M. Peck.

Bethel—J. H. H. Lewis and Job L. Garland.

Brush Creek—Edgar A. Diehl and Lemuel Smith.

Dublin—Calvin Baker and A. J. Fore.

Licking Creek—R. R. Sipes and Baltzer Deshong.

McConnellsburg—Chas. E. Barton and Chas. F. Scott.

Taylor—A. R. Edwards and John Hess.

Thompson—James Johnston and S. L. Simpson.

Tod—B. Frank Henry and Jacob Long.

Union—A. T. Hill and George Mills.

Wells—Brice Horton and L. L. Cunningham.

The following committees were appointed; on—

Resolutions, L. L. Cunningham, of Wells; R. R. Sipes, of Licking Creek, and Lemuel Smith, of Brush Creek.

Auditing Committee—A. J. Fore, of Dublin; James Johnson, of Thompson, and Eh M. Peck, of Belfast.

On motion it was decided that the convention sit with closed doors, vote viva voce, and that of newspaper representation only the Fulton Democrat should be admitted.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The roll call at a few minutes after 1 o'clock, showed all the delegates in their places, and the chairman announced that nominations were in order.

R. R. Sipes, of Licking Creek township, presented the name of George A. Harris for prothonotary, &c., and this was seconded by Hon. D. A. Nelson, of Ayr. There being no other nominations for the office, Mr. Harris was declared the nominee by acclamation.

D. A. Nelson nominated D. T. Humbert for associate judge, and this was seconded by S. L. Simpson, of Thompson. B. F. Henry nominated John A. Myers and Jacob Long seconded the nomination. At this juncture, notwithstanding the fact that nine delegates had been instructed for Hon. L. P. Kirk, by his direction his name was not presented to the convention. A ballot was taken which showed 18 votes for Humbert and 6 for Myers. On motion Humbert's nomination was made unanimous.

For district attorney, Prof. C. E. Barton nominated Geo. B. Daniels, Esq., and the nomination was seconded by Hayes Morgret, of Belfast. Mr. Daniels' nomination was made unanimous.

There being no other candidates, D. H. Myers and Aaron M. Garland received the unanimous support of the convention for county auditors.

The "tag o' war" came when the nomination for county commissioners was reached. The names of John Stunkard and John Henry were withdrawn, after which Baltzer Deshong nominated William C. Davis, of Licking Creek township; Lem Smith nominated Simon N. Garland, of Brush Creek township; B. F. Henry nominated Geo. W. Wagner, of Tod; A. R. Edwards nominated S. C. Gracey of Taylor, and Eh M. Peck, Sam-

uel D. Mellott of Belfast. The first ballot showed 22 votes for Davis, 8 for Garland, 8 for Wagner, 8 for Gracey, and 2 for Mellott. After the second ballot had been taken, Eh Peck with drew the name of Mr. Mellott. The third ballot showed Garland 9, Wagner 6, and Gracey 5. The 20th ballot showed 10 for Garland, 6 for Wagner, and 8 for Gracey. It was now getting late in the afternoon, and as there could be no hope of effecting a nomination unless somebody would "loosen up", Mr. Wagner went before the convention, thanked his delegates for their loyal support, and stated that he was willing to make any sacrifice for the best interests of the party, and relieved his delegates from any further support to him. The next ballot showed 14 for Gracey and 10 for Garland. For County Chairman, L. L. Cunningham presented the name of James A. McDonough, of Wells, which was seconded by Chas. E. Barton. There were no other names offered and Mr. McDonough was enthusiastically elected.

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## RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Edward Golden and Charles O'Rourke Among the Number.

GOLDEN. Mrs. Alice Golden, wife of G. Edward Golden, and daughter of Ezra Mellott and wife, died May 25, at her home near Franklin Mills, of consumption, aged 35 years, 3 months, and 18 days.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two small boys, father and mother, one sister—Mrs. Riley Lynch—and two brothers—Clayton and Howard—at home.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Services were conducted by Dr. Thompson, pastor of the Warfordsburg Presbyterian church.

Interment in the Presbyterian graveyard at Warfordsburg.

O'ROURKE.

Charles O'Rourke died at his home in Covington, Va., May 26, of consumption, aged about 50 years.

He is survived by a wife and eight children, namely, Ed and James, of Covington, Va.; Warren, of Ridgely; and William, Neil, Raymond, Russell and Ella, at home.

He is a brother of James O'Rourke, of Covalt, Pa.

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Mr. O'Rourke was a former resident of Bethel township, and moved to Covington, Va., about twelve years ago.

Strait—Hann.

Mr. Nevin S. Strait and Miss Rebecca Jane Hann, of this county, were married at Ellerslie, Md., on Monday, May 29, 1905, by Rev. W. C. Brian, pastor of the M. E. church at that place.

They were attended by Mr. Oliver G. Stevens and Miss Lily V. Price.

The party reached Ellerslie at noon and were married at the Ellerslie Hotel.

After the ceremony, the entire party, including the minister, repaired to the dining room and partook of a good dinner.

Mr. Strait and bride, and friends, left at 2:16 on the north-bound train of the Pennsylvania R. R.

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## LOCATES FOUR BEE-TREES.

Fulton County Lady Who is Skilled in Locating Wild Bees.

Everyone who has had any experience in bee culture knows that when a swarm comes out it is likely to alight on a nearby tree or bush; but if a hive is not soon furnished that the young colony may have a home, the swarm takes up its flight to some hollow tree in the forest that had already been prepared against such an emergency.

The finding of bee trees in the woods has always been regarded as fascinating sport, and the hunter was often rewarded by a big haul of the luscious sweet.

Owing to the modern hive, and the clearing out of the timber, bee trees are not so numerous as formerly, and less attention is given to acquiring skill in locating the tree. There is, however, one woman in this county whose well trained ear and clear vision, has enabled her to find four.

The lady is Mrs. J. N. Daniels, of Licking Creek township, and she does not make a specialty of bee hunting either, but when she happens on a "course," the bee had might as well change his place of habitation if he doesn't wish his stores to grace the table of Mrs. Daniels.

A few days ago she and her son George were passing through a piece of timber land. The buzz of a bee attracted her attention, and it took but a short time to find the tree which happened to be on the farm of a neighbor, who cheerfully gave Mrs. Daniels permission to cut the tree when she so wished.

This is the second bee-tree located by Mrs. Daniels this year, and she found two last year.

## TRESPASSING COSTLY.

Violators Liable to Summary Conviction and Fine.

Under the new trespass law of the state, hunters, fishermen, berry pickers, and others who roam through woods and fields, will be liable to a fine of \$10 for trespass. The law gives the owner of any property the right to put up trespass signs, and provides punishment for anyone who enters on the property when such signs are displayed.

Under the old law the only recourse left to the owners of land has been a suit to recover damages from those who trespass on lands where signs had been posted. Because it was in most cases impossible to collect such damages, trespass notices have not been very common.

The new law provides that any person who as much as enters on land where trespass notices are prominently displayed, whether damage is done or not, is liable to be fined, before any alderman or justice of the peace. The fine cannot exceed \$10 and the costs of the prosecution for any one offense.

## HUSTONTOWN.

Dr. A. K. Davis had been confined to his bed several days during the past week with a complication of diseases, but is again able to be out.

Harry Dawney, wife and little daughter, left last Monday for a few days visit with friends in Altoona.

A business meeting of the People's Telephone Company was held in the P. O. S. of A. Hall Thursday of last week.

A surprise party one day last week on Thomas Reeder, composed of Mrs. Emanuel Sipe, Mrs. John Gladfelter and Mrs. Geo. N. Sipe, were in turn surprised when "Thomas" informed them (with a broad grin) of the fact that another boy had come to his place to stay.

Wm. B. Ranck, of Broadtop City, spent Sunday with his family in this place.

Jesse H. Woodcock was in Chambersburg last week being examined for an increase in pension.

## NEW SCHOOL LAW.

Pupils Must Be Taught to Be Kind to Brutes and Birds.

From this time, teachers in the public schools shall spend at least half an hour in each week, instructing their pupils to be kind to animals and birds. The act says that a system of humane education, which shall include kind treatment of birds and animals, shall be included in the branches of study now required by law to be taught in the common schools; such instruction to be given to all pupils, up to and including the fourth grade, of the public schools of the Commonwealth, and to consist of not more than half an hour each week, during the whole term of the school; that no experiment upon any living creature, to demonstrate in physiology, shall be permitted in any public school of the State, and that the principal or teacher in every school shall certify, in each of his or her monthly reports to the school-board, that such instruction has been given in the school under his or her control.

This act shall take effect immediately. Approved by the Governor, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1905.

## BRUSH CREEK.

Clara Hixon left for Buck Valley last Saturday.

Alex McKibbin and Haslet Walters spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near McConnellsburg.

Amy Lodge spent last Sunday afternoon with Ivy Hixson.

Ella Barton spent last Sunday with Esta Akers of Akersville.

Siebert Barton spent Sunday with Clarence Barton.

Quite a number of our young people attended memorial day services at Breezewood.

James Layton, who has been employed in Clearfield county, passed through our Valley last Friday on his way to his home in Whips Cove.

An ice cream supper was given in honor of Howard Duval at his home last Saturday night. Quite a number of the young people were present, and all report an excellent time.

Louie Raughman spent last Saturday night with Pearl Barkman.

Sidney Whitfield spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends at Akersville.

Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, who was spending a couple weeks with her daughter Mrs. Preston Deshong in Everett, returned home last Sunday.

Mrs. Caleb Akers, of Keyser, W. Va., is visiting friends in the Valley.

Mrs. Rachel Kaughman of Broadtop, is visiting friends and relatives in the Valley.

Mrs. Leah Jackson spent the past week visiting her numerous friends.

## NEW ROAD LAW THE GUIDE.

Legal Department Says it Meets all Disputed Points.

Deputy Attorney General Fletch has furnished State Highway Commissioner Hunter with an opinion, in which he says the road law passed by the recent legislature takes the place of the law enacted by the legislature of 1903, and should be taken as guide on all matters of doubt, without reference to any conflicting or ambiguous language in the act of 1903.

The deputy attorney also says the act of 1905 was most carefully prepared to meet the exigencies not provided for by the experience of the two years' operations under that act.

"It was designated," he concludes, "and made a law in order that your department might be strengthened for the splendid work that it is doing in improving the public highways for the benefit of people of the commonwealth."

## AYR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD.

Have Decided to Close One, and Possibly Two, of Their Schools.

The annual meeting of the Ayr township school board was held on Monday. Directors D. A. Nelson and Tobie Glazer, whose term of office had expired, passed out, and Jacob W. Mellott and Harvey Nelson came into the board.

Owing to the fact that during the past year there had been an average attendance of but five pupils in the Meadowround school, it was decided to close that school indefinitely. The attention of the board was called to the fact that the Road school, otherwise known as McNaughton's, was very small; that part of the pupils who now attend that school, could just as conveniently attend the Jughtown, or the Back Run school. The matter of closing that one was considered, and a committee appointed to report at a future meeting. It is felt that the few remaining pupils could be transported at a much less expense, than the keeping open of the school, and in that way the township would have just as good service, and be saved about the cost of one school.

The new board is as follows: president, Dr. W. F. Sappington; secretary, Geo. W. Humbert; treasurer, J. F. Johnston, and the other member, in addition to the new ones named above, is Casper Gress.

Three mills tax was laid—a reduction of one-half mill from last year.

## HOUSE PARTY.

A house party consisting of Misses Gertrude Hoke, Kathryn Cook, Nell Trout, Emily Greathead, and Maye Johnston, spent the time from last Saturday afternoon until Monday morning in the home of B. W. Logue and wife, in Ayr township, as the guests of Miss Estelle Logue.

Not the least pleasant part of the outing was a straw ride Saturday evening down to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sappington at Webster Mills, where they were delightfully entertained during the evening.

## SALUVIA.

A new picket fence around the yard adds much to the appearance of the home of James A. Stewart at Greenhill.

S. S. Newman is suffering greatly from a gangrenous affection of one of his feet.

Milton Cline has completed his new barn, which adds greatly to his convenience, and to the appearance and value of his farm.

Bertha Deshong, of Everett, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ensley.

Mrs. John Hann and grand-daughter are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Kline.

Our farmers are busy cultivating their corn, and ploughing for buckwheat. The cool weather of the past few days has been detrimental to the growing corn.

Our supervisor, Sheridan Hann, has put in several new culverts, and made fills on the roads which adds much to the improvement of our highways, as well as to the comfort and safety of the traveling public.

"Uncle" John Hann is among the very few persons who are lucky enough to have cherries this summer. He has a fine lot of early ones that are just beginning to ripen.

The editor is under obligation to Miss Mary Stenger, of Ayr township, for some of the largest and most delightfully luscious strawberries that he has ever seen. Some idea of their size may be formed from the fact that they averaged in weight eight to the pound.

This is a good time to subscribe for the FULTON COUNTY NEWS. Only a dollar a year in advance.

## 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.

L. W. Funk, of Needmore, was in McConnellsburg last Friday.

Miss Maye Sheets is spending a few days among friends in Philadelphia.

Will Summers and family spent last Sunday in the home of George Sipes and wife, near Hustontown.

Mary Sipes, Minnie Cruthers, and Emma Reeder were guests in the family of Lewis Shaw, recently.

Mr. John Stoner, of Chambersburg, is spending some time with his brothers and sister in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. John Hoover, of Hustontown, spent last Saturday and Sunday in the family of Albert Stoner, of this place.

Miss Myrtle Locke, of Locke's Valley, and Miss Savilla Bowman of Burnt Cabins, spent last Thursday in town.

Samuel W. Hess, wife and little son, Blair, of Belfast township, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Miss Gertrude Sipes is home, after having had a pleasant visit of three weeks among friends at Chambersburg, Hamburg, and other eastern towns.

Helen, the bright little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Grant Hanks at Breezewood, has been spending the past week with her cousins in this place.

After spending a week in the home of Daniel Mock and wife, and with other friends, Speer Appleby left last Thursday morning for his home in Altoona.

Miss Minnie E. Mock, accompanied by her little niece, Eleanor Sinnott, went to Allentown last Thursday to spend a few weeks with the former's sister, Mrs. S. S. Knapp.

Comrades J. Wesley Fraker and brother, Dyson F., of Fort Littleton, were in town last Saturday attending a meeting of King Post, G. A. R., of which they are members.

Nathan W. Mellott, of Whips Cove, recently spent four days as a guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Baugher, at Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Mellott is greatly pleased with that section of the Keystone State.

Misses Carrie and Fannie Grethead, who have just completed a year's work as teachers in the public schools in Hustontown, Pa., returned to the home of their parents, G. W. Greathead and wife, last Saturday, for their summer vacation.

Rev. A. S. Baldwin, presiding-elder of the Danville district, Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, is in the Methodist hospital at Philadelphia for treatment. His ailment has been diagnosed as cancer of the lower bowels and his condition is reported to be serious.

Rev. Baugher has just accepted a unanimous call from the Gulf Christian church at Conshohocken, Pa., to preach another year for them at a salary of \$600. Thirty-five members have been added to the roll of that church during the past year, and a Home Department of 80 members added to the Sunday school.

Miss Dacie Garlick died at the home of her granduncle, Wilson Williams, in Brush Creek Valley, Saturday, May 27th, aged 77 years, 11 months and 13 days. Deceased had been failing in health for some time. Miss Garlick was a devoted member of the Lutheran church for many years and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.