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HEAVY THUNDER STORMS

Pass over This Country Last Tuesday and Wednesday. Heavy Downpour of Rain. Buildings Struck.

GEORGE F. BRANT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The torrid weather which prevailed during the first four days of last week was broken by terrific electrical storms on Tuesday and Wednesday. The growing crops in many places were greatly damaged, fruit trees were blown down, and buildings damaged or totally destroyed.

On Tuesday afternoon the fine new barn on the farm of Milton Kline, in Licking Creek township, was struck by lightning, and badly shattered, and five horses standing in the stable were knocked down by the stroke; but in the course of an hour, the horses came out from under the shock, and do not seem to be much worse for the experience.

The storm Wednesday afternoon was the worst experienced in McConnellsburg and vicinity for a long time—the vivid flashes of lightning and the deafening thunderclaps were enough to terrorize even strong hearts.

Geo. F. Brant, James Truax and Daniel Elvey, who were crossing the Ridge west of town on the Peach Orchard road, were overtaken by the storm Wednesday afternoon, and sought shelter at the barn of Mr. Brant, who lives on the old Oyer farm. The three men were all traveling in one buggy, and when they reached the barn they drove under the "oversho," Mr. Brant remaining in the buggy, and Truax and Elvey going into the horse stable. They had scarcely reached the shelter until a crash of thunder rent their ears—the barn had been struck at the comb, the fluid descending the rafters on both sides, and Mr. Brant was knocked out of his buggy, falling heavily to the ground in an insensible condition.

Mr. Truax immediately returned to town as fast as a horse could bring him, and sent Dr. Mosser to the injured man. After a considerable length of time consciousness was restored to Mr. Brant, and he is in a fair way to recover; but he will likely feel the effects of the shock for a long time. It was a close call. His eyebrows were burned off, a strip of skin from the top of his head extending down one arm burned into a blister, and a hole was burned in his coat and shirt.

The horse he was driving was knocked down at the same time, but recovered from the shock in about three hours.

The house nearly opposite the Presbyterian church in this place occupied by the family of the late John L. Smith, was struck but not greatly damaged. Mrs. Smith who was sick, and at the time lying on the lounge, was greatly shocked; and as she had a very weak heart, it is thought that had much to do with bringing about her death which occurred early Friday morning.

John B. Runyan, and James W. Rummell—each of whom was at his respective home, and Dr. Frank K. Stevens, who was in Charley Scott's store—all received shocks that they will not soon forget.

James Woodai, Sr., who lives on the Andy Washabaugh farm at the west end of town, lost a valuable hog by the storm.

During a storm that passed over the Cove yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock, a thunder bolt dropped down suddenly on the line of the Fulton-Franklin telephone Company, and knocked nine poles, just east of Webster Mills, into smithereens, and for a little further diversion, killed four nice sheep for Ralph Glenn.

The ladies of the M. E. church at Dubhu Mills, will hold an ice cream social and apron sale, Saturday evening, July 8. Proceeds to be expended for the repair of the church. You are invited to attend.

WHOLE HAND AT SEVENTY-ONE.

Oler's Chloroform Theory Will not Apply to Fulton County Citizens.

The theory recently advanced that men have passed their day of usefulness at the age of forty years, and should be chloroformed into "Kingdom Come" when they persist in living to the age of sixty, might become popular with our Maryland friends, but up here in Fulton county, a man is at his best at three score and ten.—As an illustration of the truth of this assertion, Uriah W. Kline of Licking Creek township, who is now in the 72d year of his age, last Friday, on the Tommy Hessler farm, took up a swath in the harvest field, that is, he raked and bound after Frank Hess, a cradler, and kept right up to him with as much ease as in his younger days.

Mr. Kline has a brother (Abram) in Ohio, 88 years of age, and his father, the late Conrad Kline, died at the age of 96.

Uriah says that he has not taken three dollars worth of medicine during his whole life.

ANOTHER TORTOISE.

Skips Around With Initials of Hugh Rankin Cut Ninety Years Ago.

We thought Jacob Kauffman's turtle, mention of which appeared in last week's News, was a record breaker as far as age goes; but it will now be seen that Mr. Kauffman's is only a kid; for David Fulton, who lives on the old Rankin farm in Ayr township, picked up a tortoise in one of the fields on that place a few days ago, on the shell of which were inscribed the initials of Hugh Rankin and placed there in 1815—ninety years ago.

There is nothing in the appearance of the reptile to indicate that it may not live ninety years more, and the turtle does not deny the assumption that it was in the Cove when the first white men came over the mountain in the earlier half of the 18th century.

NICE SUMMER TRIPS.

Fulton County Shippensburg Normal Students Honored by Their Classmates.

It is with pardonable pride that we refer to the fact that when our boys and girls escape from the scrub oaks and tall weeds in Fulton county and get over the mountains among the people, and get the hayseeds out of their hair, their common sense, moral worth, and general intelligence win for them a recognition that might be envied by young people raised in a county that has a railroad. Of the several hundred students at the Shippensburg State Normal during the past session, a Fulton county boy, Harry E. Seville, was chosen president of the Normal Young Men's Christian Association, and a Fulton county girl, Miss Emma Sloan, president of the Y. W. C. A. of the same school. The advantage to these young people does not stop here, for the former, Mr. Seville, was sent to Northfield, Mass., as a delegate to the National Convention, with all expenses paid, and the latter as a delegate to the National Convention of her society, which is this year held at Silver Bay, on the upper end of Lake George, away up in New York state. Of course, Miss Sloan's expenses are paid too, and the young people, not only greatly appreciate the honor, but will much enjoy the trip.

It has, perhaps, not been forgotten that a Fulton county boy, W. Don Morton, was sent to Northfield by the same society last year.

Any of our country friends who may feel the necessity of taking a day off from the cares and anxieties of their daily toil, and spending it in quiet retirement and rest, should come to McConnellsburg on the Fourth. Warranted to do more good than a trip to the woods.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED.

In Attempting to Stop a Runaway Team. Jacob C. Mellott Seriously Injured.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Jacob C. Mellott, of Licking Creek township, went to the Matthew Mellott mill at Owl Creek, to get some grinding done and to get a little lumber. Having loaded his wagon preparatory to returning he left the team standing at the mill while he walked a short distance up the mill race. During his absence, the team became frightened, and dashed away. As they were running in the direction of Mr. Mellott, he had little difficulty in reaching them; but the rein of the bridle broke when he grasped it, causing him to fall. One of the horses stepped on him, and the wagon ran over him. When he attempted to arise, he found that he was helpless. Drs. Hoop and Mosser were summoned and they found a very serious dislocation of one of the hip joints. The two surgeons worked faithfully for several hours, and when they found that the condition of Mr. Mellott was such that he would not stand much more etherizing without a rest, they waited until next day, when with the further assistance of Dr. McKibbin, they succeeded in leaving the unfortunate man as comfortable as the nature of his condition would permit.

THE NATION'S NATAL DAY.

Big Fourth of July at Hustontown. Three Bands, and Distinguished Speakers.

All roads will lead to Hustontown next Tuesday, for the P. O. S. of A. at that place have taken the matter in hand and have completed arrangements for having one of the biggest times in the history of their town. Three bands have been engaged to enliven the occasion with good music, and for the amusement of the great crowd, there will be a big fantastic parade, a base ball game, and in the evening balloon ascension and fireworks.

During the day addresses will be made by Rev. J. V. Adams, and Hon. Jno. P. Sipes—of McConnellsburg; Rev. B. A. Salter, of Hustontown, and Claude B. Reno, Esq., of Allentown.

The citizens of Hustontown are to be congratulated for their enterprise, and we have no doubt that the celebration will be a great success.

Lamberson—Keebaugh.

Wednesday evening, June 21st, at the M. E. parsonage in Hustontown, Mr. Harry R. Lamberson, of Hustontown, and Miss May Keebaugh, near Hustontown, were joined in holy matrimony by their pastor, Rev. B. A. Salter. The bride is the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keebaugh, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lamberson, one of the town's best young men. Their many friends join in wishing them a "Bon Voyage" across the sea of life.

Maude Fields and Joanna Morton, and Roy Morton and Howard Mellott spent Saturday and Sunday at Shippensburg.

Misses Mame Fields and Goldie Winegardner, of Clear Ridge, are the guests of Miss Laura Henry this week.

Among those from a distance, who attended the funeral of Mrs. Alice Smith last Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. John Elvey and son Thomas, of Altoona; Will Cowan and wife, of Foltz; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glass and family, of Chambersburg.

A large company of invited friends from the Borough and the Cove, were delightfully entertained by Daniel P. Trout and his sister, Miss Bess, at the old Trout home, a mile north of McConnellsburg, last Thursday evening. They entertain with all the ease and hospitality of Old Virginia Planters.

DEATH CAME

WITHOUT WARNING.

Elder Thomas R. Palmer Expires Suddenly While at the Breakfast Table Last Wednesday Morning.

ALICE SMITH LAST FRIDAY MORNING.

The many friends of Elder Thomas R. Palmer, a prominent farmer and Baptist clergyman, residing near Needmore, were greatly shocked last Wednesday morning to learn that he had died suddenly.

Mr. Palmer had returned from a preaching tour in Virginia just a day or two previous, and was in his accustomed health, which had been fairly good for one of his years. On Wednesday morning he arose, went about his morning work as usual, came into the house and took his place with the family at breakfast. During the progress of the morning meal, without the slightest warning, his head dropped forward, his body swayed, and had it not been for the care of those near him, he would have fallen to the floor. He was placed tenderly on a nearby couch, but the work of death was complete.

The deceased was a son of David and Martha (Runyan) Palmer, and was born August 27, 1833. His great-grandfather, John Palmer, came from England many years ago; and after spending some time in New Jersey, moved to Sideling Hill, remaining there several years, when he and his family, with the exception of two children, Isadiah and Joseph, went to Ohio. Joseph married Parthenia Pittman, and they had a family of ten children, the oldest of whom was David, the father of the subject of this notice.

Thomas R. Palmer was a most excellent citizen, and the esteem in which he was held, was attested by the unusually large number of persons who attended his funeral.

Mr. Palmer was elected to the office of County Commissioner, and served with great satisfaction to his constituents during the years 1876-7-8. The other members of that board were Enoch Hart and George W. Kesselring, and Smith M. Robinson was their clerk.

Mr. Palmer was a veteran of the Civil War, having been a sergeant in Company H. 158th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia. He was mustered into service November 4, 1862, and mustered out by reason of expiration of term on the 12th of August 1863. The field of operation covered by that regiment extended south as far as Newbern, N. C.; and while they did not see much fighting, their term of service was attended with exposure in other ways fully equal to the average.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, Prof. B. N. Palmer, principal of a Normal School in Cambria county; Dr. J. J. Palmer, of Needmore, and four daughters—Hattie, wife of C. M. Dixon, of Chambersburg; Francis, wife of W. F. Hart, of Needmore; Maggie, wife of J. C. Mellott, of Needmore, and Mattie, wife of J. W. Lake, of Pleasant Ridge. Two brothers, Joseph, of Mount Union, and Elijah N. of Everett, and one sister, Mrs. Morgan Mann, of Needmore, also survive him.

MRS. ALICE SMITH.

McConnellsburg people were greatly shocked last Friday morning upon learning that Mrs. Alice Smith was dead. She had gripped last winter, and it was known to her friends that she had not entirely recovered from its effects, but there was nothing in her condition to excite any alarm.

About eight o'clock, Friday morning the attention of members of her family were attracted by the unusual manner in which Mrs. Smith was breathing, and hastening to her bedside, found her in a dying condition, and she expired a few moments later.

The deceased is the widow of

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

J. George Tittle, Suffers Stroke While Sitting in His Home Friday Afternoon.

Our people were startled last Friday afternoon upon learning that Mr. George Tittle, of this place, had a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Tittle was sitting in his home conversing with some friends who had called, when he felt a strange sensation in the finger-tips of his left hand. In a few moments he was conscious that something unusual was coming over him, and he attempted to rise, and in doing so found that he was powerless to use the left side of his body. A physician was immediately called, and Mr. Tittle was put to bed. Since that time sensation and strength have been slowly returning, and it is hoped that he may soon be able to be out again.

Another Attorney.

As was noted in the court proceedings published in the News, Horace N. Sipes, son of Attorney J. Nelson Sipes, has been admitted to practice in the several courts of Fulton county, and is, also, a member of the Cumberland county bar. Horace has had fine educational advantages, having graduated at the Mercersburg academy after a three years' course; then he spent two years in Dickinson college, and finished by three years more in the law department of Dickinson. With fine natural ability, and the eight years of scholastic training, we predict for our young friend unlimited success in his chosen profession.

the late John L. Smith, and daughter of Norris Elvey, long since deceased. She was born on the 29th of April, 1845, and was married, May 2, 1865. She is survived by nine children, namely, May, wife of Harvey O. Unger; Effie, wife of Samuel Glass; Elhott; Lottie, wife of Edward Grissinger; Rudy, James, Bessie, Minnie and Mertie. All the children live in this place except Effie, in Chambersburg, and Rudy, in Pittsburg. She is also survived by three brothers and a sister—Daniel Elvey, of Tod township; George, of Freeport, Ill.; John, in Altoona, and May, wife of Will Cowan, near Foltz, Franklin county.

Mrs. Smith was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and the funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Wolf at 10:30 Sunday morning, and interment was made in the graveyard at the Lutheran church.

ARTHUR SIMPSON.

Arthur Guy, son of John H. Simpson, of Washington, Pa., and nephew of B. R. Simpson, of Thompson township, died at the Home for disabled soldiers at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 15th of April, 1905, aged 32 years.

Guy lived in the home of his grandparents in this county until he had reached the age of 18 years, when he enlisted in the U. S. navy. After having served the period of his first enlistment, he re-enlisted for a number of years more; but before the expiration of the latter term, he was stricken by consumption, which brought his life to a close.

Guy was well and favorably known in this county, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Henry Bieder, of Denver, Colorado.

ALBERT GORDON.

After a brief illness, Mr. Albert Gordon died at his home in Thompson township on Tuesday of last week, aged about 38 years. Funeral on Thursday, and interment in the old Union Graveyard at Damascus church.

The deceased is a son of William Gordon, and is survived by his wife, and by eight children, namely, Nellie, Blanche, Edith, Rhoda, Russel, and Effie. Three brothers, Scott, John and Fred, and two sisters, Mrs. Stillwell Johnson and Mrs. Biddis Lynch, also survive him.

MARRIED IN MARYLAND.

Bride and Groom Cousins and Could Not Be Married Here.

Last Friday's Hagerstown Morning Herald has this to say about a wedding party from this county:

"Miss Josephine Bergstresser and Mr. William G. Bergstresser both of Waterfall, Pa., drove to this city and were married on Thursday evening by Rev. W. C. Griffith.

"The couple was brought all the way from Waterfall by Mr. J. L. Grissinger accompanied by Miss Rilla Grissinger. The distance is about 60 miles. The start was made from Waterfall at noon on Wednesday and they arrived in Hagerstown about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon when the groom lost no time in securing a marriage license.

"Mr. Bergstresser is a farmer and stated that this is the farthest he has ever been away from home. He was surprised to find such agreeable people in this section and expressed a desire to live here. He said that on the trip down, he passed through some of the finest farming sections that he thought could be found anywhere.

"He explained his reason for coming to Hagerstown to be married by saying he and his bride are slightly related and that under the Pennsylvania laws cannot be married. He was informed that no objection would be raised in Maryland and at once set out on the trip. He had often heard much about the beauty of Hagers town and determined to come here.

"Mr. Bergstresser seemed to take his wedding as a matter of fact, and before and after the marriage was seen calmly conversing to those about him in his shirt sleeves. He is 45 years old while the age of the bride, who is quite attractive, was given as 34.

"They spent the night at the Lands House and will this morning bright and early be on the return trip. They hope to be able to reach McConnellsburg by evening, where they will remain over night and complete the trip on Saturday."

HUSTONTOWN.

D. K. Chesnut came home from Shippensburg State Normal last Friday.

Six candidates were initiated into the P. O. S. of A. last Saturday night.

George Deshong, one of Uncle Sam's employees in Buffalo, N. Y., is spending his annual vacation with his family in this place.

Bennett and John Palmer, near Mt. Union, Pa., spent last Saturday night in this place, on their return from their uncle Thomas Palmer's funeral.

Mrs. Allen Cutchall, of Three Springs, is visiting relatives in this place.

About fifty people took part in the serenading of H. R. Lamberson and wife last Saturday night at the home of the groom's parents in this place.

On last Wednesday afternoon William Weaverling, of Kearney, Bedford county, and Miss Jane Mellott, just married long enough in this place to have Rev. B. A. Salter called to the "Indian Queen" hotel and join them in holy matrimony. After the ceremony, they journeyed on to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Mellott, near Knobsville.

Mrs. B. A. Deavor, near this place, met with a painful accident last Saturday. While walking on a board walk, she slipped and fell, breaking a small bone in the ankle.

J. A. Strite, president of the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike Company, accompanied by Mrs. Strite, drove through here on their way to Bedford yesterday, where they will attend the State Bar Association.

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.

Mrs. Amos Clouser spent Wednesday with Miss Katie Fore.

Mrs. Cyrus Wagner spent Friday afternoon with Miss Katie Fore.

Prothonotary Harris spent Saturday in Chambersburg on business.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., was called to Huntingdon on business Monday.

Miss Euphemia Kerr, of Allegheny City, is the guest of Merrill W. Nace and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith, of Whips Cove, were agreeable callers at the News office one day last week.

Our old friend George W. Chesnut, of Bethel township, was registered at the Fulton House Monday.

Miss Mame C. Goldsmith, of this place, is spending a two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Harrisburg.

Wilson L. Nace, wife, and baby Helen, of Carlisle, spent the time from Friday evening until Monday noon with McConnellsburg friends.

Mrs. Mary Snider, of Dayton, Ohio, and her niece, Miss Sadie Rotz, of McConnellsburg, spent Thursday at the home of Daniel E. Fore, Esq.

Rev. C. L. Funk announces that there will be preaching services at Needmore next Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and at Hill's Chapel at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Rexroth, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Hannah E. Goldsmith, and other friends at this place, returned to her home at Omaha, Nebraska, last Thursday.

Mrs. Virgie Beidleman and little son, Charles, of Harrisburg, who had been spending a very pleasant visit among their many friends in this place, returned to their home last Thursday.

Will Sprowl, of Wells Tannery, and his brother, Jere, who lives in the old Sprowl property at the top of Sideling Hill, on the State Road, spent a few hours in town Monday. Will is building a new house for himself this summer.

Oscar Metzler, a popular young pharmacist of Philadelphia, who had been spending a week's vacation at the home of his parents, George F. Metzler and wife, at Harrisonville, returned to his home Saturday.

Hon. and Mrs. W. Scott Alexander and daughter Maria Dickson, of this place, left on Monday morning for Bedford Springs, where Mr. Alexander will attend the meeting of the State Bar Association in session this week.

Annie Myers, daughter of William Myers, of Ayr township, in returning from the home of Dallas Myers last Saturday evening, stepped on a piece of broken glass, cutting a gash in her left foot about three inches in length and in to the bone.

Mr. Dennis Everts, of Thompson township, was in town last Wednesday. It will be remembered that Mr. Everts narrowly escaped losing his life in an accident at his mill (Hesses') a few years ago, and he says that he has not had very good health since that time.

Thomas Barber and grandson Ellis Kough, of Saltillo, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday. They came down and staid Tuesday night in the home of Mr. Barber's sister, Mrs. D. H. Myers. Tommy is a Civil War veteran, and was here before the examining board for an increase of pension.