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TWO VACANCIES.

All the Schools in the County Have Teachers But Two—One in Wells and One in Brush Creek.

SEXES ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED.

County Superintendent Barton completed his tour of examinations last Friday; and with that the work of selecting teachers for the schools of the various districts was finished, with the exception of two vacancies—No. 4 in Wells, and Locust Grove school in Whips Cove.

Of the eighty-one teachers already selected forty-one are males and forty females. Fulton county is one of the very few counties in the State where the number of male teachers exceed that of female, from the fact that in most sections of the State outside of Fulton, there are better positions open for the young men.

The greatest odds is noticeable in Taylor, for in their eight schools, but one young lady succeeded in landing a prize. Thompson has but two female teachers, and Wells up to this time, but one. There are twice as many lady teachers in Ayr as gentlemen, and in Bethel the score stands five to two in favor of the gentler sex.

The highest salary in the county will be received by W. Don Morton, who has been elected to the Township High school in Wells. McConnellsburg pays two of her teachers over \$35. Outside of the three named all the rest get the minimum salary \$35.

Our reporter neglected to report Salvia among the schools of Licking Creek last week. Miss Dora Deshong will teach that school and S. L. Wink has accepted the vacancy at Needmore.

It will take almost \$3,000 a month to pay the salaries of the teachers. When the boys and girls think of how much it costs to provide a way for them to lay the foundation of an education, they ought to "be good" and make the best use of their opportunities.

The following is a list of the teachers of Taylor, Wells and Dublin.

Taylor.—Hustontown, W. G. Wink; Stevens, H. W. Wink; Cherry Grove, Mabel Abbott; Wiesgardners, W. W. Hoover; Waterfall, Harry Bergstresser; Gracey Frank Hanston; Laidig, Amos D. Peightel; Pine Grove, Thomas Huston. Schools open September 18th. No applicants for examination.

Wells.—High School, W. Don Morton; No. 1 Advanced, Robert Earley; No. 1 Primary, Juniata M. Decker; No. 3, Tillie Stunkard; No. 4, vacant. Schools begin September 18th. Examined four.

Dublin.—Burnt Cabins, Lewis Harris; Mud Level, Emma Lyle; Smith's, Lillian Fleming; Clear Ridge, Elsie Baker; Port Littleton, L. P. Morton; Battle Ridge, D. K. Chesnut; Glantz, Myrtle Stevens; Chesnut's, Harvey M. Spe. Schools begin September 4th. One applicant examined.

Doing the Tramp Act.

E. Percy Runyan, son of Mr. Wm. T. Runyan, and Donald N. Henry, son of Rev. Geo. B. Henry, pastor of Memorial Lutheran church at Shippensburg, Pa., spent the time from Saturday until Monday morning in this place.

The boys are out for a walk.—They left home last Friday morning, and made Fort Loudon the first day. Saturday morning they walked to McConnellsburg. Monday morning they started for Upton, Franklin county, and expected to make stops at Greencastle, Waynesboro, Pen Mar, Gettysburg, and then go across into York county and round up at their Shippensburg home in about three weeks.

They are a pair of mighty good boys and we trust the trip may be one of much pleasure and result in physical benefit.

AS TO NET FISHING.

Close Season From June 20—Law Not Well Understood.

The act of assembly which permits taking of carp, mullets and suckers with a four-inch mesh net after the fisherman has given bond in the sum of \$200 does not become operative until September 1.

The department of fisheries has requested that this statement be published, because the law does not appear to be generally understood.

The period between June 20 and September 1 is a close season for all fish each year and the nets cannot be used until after the latter date.

The bond to be given by the fisherman is to guarantee to the state that all fish other than the three kinds mentioned will be returned to the water unharmed. The net to be used must have a mesh which will never be less than four inches in diameter, wet or dry.

MRS. W. T. NEWELL.

Meets a Hearty Welcome on Her Return to Her Native County.

Mrs. W. T. Newell, of Berthoud, Colorado, is a visitor at the Washington House at the present. Mrs. Newell is the daughter of W. Hays Bradley, and was born in Harrisonville more than half a century ago, while her father was engaged then in merchandising. Many of our readers will readily and pleasantly recall the letters and reminiscences of Mr. Bradley, contributed for the "Democrat" a decade ago, from Colorado, describing the climate, crops, scenery, &c.

Mrs. Newell is a cousin of our townsmen, S. B. Woollet and Jas. Henry, and has discovered since here, a host of other relatives, who insist on a more lengthy stay than she had allowed in her itinerary.

The Newell family lived for many years in Fairfield, Iowa, but was lured to Colorado in quest of health, crossing the plains in an ox team, and were several weeks in transit. Mrs. Newell has a husband, W. T. Newell, who is at present with relatives in the Buckeye State, and five stalwart sons who are successful farmers, and who have made the western desert to "blossom as the rose."

It is a liberal education in matters pertaining to Colorado, to converse with Mrs. Newell, and to listen to her enthusiastic description of the natural beauty of the great silver state, and its almost limitless resources.

WELLS TANNERY.

Miss Una L. Moore, of Santa Barbara, Cal., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. S. P. Wishart.

Mrs. Will Hoke and children of Saxton, spent a part of last week with her parents, W. H. Spangler and wife.

Ray Fessler, of South Fork, is visiting his grandfather, G. H. Fessler.

Glover Horton passed through our town last week enroute to Altoona to seek work. James Truax and W. M. Clippinger also went to the same place to do carpenter work.

Ambrose, Hessel and family have moved to Blair county. His home here is for sale.

Rev. E. L. Kennedy, of Everett, attended the picnic here Saturday.

Eleanor Sipe and Mary Day Foreman visited friends in Saxton a part of last week.

Morris Baker, who has been home a few weeks returned to his work Friday.

Mead Davis, wife and son, of Braddock are visiting Mr. Davis's sister Mrs. G. W. Sipe.

George Grlin, of Port Perry, is visiting her parents, G. W. Sipe and wife.

Will Sprowl and family and Bert Dishong and wife attended Bush Meeting at Gracey, last Sunday.

BIG FIRE AT ORBISONIA.

Several Business Houses, a Hotel, and the Postoffice were Among the Buildings Totally Destroyed.

ORIGINATED IN CONN BROS.' STORE.

One of the most destructive fires that has visited the town of Orbisonia for a long time, broke out in the store of Conn Brothers late last Saturday night. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the inadequate facilities for fighting a fire, the flames had soon gained such headway as greatly to alarm the citizens of the town. From Conn's store, the fire had soon communicated itself to adjoining buildings, and it began to look like the whole town was going. It was a case of life or death and everybody worked with a determined effort, and were rewarded after a hard struggle by seeing the fire area restricted, and the conflagration in check.

The principal places of business destroyed were the Conn store, the Ashman Hotel, which had been repaired and enlarged this summer, John Rowe's butcher shop, Wesley Ott's confectionery, E. J. Brodebeck's meat market, the postoffice building, George Hicks' grocery, H. L. Norris' saddler shop, F. F. Cummins' general store and the residences of Mrs. Margaret Bohinger, F. F. Cummins and D. L. Grissinger. The other buildings destroyed were stables.

The properties of the following persons were slightly damaged: J. M. Steese, Dr. James, Mrs. Reed, the Burns property, R. J. Coons, E. O. Heck and Houck & Chilcote.

The fire cut a swath half a square mile on Elliott street, between Ridgely and Water streets. The loss will reach \$50,000 and is partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known. There being no water works and no fire department, the entire town was threatened with destruction. At daybreak the streets were full of furniture, many people having vacated their homes.

WEST DUBLIN.

Clarence Hoover, of Licking Creek township, spent Sunday afternoon at his home here.

John Hockensmith and H. K. Stevens are employed in Blair county.

Samuel J. Shauf, of Shermans Valley, Bedford county, passed through this place Saturday morning on his way to McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Susan King has returned home after a two months stay with the family of her son Albert in Altoona.

Nearly every one in this vicinity attended the Bush Meeting in Gracey's woods on Sunday. Several good sermons were preached during the meeting.

There were seventeen applicants for the eight schools of our township last Wednesday. Each teacher will see to the cleaning of his own school house this year.

Albert King and family returned to Altoona last Thursday.

Edna Gilliland of Allegheny, is visiting at J. E. Lyon's.

On account of the Bush Meeting at Gracey, there was no preaching at Fairview on Sunday afternoon, and Rev. Salter preached to many of his people on Sunday afternoon at the Bush meeting from the text: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Bernard Foreman has employment with his father James Foreman at Williamsburg, Blair county.

Prof. John N. Deavor has accepted a school at Finleyville, Bedford county.

H. S. Daniels and wife, accompanied by their daughters, Helen and Mrs. J. H. Deshong, left Tuesday for an extended visit among relatives in the West. W. R. Truax has taken charge of Mr. Daniels' business during his absence.

MR. LAUCK'S GIFT.

New Dormitory at Mercersburg Will Cost \$20,000 and be Finished Next Year.

The new dormitory, which is to be built at Mercersburg Academy and to be called Laucks Hall on account of the generosity of Israel Laucks, of York, will be placed under contract within the next six weeks. The foundation will be erected during the coming fall and next summer the building will be finished in time for occupancy at the opening of the academy in September, 1906.—Laucks Hall is Gothic in style.—It will be built of brick with stone trimmings. Many of the trimmings, especially about the towers and the beautiful entrance, will be made of moulded brick.—In designing the building the one idea has been kept in mind of having the rooms as large as possible and furnished with a great deal of light. The building will be 75 feet long and 50 feet wide. It will contain 24 rooms and will accommodate 44 boys and two instructors. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, and will be given a beautiful site on the rear campus.—Franklin Repository.

NEEDMORE.

Charley Gordon took his family to Hancock last Friday to see the elephant.

Report has it that Geo. Pitry was one among the number who lost money at the show to the amount of about thirty dollars.

Floyd and Catharine Hart returned from Chambersburg last Thursday.

Mrs. Matilda Akers, of Sipes Mills, spent Saturday evening and Sunday among friends here.

T. W. Peck and family spent Sunday with Commissioner H. P. Palmer's family.

Charley Kershner has sold his property, reserving one acre on the north end, on which he proposes to build later on.

On account of sickness Elder Funk is off duty, and in consequence, the congregation here was disappointed last Sunday.

Eli Peck and family spent last Sunday with the family of Corder Snider.

John D. Mellott is having his house plastered this week. Charley Kershner is the mud wasp.

The citizens of our district are very hopeful for a successful term of school under the management of Logue Wink, who comes highly recommended.

George Chesnut was here on business last Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Snider and daughter Ada spent Sunday with the family of W. F. Hart.

Mr. Bradford Mason passed through here on his way to Hancock last Monday.

Rev. Martin Powers, of Marion, Ohio, will preach here on Thursday evening of this week.

Miss Nannie Kline of Greencastle, has been visiting in the home of Abraham Deshong near Pleasant Ridge, during the past week.

J. H. Deshong and wife, of Pittsburg, after spending a few weeks with the latter's parents, H. S. Daniels and wife, have returned to their home, taking in the sights of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on their return trip.

B. R. Simpson and P. P. Shives, two of Thompson's enterprising citizens were in town last Saturday. Mr. Shives has in course of erection a fine modern frame house for Mr. Simpson, and at its completion, the old Simpson mansion house that has stood and done service for more than 100 years will be removed. The old house was built by Mr. Simpson's grandfather, Benjamin Pitman.

The sills upon which the lower floor is laid, are hewed square, and placed tight together over the entire area. A modern carpenter would get material enough out of the timber used to make those sills to make a whole house.

GOT BARGAINS.

Big Crowd at Horse Sale Last Friday, but Bidding was Sluggish and Low Prices Prevailed.

OWNERS SAY THEY LOST MONEY.

The sale of horses advertised for last Friday, to be sold at the City Hotel by Forbes and Forney of Chambersburg, brought a large crowd of persons together, but for some reason or other, all of the mules and part of the horses were taken back across the mountain. While the stock was in good condition, generally, the experience our people have had in western stock has not been just the most satisfactory. Most persons felt they would like to own one or more of the horses if they were broken. Twenty-one horses were sold and the prices ranged from \$71 down to \$28.50. The persons who bought were Hanson Sowers, Alex Patterson, Wm. Kellner, Charles Garland, L. G. Schetrompf, George Williams, Herbert Carbaugh, Oliver Mellott, David Harr (2), David Keefe, J. W. Lake, Peter Morton, Miles Mellott, W. W. Fields (2), G. J. Mellott, Wm. Keefer, Daniel Fix, Walter Sappington, Mrs. Frank Mason.

As far as we have been informed every purchaser is pleased. The only bad luck of which we have heard, came to Davy Keefer of the Cove. In attempting to bridle his horse next morning after the sale, the animal gave a sudden lurch, throwing its head to one side so violently that the horse fell dead with a broken neck.

The owners with their help, had a rough experience at Loudon as they were returning to Chambersburg Friday evening as told by Saturday evening's Repository. The Repository says that Forbes and Forney left McConnellsburg about dark, and among others were accompanied by Walter Klipp and Harry Porter, also of Chambersburg. They reached Loudon about ten o'clock, where they decided they would turn the horses in the field and have Mr. Klipp and Mr. Porter remain and take them to Chambersburg Saturday.

Landlord Bair had closed up and retired for the night. While an effort was being made to arouse him, and as the men were standing in front of the hotel with the horses, stones commenced to fly from across the street, one striking Mr. Cressler on the left arm at the elbow and injuring it considerably. The men could not leave their horses to see from whence the stones came. After three or four volleys they ceased and the Chambersburgers imagined the fusillade over. Messrs. Forbes, Forney, Cressler, and Miller later started to go home in two vehicles. About the time they were ready to start the throwing of stones commenced again, and the men drove off rapidly under fire, several stones hitting the horses and vehicles, but fortunately missing any of the men, although one or two struck the lap robes, which the occupants of the vehicles had pulled up in front of them to keep from being hit in the face.

Just what prompted such action on the part of the persons who threw the stones is not known. Their place of concealment is also not fully known, but the Chambersburg men are determined to apprehend them if possible and have offered a reward of \$25, for the arrest of the guilty parties. It is to be sincerely hoped that the persons who made this night attack upon men, who were in no way molesting any one, may be apprehended and punished as they deserve. Landlord Bair was quite indignant over the affair.

Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Tyrone, attended the funeral of Norman Skipper at Greenhill last week.

STARTED FOR HOME MONDAY.

Industry and Frugality in Early Life Open the Way for Rest in Later Days.

After a very pleasant visit of three weeks with his brother Abram and other old time friends here, Mr. Jacob Runion, of Belle Center, O., left for Orbisonia, Monday afternoon, where he will spend a week or two with friends, and then go on to his Ohio home. Mr. Runion is a native of this county, but went to Ohio many years ago, where by native thrift and industry, he now finds himself in comfortable circumstances and is taking life easy. He finds much pleasure in travel, and has been in most of the states and territories of the Union, as well as in Canada. He spent last winter in Florida, during which time he ran over to Cuba and ate his Christmas dinner in Havana.

Mr. Runion says that he was very agreeably surprised at the sanitary condition of Havana, and instead of its being like Chinatown in San Francisco, it is one of the cleanest cities he has ever visited. "Why," said Mr. Runion to our reporter, "they sweep the streets every day and scrub them every night."

Mr. Runion believes in the doctrine of "The Simple Life," and says that under ordinary circumstances, young people who are willing to be industrious and saving during the earlier part of life may generally have enough put by to take the latter part of life in comparative ease.

MRS. HENRY GORDON, DEAD.

Daughter of the Late Jonathan B. Snider and Eldest of a Family of 16 Children.

Martha Ann, wife of Henry Gordon, of Thompson township, died on Wednesday evening of last week, aged 59 years, 9 months and 20 days. Funeral Friday afternoon; sermon preached in Damascus church by Elder C. L. Funk, and interment made in the old Union graveyard at the church.

Mrs. Gordon had been a sufferer with heart disease for about four years, but her condition immediately preceding her death was not such as to cause any apprehension on the part of her family.

Mrs. Gordon was a daughter of the late Jonathan B. Snyder, of Thompson township, and the eldest of a family of sixteen children, ten of whom are living, namely, William at Johnstown, Pa.; Ellen, wife of Zechariah Shives, at Fairview, Md.; Jane, wife of James Johnson at Brewers' Mill; Jesse B., John, Thomas, George, James and Jonathan; and Asenath, wife of Cyrus Mentzer, of McConnellsburg; also, besides her husband she is survived by the following children: Laura, wife of Newton Phenic, of the Little Cove; Alice, wife of Grant Mentzer, of Thompson; Bessie, wife of H. W. Wink, Hustontown; and George, Lemuel and Annie at home.

Mrs. Gordon was a most highly esteemed woman, a devoted wife and mother, and her loss will be sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Miss Olive Grissinger has just returned from the Mountain Summer Assembly at Ebensburg, Pa., where she took a special course of instruction in primary teaching. Miss Grissinger is greatly pleased with the Assembly work.

After having been in McConnellsburg a month, during which time he fitted glasses to the eyes of many of our most intelligent and critical people to their entire satisfaction, Dr. Jenkins leaves to-morrow morning for a few days rest and recreation at Atlantic City, after which time he expects to spend a week or ten days in Everett in the practice of his profession. Dr. Jenkins is all right, his work is all right, and his prices are all right.

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.

S. A. Nesbit spent the past week at Brooklyn, and New York on business.

Merchant G. J. Mellott, of Gem, attended the horse sale at McConnellsburg last Friday.

Milton Mellott and daughter, Vernona, spent a few hours at McConnellsburg last Friday.

Frank Daniels and lady friend Miss Olive Stoutteagle, spent last Thursday at Mont Alto.

John Hoover, of Chambersburg, is taking a ten days' vacation at the Washington House.

Samuel McElhaney, a well known stock dealer of Hustontown, was in town on business Friday.

Ernest Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg on business Saturday.

Emory Pittman, of this place, left for Pittsburg last Thursday, where he expects to find employment.

Scott Dickson returned home last Thursday, after a very pleasant visit among friends at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. James Van Dyke, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rexroth, at the Fulton House.

S. H. Shauf, of Broadtop township, Bedford county, spent a few hours in town last Saturday, and made the News office a pleasant call.

J. Clayton Hixson, an enterprising farmer and lumberman, of Union township, was in town attending to some business last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trout, and daughter Helen and little son Boyd, of Mercersburg, were the guests of Mr. Trout's sister, Mrs. Jacob Comer, Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Downes and son, Glenn, of Clearfield, Pa., have been the guests of Hon. and Mrs. S. Wesley Kirk during the past week. Mrs. Downes is a sister of Mr. Kirk.

G. H. Engle, a lumber and coal man, of Indiana, Pa., accompanied by Uncle John Hann, of Salvia, were in town last Friday evening. Mr. Engle owns considerable timber land in this county.

Mrs. William F. Greathead, her son Arthur Williams Greathead, and her sister, Miss Helen M. Cook—all of Morton, Delaware county, are guests in the home of J. W. Greathead and wife, of this place.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred F. Waldo and their little daughter, Josephine, are spending a few weeks at the Washington House. Mr. Waldo is the pastor of the Central Presbyterian church at Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myers and their sons Russell and Claude, of Hancock, Md., drove up to McConnellsburg last Saturday morning and were the guests of the family of Mrs. Myers' brother, Geo. W. Hays, until Monday noon.

Dr. W. F. Teeter, wife, daughter Estella, and son William, of Chambersburg, were calling on their many friends in this place one day last week. The Doctor went home, but the other members of the party are spending sometime here.

Wm. E. Shepard, of Troy, N. Y., is visiting the scenes of his boyhood here after an absence of several years. Mr. Shepard used to have his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Eckert, and went to school in McConnellsburg. During the past twenty-two years he has been with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad company.