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Well Known People Who Have Been Summoned to Their Eternal Home. The Aged and the Young.

DEATH NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

DAVID R. EVANS.

David R. Evans, one of Belfast township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home near Needmore last Friday night, and his remains were interred in the graveyard at the Dunkard church on Pleasant Ridge on Sunday.

Mr. Evans was born on what is known as the Dennis Mellott farm in Belfast township, April 14, 1834, and was consequently, aged 71 years, 5 months, and 12 days. He spent his entire life in the township in which he was born, was a quiet industrious farmer, and enjoyed the highest respect of all who knew him. He was frequently chosen as school director, but never had any ambition for public office.

For several years he has been in failing health, and suffered greatly during the last few days of his life.

Mr. Evans was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church, and his funeral sermon was preached by his pastor, Elder C. L. Funk, who was assisted in the services by Rev. J. C. Garland and Rev. John Myers, of the Dunkard church.

Several years ago he was married to Miss Harriet, daughter of Jonas Mellott and wife, who survives him.

With the exception of his brother N. H. Evans, of Thompson, David is the last member of the Evan Evans family. The high esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the large number of sorrowing friends who followed his remains to their last resting place.

MISS ALTO LAKE.

Miss Mary Alto Lake, daughter of James M. Lake, deceased, and Mary (Correll) Lake, died at the home of her brother Joseph W. Lake at Pleasant Ridge, this county, at noon last Thursday.

Miss Lake was born May 23, 1886, and, therefore, lived 19 years, 4 months, and 5 days.

On account of a warm friendship existing between her and the family of Mr. S. F. Staver, of Bedford, Miss Lake during the latter part of August went to Bedford to assist in nursing Mrs. Staver, who was suffering from a severe attack of acute indigestion.

Sunday, the 7th of September, Miss Alto felt slightly indisposed; Monday a physician was consulted. Tuesday, she told the physician that if he thought she was likely to fall into a protracted illness, he should tell her as she wished to be taken to her Fulton county home. He said he would give her a definite answer Wednesday morning. Wednesday morning came and he advised her, that if she wished to make the trip to go at once. A comfortable two-horse carriage was procured with a careful driver, and accompanied by Miss May Stiver she went home. Miss Lake continued to grow more ill, and in one week and one day from the time she reached home (the home of her brother) she was a corpse.

Her sudden taking away was a great shock to her friends for she was greatly esteemed by every one who knew her, for her quiet agreeable manner. Her pure christian life won for her the confidence and love of all who knew her. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, and interment made in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. James Logue, of the Christian church, of which she was a faithful member.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Lake, and by her brother, Joseph W. Lake, merchant at Pleasant Ridge, and by

two sisters, Miss Rhoda, and Bessie, wife of A. Grant Shoemaker, near McConnellsburg.

MARTHA A. DESHONG.

Mrs. Martha A. Dishong, of Belfast township, departed this life on the fourth day of September, 1905, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 23 days.

Mrs. Dishong's maiden name was Clevenger—a daughter of the late George Clevenger. She was married twice—the second time to James W. Dishong, who died about fifteen years ago. Eight children survive, namely, Mary, wife of William H. Wink, of Needmore; Lucinda, wife of George A. Mellott, of Kansas; Lucina, wife of David Forner and Jimena, wife of R. A. Skiles—the two last named of Hustontown; Minerva, wife of George R. Hoop, of Andover; Sadie, wife of Lewis Mellott, and Jordan and George Dishong on the home place.

On the last day of August she was visiting at the home of her daughter Sadie, and was on the porch in the act of wiping her hands on a towel when she was suddenly stricken with apoplexy, fell to the floor unconscious, and remained in that condition until death came four days later.

Her remains were laid to rest in the graveyard at the Siding Hill Christian church, and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Powers, of Needmore, who preached from a text that she had chosen years ago, to be used on the occasion of her own funeral, and may be found in Romans 15: 22-23.

Mrs. Dishong was a member of the Christian church for many years, and is now in that home for which she has long been waiting. She leaves one brother, Jacob W. Clevenger, of Iowa, who came to see her, but was too late. She had passed away. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was kind to everybody, loved her neighbors, and always seemed to worry about those that were in affliction of any kind. She was ready when the Master called, and only four days were given that her relatives could go and see her.

A Friend.

MRS. SARAH E. KELLER.

Mrs. Sarah E. Keller, widow of John D. Keller, died September 14, 1905, aged 54 years and 10 months.

Her maiden name was Ambrose—daughter of Jacob Ambrose, of Licking Creek township—and she was married to John D. Keller, who died about 14 years ago in the same township.

Mrs. Keller had been failing in health for two years, but about four weeks ago, she took her bed. She was buried in the Dunkard cemetery at Pleasant Ridge, by the side of her husband. Her pastor, Rev. J. C. Garland, preached the funeral sermon.

She is survived by three sons, one daughter, one brother and one sister; Harry, of Hustontown, at whose home she died; Allison, in Blair county; Bert, at home, and Ardella, wife of William Cutchall, near McConnellsburg.

All were present at the funeral except Allison. Her brother Jacob lives in Gettysburg, and her sister, Susan, is the wife of George Stouteagle, in Licking Creek township.

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Comrade Scott S. Hann, of Webster Mills, was in town last Saturday. Mr. Hann has had good luck with his summer crops. While farming on a small scale, he has already "dug" 85 bushels of potatoes and has more, and a little patch of buckwheat gave him 42 bushels. Last spring he sold a bushel of Snowflake potatoes to Wm. M. Kendall for seed, from which Mr. Kendall has just gotten 42 bushels. Mr. Hann says that Mrs. Frank Deshong raised a sweet potato, 8 inches in length and 15 inches around the short way.

LOOK OUT FOR TROLLEY.

C. G. & W. Officials, with Gentlemen from Mercersburg and McConnellsburg, Met on Mountain Last Wednesday.

VISITORS DELIGHTED WITH SCENERY.

The following report of a meeting held on top of Cove mountain, is copied from the Franklin Repository.

An electric railway may be built from Greencastle to Mercersburg and thence over the mountain to McConnellsburg, says the Chambersburg Repository. The route is not physically impracticable for such a line and it is thought could be made pay well. The money to build it, it is thought, can be secured.

The first steps toward the consummation of the scheme, were taken on Wednesday when gentlemen interested went over the route, men from Chambersburg, Mercersburg and Fulton county, all business men and experienced to a considerable degree in such matters.

The result of the conference was the raising of sufficient money to defray the cost of preliminary surveys, upon which further action will be based.

President W. Rush Gillan, Directors R. W. Ramsey M. D., David MacLay M. D., H. B. McNulty, of town; D. M. Good, of Waynesboro, of the Chambersburg, Greencastle and Waynesboro Electric Railway Co., went to Greencastle Wednesday and thence drove to Mercersburg. They were there joined by Messrs. H. W. Byron, A. Bruce Lauderbaugh, D. F. Metcalfe, Chas. F. Fallon and James C. Rankin, of that place.

After a conference the party took teams and drove to the Gap and deflected to Stony Batter, the birth-place of President James Buchanan.

From there they passed over Cove Mountain and met, on the summit a party of McConnellsburg gentlemen who were there by appointment to meet them. The Fulton county men were: Dr. W. L. McKibbin, J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., M. R. Shaffner, George B. Daniels, Sheriff Alexander, Daniel Grissinger, James Henry, Prof. Charles F. Barton, Mr. Wollett and Frank Taylor and with them were Capt. G. W. Skinner and Coroner W. F. Skinner, M. D., of Chambersburg.

A lunch was served on the mountain top and the entire project discussed by the capitalists present.

The outcome was the determination to have the preliminary surveys made as soon as possible, over the several routes suggested, one over the turnpike, now owned by the C. G. & W. company, the other via Foltz to a point on the Chambersburg & Bedford pike near Loudon.

When the surveys are concluded the question will be further considered and action based on the figures derived from the data obtained will be taken.

The gentlemen interested are enthusiastic over the project and all indications appear to be favorable for the ultimate financing and building of the line.

The local people intend only to build to Foltz, or the Gap. There at Buchanan's birthplace, Stony Batter, they have an option of 100 acres of mountain land at that historic spot, an ideal location for a park. In fact there has been a sort of a park in that locality for many years.

The idea then would be to have the Fulton county people build their part of the line from McConnellsburg to Foltz and there connect with the other branch.

The gathering took place at Linton, the name of a big rock on the top of the mountain from which a glorious view of Fulton County's valley can be obtained. Speeches were made by Messrs. Byron, Good, McKibbin, Sipes, Skinner and others.

One thing brought out was that acting upon a suggestion made by Fulton county people a man of

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaz Clevenger Meets Instant Death Last Sunday Morning.

DOUBLE BARRELED SHOTGUN DID IT.

A most distressing accident occurred at the home of Ahimaz Clevenger, tenant on the farm of Thos. F. Sloan, Esq., a mile south of McConnellsburg about seven o'clock last Sunday morning, in which his little daughter Beatrice aged about two years lost her life.

The story as nearly as we can learn is, that Mr. Clevenger has lately been greatly annoyed by some one stealing his chickens at night. Thinking that he would give some of those midnight prowlers a scare, he loaded his double barreled shotgun and placed it in his bedroom. Sunday morning the family arose as usual and the father and mother went to the barn to do the milking, leaving their eleven-year-old daughter, who is a bright womanly little maiden to take care of the younger children and to get breakfast under way. The children were all downstairs. While about her work for some reason, her two little brothers one aged seven and the other nine went up stairs to their father's bedroom, and they were followed by their little sister. There was nothing in this to attract the attention of their sister, until some time thereafter, when she heard the report of a gun, and sound as though something had fallen to the floor. She at once called the parents, who came running and when they reached the bedroom were horrified to find their little baby daughter prostrate on the floor quivering in death with the whole top of her little head shot away.

How the accident occurred will, perhaps, never be known. The gun was found lying on the bed, one hammer up and one down. The boys say they do not know how the accident occurred. They do not remember having touched the gun.

The parents are distracted with grief and have the deepest sympathy of everyone.

Interment was made in the Union cemetery Monday afternoon.

The "News" All Right.

Blair B. Truax, who holds a responsible and lucrative position with a traction company in St. Louis, in remitting a dollar for another year's subscription, says: "Although I have access to the best newspapers the country affords, I peruse no one with so much avidity and interest as the Fulton County News."

CITIZEN.

Rev. A. G. Wolf was at Webb Seville's one day last week.

George Seiders, wife, and family, John Seiders, and Benjamin and George Butterbaugh were at William Seiders' Sunday.

Mrs. Garland and sister Mrs. Riley, of Cumberland, visited in the home of George Unger Sunday.

John Clevenger of Hustontown, on his way from cutting corn in Franklin county, staid one night last week at Riley Garland's.

Oliver Peck, of Timber Ridge, was the guest of Michael Peck's one night last week.

Rev. Spriggs preached at the Valley church Sunday and had a large attendance.

Mrs. Reed is slowly improving.

Chambersburg now, a native of Fulton county, started the United Telephone Co., Chambersburg Trust Co., the C. G. & W. Ry. Co. and the Norland Park Land Co., all of which are very successful and made money for those who took part in them.

At the top of the mountain, where Linton Rock is, the Fulton county men own nearly a thousand acres of ground where another fine park could be placed.

THE IN TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

Court Convened Monday Afternoon. An Unusually Large Number of Out-of-Town People Are Here.

CAME TO RATHER ABRUPT CLOSE.

The ringing of the Court House bell at two o'clock Monday was signal for the setting in motion of the wheels for the grinding out of the usual grist of court business for the fall term.

President Judge S. Mc. Swope and Associates Nelson and Bender were on the bench.

The first item of business was the calling of the constables, who made their usual returns. Constable of Ayr said a guard rail was much needed at the Kendall bridge on the Cove road. The Thompson township constable reported a demand of certain citizens in his township for a foot bridge at Anthony's fording.—Court awarded process.

The grand jury was now called and all responded and were sworn in except S. W. Hart, who has removed from the county. Jonas Lake was appointed foreman, and after having received the usual instruction from the court, retired to the grand jury room to consider the bills in the hands of the District Attorney.

Petition of Ann Humbert for guardian. D. T. Humbert appointed. Bond \$800.

Widow's appraisal in estate of Conrad Glazier, Sr., deceased. Same approved and ordered to be recorded.

Estate of Sarah Deshong late of Ayr township, inventory of personal and real estate of said decedent taken by Ella and Ray Deshong under exemption laws. Approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Charles W. Campbell vs. Mary J. Campbell. Subpoena in divorce. M. R. Shaffner, Esq., appointed master.

Estate of Stephen F. Keepers late of Taylor township. Widow's appraisal of personal and real estate approved, and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions are filed inside of twenty days.

Estate of Morgan Burton, late of Bethel township. Widow's appraisal approved and recorded unless exceptions are filed inside of twenty days.

Estate of Matthew Pittman, late of McConnellsburg—Widow's appraisal approved and ordered to be recorded, unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of Sarah I. McKibbin, late of Union township. Rule on Edward T. Taylor, to show cause why real estate should not be sold for payment of legacies. Rule made absolute.

Estate of George W. Comer, late of Dublin township. Widow's appraisal approved unless exceptions are filed inside of twenty days.

Estate of Eva C. Eckert, deceased. Writ of partition. Rule on heirs to come in and take or refuse to take real estate at appraisal, awarded.

Estate of Emeline Bivens, late of Wells township. Order for sale of real estate for payment of debts awarded.

Accounts were taken up as follows:

First and final account of D. T. Humbert, administrator of c. t. a. of the estate of Rachel Humbert, late of Ayr township, deceased. No exceptions. Account confirmed.

First and final account of M. R. Shaffner, esq., administrator of Geo. W. Deshong, late of Ayr township. No exceptions. Account confirmed and Horace Sipes, esq., appointed auditor.

First and final account of Hon. W. S. Alexander, executor of Geo. C. Scott, late of McConnellsburg. No exceptions. Account confirmed and S. W. Kirk, esq., appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Mrs. Ella Foltz, executor of the last will

and testament of Sabina Lape late of Union township deceased. No exceptions—same was confirmed.

Commonwealth vs. Ira Smith charged with assault and battery. Case settled upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Brice Hann, charge f. and b. Process awarded. Petition of Geo. W. Wagner, guardian of Vergie Hammil for permission to join in conveyance of real estate. Permission granted by the Court.

Estate of Jeremiah Gulden, Jr., a minor asking allowance to Margaret Gulden for bills for sickness, &c. Order made for allowance. Grand jury not having found any bills and council in civil cases not being ready court adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9 a. m.

Court called Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. General panel of jurors called. Grand jury reported true bill in Com. vs. G. C. Melius. At this stage Melius's counsel offered a motion to quash the array of grand and petit jurors on the ground that the jury wheel had not been sealed with wax at the time of filling in October, 1904, nor after the drawing of the jury for March term of court. It developed that the jury wheel, after having been filled last October, had been sealed with mullage and locked, and not sealed with wax as the law demands. It was also shown that the jury commissioners had not been provided with wax or dies, and that the jury commissioners and sheriff had done just as their predecessors had been doing all these years. There was not a thing to do but close the court and wait until next term, and the jurors were sent home.

Estate of Elizabeth Crider late of Wells township. Return of sale of real estate made by Jas. A. McDonough, executor to B. F. Crider. Confirmed.

Exceptions to report of Auditor in the estate of Magdalena Pott, argued. To be decided at chambers.

Sarah E. Layton vs. James S. Akers. Petition asking leave to amend action. Motion allowed. Petition of J. K. Garlick for leave to pay money into court. Geo. A. Harris ordered to invest money in Trust Company.

Estate of Rebecca Pott. Petition asking Mrs. Eliza B. Crosby, executor to give bond in not less than \$1,000. Rule to show cause awarded.

Petition of the overseers of the poor of McConnellsburg for rule on Vincent H. Prosser to show cause. Rule awarded returnable at January court.

Estate of Susau C. Unger, late of McConnellsburg, return of rule on heirs to take or refuse to take real estate. Heirs called.

Appeal of County Commissioners, from the Auditors' settlement, argued. To be passed upon at chambers.

Appeal of J. A. Irwin from settlement of his account as Treasurer and Collector of McConnellsburg School District for year ending June, 1905. M. R. Shaffner appointed to take testimony.

CLEAR RIDGE.

The weather has been very warm the past two weeks.

Howard Baker and wife, of Mapleton, are visiting friends here.

Annie Winegardner visited the family of John Kerlin, Sunday.

C. L. Henry is adding a great improvement to his new house by putting a coat of paint on it.

Jacob Winegardner and James Fields went to the County Seat, Monday morning.

James McElhany lost a valuable horse last week.

Jacob Winegardner, wife and daughter, Inez, visited Mrs. Winegardner's mother, Mrs. Hannah Brown, Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Henry and son, Merrill, visited friends at Maddensville, Saturday and Sunday. Grandmother Baker is still suffering with paralysis.

The Ladies' Aid Society of this place will hold a convention in the Hall, Saturday, October 7th. Everybody is cordially invited.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings. Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Samuel Gaster, James Benson and Harry Bergstresser, of Waterfall, were in town Monday.

Lloyd Guhn and wife, of Clearfield, are visiting among friends and relatives at Needmore and vicinity.

Albert Hays, of Allegheny City, is visiting his parents, Geo. W. Hays and wife, on West Water street.

Clarence L. Sipes, of Pittsburg, is spending some time in the home of his parents, J. Nelson Sipes and wife.

H. Stally and wife, of Washington, D. C., and two of their children, are the guests of D. V. Sipes and wife.

Mrs. Frank St. Clair, of Washington, Md., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, of this place.

Calvin Starlipper and daughter, Mary, of Woods, Franklin county, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Wolf, Monday.

Miss Mary A. Snider, of Waynesboro, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George W. Hays, and other friends in this vicinity.

Abram G. Anderson, wife and son, Samuel, of Homestead, Pa., are spending a few days this week among their many friends in this county.

Mrs. W. H. Peck, of Gem, brought her husband to McConnellsburg, Monday, and spent a few hours in town. Will is on the jury this week.

Elmer Ramsey, merchant at Clear Ridge, was in town yesterday, and informed us that he had not sold his store and could be found doing business at the old stand.

Geo. W. Decker and wife and their daughters, Luella and Mrs. Howard Hollenshead, and the latter's little daughter, Lena, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Charles W. Seville, son of Amos Seville, of this place, and who is at present principal of the public schools in Broadtop City, was recently awarded a free scholarship in the Veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, by Governor Pennypacker.

Parker R. Skinner, of Chambersburg, who entered the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, last Thursday, has been placed on the Dickinson football squad. Mr. Skinner has had football experience at Mercersburg and Washington and Jefferson and is a good back field man.

Mrs. Elijah Barton, of Minneapolis, Minn., who had been called to Saxton, on account of the dangerous illness of her mother, Mrs. Susan Austin, was visiting her brother, Harry E. Austin, at Saluvia, last week, and spent Thursday night in town, enroute to Chambersburg, where she will spend a few days with her brother, P. R. Austin, before returning to her Western home.

"Some Pumpkins."

Clear Ridge, October 3.—We notice in the "News" that there had been some big pumpkins raised this year. J. Bart Stevens who lives along the banks of Wood-earbridge about 14 miles from Clear Ridge, had on one vine 53 pumpkins—the heaviest weighing 33 lbs., and all of them together weighed 624 lbs., making an average of 12 lbs., to the pumpkin.

Mr. Stevens understands the agricultural business pretty well, having some of the finest potatoes that we have heard of yet—one weighing 1 pound and 10 ounces; another, 1 pound and 7 ounces. If there is any one that can beat it, let us hear from them through the columns of the "News."