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## DEATHS OF THE WEEK.

Mrs. W. S. Dickson, Mrs. Sue Austin, Mrs. Charles McGeehe and Others.

### "YE KNOW NOT THE DAY NOR HOUR."

MRS. W. S. DICKSON.

Our people were shocked last Wednesday evening as the sad intelligence was passed around that Mary, the wife of William S. Dickson on the well known druggist of this place, had died a few minutes before. Mrs. Dickson had been in weakened health a long time but it was not generally known that her condition was worse than usually. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, and a very large number of relatives and friends followed her remains to their last resting place in the family lot in the graveyard at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Dickson was the eldest daughter of the late John M. Sloan of Tod township, and was born on the last day of January, 1851, and, hence, was aged 54 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

Mrs. Dickson was a member of the Presbyterian church, and a woman of lovely christian character—always thoroughly interested in every thing pertaining to the welfare of the church; and before failing health prevented, was always found in her place in the Sunday school, missionary society, Ladies Aid Society, and every other meeting where her presence or influence might add to the advancement of the cause of Christ. In her home she was a gentle loving wife and mother; and while she has been called from earth, she will still live in the hearts of the loved ones left behind.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters and two sons—Alice, wife of Merrill W. Nace, of the Fulton County Rank; Mark, who holds a lucrative position with the Standard Oil Company in Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Jessie and Scott at home. The following brothers and sisters also survive, namely, Thomas F. and William A. and Misses Marian and Jessie, of this place; George and Logan, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Clarence, of Port Huron, Michigan.

MRS. CHARLES M'GEEHE.

Laura, wife of Charles McGeehe, a merchant at Burnt Cabins, Pa., died last Saturday, aged 46 years, 5 months and 1 day. Funeral on Monday, and interment at Knobsville.

Mrs. McGeehe was a daughter of the late A. J. Fore, Esq., a wealthy and influential farmer of Tod township, and her mother was a daughter of Josiah Allen, the well known proprietor of the Allen Hotel on the turnpike between Loudon and Chambersburg, and a famous stopping place for wagoners during the early days of the last century, when the pike was the great thoroughfare between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Mrs. Mary Allen, who died a few years ago in McConnellsburg, was a step-grandmother, on her father's side, of Mrs. McGeehe.

Twenty years ago, last month, Laura was united in marriage to Mr. Charles McGeehe, of Virginia, and since that time she and her husband have been residents of Burnt Cabins. Six children were born to them, five of whom are living: Ruth, Roy, Julian, Wallace, and Eddie, the youngest six years of age. Besides these children and her husband, she is survived by one brother and one sister, namely, A. J. Fore of Burnt Cabins, and Ida, wife of David Gipe, of Chambersburg.

Mrs. McGeehe had been in declining health during the last ten years, and for the last five years has been a great sufferer. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a thoroughly good woman. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Whitman, and

her remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

MRS. SUSAN AUSTIN.

Mrs. Susan Austin died at the home of J. M. Sipes, who is married to Jennie King, a niece of Mrs. Austin, in Saxton, Pa., on Monday. Her remains were brought to the old Austin home at Saluvia, now occupied by Harry Austin, yesterday afternoon, from which place the funeral will take place this morning at ten o'clock, and interment will be made in the cemetery at the Greenhill Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Austin was a daughter of James King, Esq., a well known hatter in McConnellsburg, a half century ago, and she was born about eighty years ago. During the latter part of the 60's she was married to John Calvin Fletcher, a prominent citizen of this place and after enjoying a short period of married life, they were separated by the death of her husband which occurred November 1869. About three years later she was married to Major Rowland Austin at Saluvia, and again became a widow when Mr. Austin died about eight years ago.

Mrs. Austin possessed an excellent Christian character and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends.

She had been in declining health for several months and her demise was not entirely unexpected.

MORROW.

Mr. Ephraim Morrow, known to many of the people in the Cove, died at his home near Bakers-town, Allegheny county, September 30, 1905, aged about 75 years. Mr. Morrow was a brother of Mrs. J. Walker Johnston and of Mrs. Margaret Kendall, both of Ayr township. Two brothers survive, namely, Daniel and Lot, both of Allegheny county.

MASON.

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason died on Monday evening, aged seventeen days. Funeral Tuesday afternoon, and interment in the family lot in the Union cemetery.

That Same Buzzard.

A few days ago Frank Shives, a farmer residing near Sharpe postoffice, on Timber Ridge, caught a buzzard, with a bell, greatly resembling a sheep-bell, attached to one of the bird's wings. Mr. Shives heard the tinkling of a bell one evening, and upon investigating, discovered a buzzard hovering near the spot where he had that same day slaughtered a beef. Mr. Shives caught the buzzard in a trap, released the bell from the bird's wing, and it flew away greatly relieved, as the strap which held the bell had nearly cut the bird's wing off. On the bell is this inscription, "S. B. Allen, Ala., June 1903." Mr. Shives has the bell and also the strap in his possession, and any person wishing to see them can have that pleasure by calling at his home. Mr. Shives expects to keep them as relics. The buzzard had been previously seen in Warren township, Franklin county.

Local Institute.

The teachers of Dublin township held their second educational meeting for this season, at Smith's school, last Friday evening. The house was called to order by the teacher, Lillian Fleming, who appointed D. K. Chesnut, chairman, and Miss Abbott, secretary. The children of the school rendered some very good recitations for which they deserve much praise. Institute adjourned to meet at Battle Ridge in two weeks.—Mabel Abbott, secretary.

Hon. George A. Smith, who came up a week ago to attend court, returned to his home in Tennessee yesterday accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. M. Cline.

NEWSPAPER SOLD.

Public Opinion, one of Chambersburg's Leading Journals, Changes Ownership.

From the Valley Spirit, we learn that on Monday forenoon negotiations were concluded, whereby Walter B. Gilmore, son of Col. James B. Gilmore, and A. Nevin Detrich, a member of the staff of the Opinion, become owners of that newspaper. They are to take possession the latter part of the present week. John W. Hoke, editor of the paper, will practice law in Chambersburg. Charles E. Hoke, who is the business manager, will resume active management of the New Franklin Elevator, with which he has been connected for a number of years. It had been one of the plans of Mr. Hoke to take up active journalism in Philadelphia, but he feels there is a place for him in the ranks of the Franklin County lawyers.

The Opinion is one of our most welcome exchanges, and the new management has our sincere wish for success in their venture. Our relations with the Messrs. Hoke have been most cordial, and we regret to see them retire from the field of journalism.

BABY RUN.

Mrs. Joseph Sipes has just returned from a visit among relations and friends in Bedford county.

Fernando Decker, wife and two sons Raymond and Edward spent last Sunday at Geo. W. Decker's.

Mrs. Fernando Decker and son Russell had an accident Friday evening which might have resulted seriously. While coming from Harrisonville, just at Bert Hann's gate, the team became scared at an approaching bicycle and springing to one side of the road began rearing and jumping. With some difficulty Russell succeeded in getting them quieted down. But the result was a broken wagon tongue.

Quite a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of C. H. Mann last Wednesday evening to celebrate the sixteenth birthday of Miss Anna Mann. Those present were John Mumma, wife and daughters Julia and Mary; Bert Hann, wife and daughters Grace and Marie; Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Anna Hann, Mrs. Barber and daughter Nettie; Uriah Kline, Sam Truax, L. C. Mann, wife and children; Mrs. Maria Mann, Dora Deshong, Ella Mann, Edna Hann, Blanche Schooley, Eleanor Betz, Ada and Lewis Decker, Richard Schooley, Norman Salkeld, Isaiah Kline, Ned Mellott and Lee Decker.

Dr. James M. McKibbin, of Buck Valley, is reported suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. His father, Dr. W. L. McKibbin, of this place, went down to the Valley yesterday, to take care of the young doctor's practice.

Joseph B. May, the well known rustic chair manufacturer of Bedford, accompanied by his son Ellis spent Monday night at the Washington House, on their way to the Hagerstown Fair. From the Fair they intend to drive to Gettysburg and returning visit Mr. May's sisters—one at Orbisonia and one at Mount Union.

Mrs. Kate Shoemaker, formerly of Hustontown, writing from Portland, Oregon, under date of September 29, says: "I left Astoria, Pa., in a Pullman car on the fourth day of September, arrived in Chicago the next day. Left Chicago at 5:42 p. m., September 2nd, arrived at Salt Lake, at 4:45 p. m., September 7th. Reached Portland, September 20th on a fine steamer which brought me on the Columbia river from Dalles 110 miles distant. On the 27th I took a trip of 110 miles on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad to the Pacific ocean. Made the trip alone. Am 68 years of age to-day."

## CONFLICTING LAWS.

Judge Fanning Decides Vaccination Law Not Compulsory On the Part of Parents and Guardians.

CANNOT ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Dr. H. X. Bonebrake, the health officer for Franklin county, has received orders from Dr. Samuel Dixon, the State Health Officer, that the law about having certificates of vaccination must be enforced in Franklin county and he has been instructed to make a tour of the county and attend to having the law strictly enforced and in event of violations to cause the arrest for the misdemeanor of the responsible parties.

This looks very much like the State health officers are in earnest about the enforcement of the law requiring teachers to see to it that their pupils have been vaccinated. There seems to be very little doing in the matter in this county. Teachers are going ahead with their work and waiting for something to drop. They realize that they are in a very unpleasant position. They know what the law is, and so do the parents; but to send pupils home who do not have a certificate of vaccination would be to offend the parents in many cases, and to bring the teacher into unpleasant relations with his patrons at once.

We heard a leading teacher, a day or two ago, say that he would rather pay his fine than send a pupil out of school for not having a certificate of vaccination. Of course a teacher could not keep that up very long on \$35 a month salary. Another teacher said: "I would be entirely willing to enforce the law in my school if the other teachers in my township would do so; but if I do it and they do not, the parents in my district will get down on me, and say, 'if other schools can get through without it, why cannot ours?'"

The naked fact is, that the law exists. Teachers are required not to admit any pupils who do not present a certificate from a physician, showing that vaccination has been made. Neither teacher nor parent had anything to do with the making of the law, and to ignore it is to run the risk of paying the penalty.

No sane parent should censure a teacher for observing the provisions of the law; and, especially, when it is likely to cost him cash not to do so. Unless the teachers are willing to take chances, they should all act in concert in the matter. They need not wait for instruction from the county superintendent or school directors, neither of whom have anything more to do with it than the supervisor. It is up to the teacher to enforce it or take chances.

The matter is the subject of general discussion all over the State, and there is much opposition to the law; not that vaccination is regarded as a bad thing, and yet that is held by some prominent physicians. People do not like the idea of being coerced.

The compulsory attendance law says you must send your child to school and the vaccination law says the teacher must send him home (if he has not been vaccinated.) "Condemned if you do, and condemned if you don't."

Some light was thrown on these two statutes, particularly that relating to vaccination, in an opinion by Judge Fanning, of Bradford county. In a case brought before him, growing out of the two conflicting statutes, he has decided, "that the vaccination law is not compulsory; that the option is left with the parent or guardian whether the child shall be vaccinated or not, subject to the penalty that if the child be not vaccinated, it shall be debarred from the privileges of the public schools. He further holds that the compulsory education law requires the parent to send the child to school; when he has done so the requirements of the statute have been met. The act does not require him to make the child eligible by compelling him to undergo vaccination. If the authorities refuse to admit the child for want of a certificate of vaccination, as they have a right and are bound to do, this is a complete answer to a prosecution under the compulsory education law."

Probably Judge Fanning has found the best way out of the difficulty. If his decision stands, however, parents who do not desire to send their children to the public schools will have a very easy way of evading the compulsion of the law by refusing to have them vaccinated.

Whatever may be said about the vaccination law having been made in the interest of those who produce the virus, or of the doctors who do the vaccinating, we believe the general observance of the law would be for the best interests of society; and we believe those who secured its passage, and those who are striving to enforce its provisions, are acting in good faith. It may be attended with a little trouble and expense to have a doctor vaccinate the members of your family; and their sore arms may interfere with their regular duties for a few days; but after it is all over, and your children can walk into school and claim a place and, at the same time, not make the teacher liable to a fine—when you will not feel a sense of dread every time you hear of a case of small pox within a hundred miles of your home for fear it will get into your family; or, every time any of them go away from home that they will contract it on a railroad train, in a hotel, or on the street—you will be glad you are all vaccinated, and the sense of security will be worth all the time and trouble.

BURNT CABINS.

Mrs. Nettie Matbias and daughter, Helen, of Somerset, are visiting John A. Naugle's.

George Wise and family moved back to Burnt Cabins, last Saturday, from Fort Littleton. George has bought Wm. Robinson's blacksmith tools, and is going to work in Robinson's place. Robinson is going West.

Esleie Kling, wife and two children, of Fayetteville, are visiting at Benson Kling's.

Died on the 3rd inst., Johnnie, son of William and Dora Robinson, aged 11 months and 23 days. Mrs. Lizzie Welch and daughter, Alice, and Ida Cowan, spent last week in Harrisburg.

Jones Appleby and family, of Pittsburg, are visiting friends here.

Bessie Reese, who is teaching school at Willow Hill, Franklin county, spent Saturday night and Sunday at her home.

Mr. Cunningham, of Millersville, spent Monday night at J. C. McGowan's.

George Murphy and daughter, Maggie, and Edward Horton, returned home on Saturday evening, from Windber, where they had been working for some time.

HIRAM.

Most of our farmers have begun to husk corn.

Howard Kirk and sister, Margaret, spent Sunday at Hustontown.

Mrs. J. V. Deaver is visiting her daughter, and other friends at Williamsport, Pa.

John Hockensmith, who has been employed at Williamsburg, came home last week.

Harrison Wagner and family spent Sunday with his brother, near Hustontown.

Listen for Wedding bells. C. F. Shaw left for Tyrone, Blair county, where he has secured employment.

A number of young people attended the party at G. W. Taylor's Wednesday evening.

Reuben Mellott, of Johnstown, Pa., is visiting his mother Mrs. Ellen Mellott.

## Woman's Relief Corps Inspection.

Inspection officer, Mrs. Mary A. Zinn, of Mechanicsburg, last Saturday evening inspected King Corps, No. 18, of this place. Part of the interesting ceremony of the occasion was the initiation of a new member, Mrs. Harry Hamill to the privileges of the Order.—Mrs. Zinn visited McConnellsburg and instituted this corps in June, 1904, and expresses her enjoyment of the trips and admiration of our mountain scenery; she was the guest of her friend Mrs. E. R. McKibbin until Monday.

CLEAR RIDGE.

The farmers of this vicinity have commenced to husk corn.

The Old Maids Convention was well attended Saturday evening. Bert Winegardner and Lou Kerlin visited J. Bart Stevens' Sunday.

Harry Wible, and Joe and Calvin Baker returned Sunday afternoon to their work at Fannettsburg.

Mrs. Miller and son Glenn visited J. W. Mowers' family and Mrs. R. E. Browa Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Cromwell is on the sick list.

Ran McDonald and wife of Kearney, visited the family of Jacob Winegardner Sunday evening.

Ada Fleming accompanied her uncle John Campbell home Sunday evening.

Bert Winegardner is painting the dwelling of John P. Kerlin.

Joshua Heeter of Colfax, is visiting in this vicinity.

Robert Gallaher of near Burnt Cabins, spent a few days the past week with his daughter Mrs. Bruce Ramsey.

Bart Stevens had a corn husking last Friday and a dance at night.

Mrs. Lizzie Berkstresser, of Center, visited her brother J. K. Woodcock recently, who is in very feeble health.

James Deavor and son Clarence of Woodvale, passed through here on Saturday with two fine ponies that had been purchased at Dry Run.

Mabel Abbott teacher of Cherry Grove school, spent Friday night and Saturday with the family of T. E. Fleming.

George Berkstresser of Pittsburg, spent a short time last week with his uncle J. C. Woodcock.

M. J. Campbell of Shade Gap, visited his sister Mrs. T. E. Fleming on Sunday.

Della and Oma Cutchall of Mt. Carmel, passed through here on Saturday.

Harrison Locke of Brownsville, passed through here Saturday on his way to Knobsville.

Robert Fleming, who conducts a blacksmith shop at McConnellsburg, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his parents here and was accompanied back by his brother John who will assist him in his work.

Clarence Nesbit of McConnellsburg, spent Saturday night with the Ramsey family.

B. J. Wilds, wife and Grace Wink attended the play given in the Hall Saturday night by the Aid Society.

Mrs. Catherine McClain, accompanied by Lula Brown is visiting her daughter at North Point.

Mrs. Annie Carmack and Nora Heeter made a business trip to Satillo last Thursday.

Henry Huston, wife and son Earl; Mrs. Bert Sipes of Hustontown, and Mrs. Ura Fink of Yellow Creek, visited H. T. Heeter and family last Sunday.

Mrs. Simon Deshong of Pleasant Ridge, is spending a few days with relatives in Bedford county, while her husband is on a business trip to Eastern Maryland.—Dame rumor says Mr. Deshong has purchased a farm on the Eastern Shore, and will shortly bid adieu to friends and neighbors in Little Fulton. He has disposed of his farm to Isaac Layton of lower Belfast.

## 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

Mr. A. W. Goff, of Wilkensburg, spent a few days in this place last week.

Thomas J. Truax, of Needmore, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Leslie W. Seylar, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is spending a few days in McConnellsburg.

W. E. Bair and Isaiah Kline, of Saluvia, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg Saturday evening.

D. B. Nace, of Chambersburg, came over last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. S. Dickson.

Melvin Young and James Sheck of Hollidaysburg, are in the county this week, examining some tracts of timber.

Mrs. David R. Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, spent Friday in this place, where she disposed of a load of produce.

S. E. Peck, of Bedford, has been spending the past few days the guest of his brother, the editor of the "News."

Jesse B. Heefner, wife and little daughter, Olive, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town one day last week.

Miss Netha Nesbit is spending two weeks very pleasantly at Clear Spring, Md., the guest of Miss Grace Whestone.

Jacob Comer and wife, of Mercersburg, spent Sunday with Mr. Comer's parents, Henry Comer and wife, of this place.

Mrs. Jennie Miller, of Hustontown, and her sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, of Clear Ridge, spent a day at the county seat last week.

S. A. Nesbit, who had been spending several days in Harrisburg last week on business, thoroughly enjoyed the festivities incident to Old Home week.

Mrs. Maria C. Mann and daughter, Mrs. Mae Bair, of Saluvia, and L. C. Mann and wife, of Everett, spent last Wednesday at the county seat on business.

A. L. Shaw and daughters Edna and Mary, of Gracey, were guests in the home of Assistant Postmaster W. A. Sloan, last Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, of this place, left last Saturday morning for a four weeks' visit with their daughter, Mrs. George Fockler, in Johnstown, Pa.

Mark Lodge, one of Brush Creek township's well known young men, spent Saturday night in this place, the guest of his brother-in-law, Hon. S. W. Kirk.

Ed D. Shimer and Herbert McKibbin, of the Republican office, spent last Thursday, Friday and Saturday taking in the sights of the Old Home Week in Harrisburg.

Mr. George Sloan and Mark Dickson, of Buffalo, N. Y., were called here last week on account of the death of Mrs. Dickson—the former's sister and the latter's mother.

Mrs. Harry A. Thompson and sister-in-law, Miss Minna D. Thompson, of Tyrone, are guests in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, East Water street.

Mrs. George B. Daniels and two younger children, and Miss Carrie Stenger spent a few days during the past week in the home of Mrs. Daniels' brother, George Fox, in Franklin county.

Harvey Comer, wife and two children, Lela and Viola, spent part of Saturday and Sunday with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Pittman, at her home on East Water street.

Mrs. M. B. Trout, who had been visiting among relatives and friends in the eastern part of the State during the past five weeks, returned to her home in this place Monday evening.