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## ANNUAL LOVE FEAST.

Celebrated at McConnellsdale German Baptist Church in Tod Township Last Saturday Evening.

### LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENT.

The special services held by the German Baptist Brethren at McConnellsdale church, a mile and a half north of McConnellsburg, Saturday and Sunday last, were of unusual interest and attracted a large audience. It was the occasion of this annual love feast, which partakes of the character of a reunion of the members of many churches in this county, as well as those of Franklin and Bedford, and means the giving of the "glad hand" of welcome and the kiss of close fellowship to every member, no matter how low his station in life.

The first session consisted of the preparatory service looking forward to the participation in the impressive services of Saturday evening. The sermon was preached by Rev. Jacob Keller, who also preached on Sunday morning.

Much disappointment was felt in the absence of Rev. Brumbaugh, of Saxton, whose efforts are much appreciated in the pulpit. Though on hand and "eager for the fray" he was obliged on Sunday morning to leave for home in charge of a sick wife.

On Saturday night the beautiful and impressive ceremony of footwashing was held in which each member, by the washing of "one another's feet" attest his willingness to perform the humblest service for his brother.

After that the members gathered around one common table and partook of the lamb, bread, butter and water, in commemoration of the Last Supper. This is the great social feature of the occasion, and goes far toward knitting the many members into "one body." The partaking of Holy Communion followed, and was a most impressive scene.

A noticeable feature was the great number of children present. Every carriage held its precious weight of little ones, who seemed to enjoy these sacred object lessons with wide-eyed astonishment and reverence, and no annoyance was experienced by their childish prattle, or restlessness during the service.

How very refreshing and restful it is in this era of hurry and rush and bustle to study these people of plain garb, and simple habits of life, whose activities are, for the most part, directed only toward the "things that are worth while."

### Terrapin Hogs.

These are not Berkshires, but resemble somewhat Chester Whites or Jersey Reds. They belong to the genus homo and are seen in this county only during the hunting season. They take their name from the fact that much of their time while here is spent along the banks of the creek that passes down through the farms of the Cove, capturing terrapin. We are informed that these reptiles have during past seasons been caught by the barrel and shipped to Eastern Markets and put on sale. Put up trespass notices and enforce the law.

### FULTON COUNTY ARTIST.

Grover Cleveland Kirk Wins Second Prize at Hagerstown Fair.

Of one hundred and fifty persons who entered specimens of work at the Hagerstown Fair, in pen and ink sketching, the second prize was won by Grover Cleveland Kirk, son of Hon. L. P. Kirk, of Bethel township. Grover is a natural born artist, and we predict that he will some day occupy a prominent place among leading cartoonists.

Mrs. M. W. Nace and her sister, Jess Dickson, spent several days the past week visiting friends in Chambersburg.

## WHAT WAS BAER AFTER?

President of Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co. Was in This County.

It is true that George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad was a recent visitor to Fulton county; and while the distinguished gentleman usually travels in his own private palace car, he, on this occasion, discarded all conventionalities, came up the Cumberland Valley in a day coach, and rode across the mountain to this place from Mercersburg on the back. We presume that he paid his little seventy-five cents fare just like the other passengers, yet we could not state positively that there was not an exchange of courtesies between the heads of the two transportation companies.

As Mr. Baer's visit here was a hurried one, he did not have time to call on us for advice, or give us his plans, hence anything that might be given with reference to his visit, would be purely guesswork on our part, and it was not our purpose to say anything about it until we found out something definite; but as the matter has gotten into print in our neighboring county, Franklin, we give the following from a Mercersburg correspondent of Public Opinion of last Friday. The correspondent says—

"The question uppermost with many people here at present, and not only with people here, but in McConnellsburg and other parts of the county hereabouts, is what will be the outcome of the visit to the top of Cove Mountain, last Friday, of George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad? Mr. Baer's visit was unostentatious. He was accompanied by his civil engineer and at McConnellsburg was met by Frank Taylor, another civil engineer, who has been employed on many important pieces of work, including the United States topographic survey.

"President Baer came to Franklin county without any furs or feathers and riding in a common day coach, instead of the private car in which he usually travels. Only one supposition can be accepted as right, that he did not want news of his presence to become public property. There are those who believe that he was here to decide upon some vast engineering project, as a result of which the Reading will gain an entrance to the coal fields of West Virginia. This may be a correct guess, as measurements of several hills were taken.

"President Baer with his engineer, reached Chambersburg on Friday afternoon, and the time between trains was spent at the Cumberland Valley station, where he was not recognized. He and his companion reached Mercersburg that evening and took the stage for McConnellsburg. The next morning, having been joined by Mr. Taylor, the party set out on foot for the mountains, taking with them papers that looked very much like maps or blue prints. From McConnellsburg they went to the top of the ridge between that place and Fort Loudon. Here it was that figures were gone over and President Baer scanned the hills and valleys with the critical eye of the professional builder of railroads. His eye also wandered out over the valley, toward Shippensburg, where is the southern terminus of the Reading road.

"After talking about a tunnel here or a cut there and other such matters, that apply only to railroads, the three men footed it back to McConnellsburg, and President Baer and his companion partook of a dinner and went by stage again to Mercersburg and there took the train for Philadelphia.

"This item of news is important. It is no secret that the big railroads are fighting for the business from the soft coal fields, and it is believed that the Reading may pass through Franklin,

## DOWN IN JERSEY.

Good Farms, Good Markets, Good Roads, and a Good Chance for Farmers.

John C. Brewer, a former Thompson township farmer, who sold off and went west, and not liking the country, returned and bought a farm near Pennington, N. J., in writing us a few days ago enclosing a dollar for another year's subscription to the "News" says that if any Fulton county farmer is not satisfied with results here, he should pull up stakes and go down to New Jersey. Mr. Brewer says there are some good farms that can be bought at a right figure, and farms that can be rented to advantage.

Several persons from the vicinity of Shippensburg have recently purchased farms in New Jersey, and every stranger that goes in, is pleased with the prospects.

R. M. Kendall, of the Cove, was down to see Mr. Brewer, who, by-the-way, is Mr. Kendall's son-in-law. Mr. Kendall says that he never saw finer roads; and the land, he says, is a mixture of red slate and sand and very productive if taken care of, and just rolling enough to drain nicely, not a bit stony, and no hills to be in the way.

Speaking of the markets, Mr. Brewer writes that eggs bring 36 cents a dozen; butter, 30 cents a pound; dressed chickens, 18 to 20 c. per lb.; potatoes, 65c.; pork, 7 to 9c.; veal calves, 7 to 8c. a pound live weight; hay \$12 to \$14 a ton, and rye straw, \$15 a ton.

## WON THE ROCKER.

Mary Eitemiller Made a Close Guess on Number of Seeds in Prize Pumpkin.

Mary Eitemiller, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eitemiller of McKeesport, Pa., recently won a fine mahogany rocker, she being the nearest guesser of the number of seeds in a prize pumpkin in the window of one of McKeesport's big stores. Six hundred and ninety-one was the exact number of seeds in the pumpkin, and Mary's guess was 689.

## CLEAR RIDGE.

Roy O'Connor, of Mapleton, spent the past week with his uncle and aunt, Calvin Baker and wife.

J. H. Fleming and son Harry, of Sallito, are spending a few days with the former's brother here, and are doing some hunting.

Mrs. H. P. Grove has just returned home after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. James Deavor, at Woodvale.

Myrtle Anderson has gone to Tyrone, and secured employment. James Henry, of the Cove, passed through here Saturday, and spent a little time with the Winegardner family.

Sarah Grove, who had been in Pasadena, California, after spending four months with her parents, W. J. Grove and wife, left on Monday. She will visit her sister, Mrs. Clyde Hockenberry, at Pitscairn, Pa., before going further.

Calvin Henry and wife spent Sunday at J. P. Kerlin's; as did, also, Bert Winegardner.

Elmer Ramsey has sold his merchandise to his brother, Taylor Ramsey, and Luther Grove. Luther moved his goods out of his room into Ramsey's.

Fulton, Bedford and Somerset counties, on Pennsylvania right of way, and thus checkmate the intentions of the Wabash to reach the Philadelphia and New York markets another way than through Baltimore. The recent fight between Gould and Ramsey may have had much to do with this scheme.

Until further facts are learned people of this section will continue to wonder, but there is little doubt that big railroad projects are in the air.

## SCOTT HULL

Tells of Loveland, Colorado, and of the Big Thompson Valley, a Rich Agricultural Section.

### THEIR BIG BEET SUGAR FACTORY.

We received a letter a few days ago, from D. S. Hull, a former McConnellsburg boy, and son of Isaac Hull and wife, of this place, enclosing a dollar for another year's subscription to the "News," which, he says, he enjoys very much.

Scott has charge of the warehouse in a big beet-sugar factory in Loveland, Colorado, and says he likes his work and the place; but, still, he thinks there is no place any nicer to live in than old McConnellsburg.

Loveland is located 69 miles north of Denver and has a population of about two thousand. It is up in the air more than twice the height of the top of Cove Mountain, having an altitude of 5240 feet, while that of McConnellsburg is but 859.

Loveland is comparatively a new town, having been incorporated less than twenty-five years ago. It is situated in the Big Thompson Valley, one of the richest agricultural sections of the United States.

Wm. C. Davis, not our commissioner Billy, has a farm of 240 acres. Last year he had 69 acres which averaged 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, and 23 acres that averaged 68 bushels. The Gerritsen brothers, on a farm just east of Loveland, had 33 acres of wheat last summer which yielded 2,145 bushels, or an average of 65 bushels to the acre. Single acres have been selected where the yield was 75 to 80 bushels.

All kinds of fruits do well there.

Land can be bought from \$25 to \$150 an acre, depending upon location. Many choice farms can be bought at \$40 and \$50.

Loveland's great industry, however, is her beet sugar plant.—This enterprise, which gives employment to several hundred people and places hundreds of thousands of dollars in the pockets of the farmers, was not obtained without a determined pull, altogether, of the citizens of the town some five or six years ago.

Capitalists were invited, but in each instance, they demanded that a liberal amount of local capital should be put into the enterprise, and after repeated trials and failures, the citizens succeeded in placing \$45,000 in money and land in the hands of the capitalists, and the plant was installed. Everybody there now is heartily glad for the sacrifice they made in raising the money and feel that their donations shall be returned to them many fold.

One of the conditions of the contract was, that the farmers agreed to raise 3,500 acres of sugar beets for three years. The company well knew that if the farmers would raise beets for three years there would not be any danger in the supply falling off; for an acre yields from fifteen to twenty-five tons of beets, and the farmers received \$4.50 a ton for them. To show that the company was not disappointed in its expectations, this year 8,000 acres were planted.

It is said that a conservative estimate places the net profit to the farmers of about \$45 an acre on land cultivated in beets.

The plant this season expects to grind 160,000 tons of beets, from which they will make 16,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Four hundred and fifty hands are employed, and every twenty-four hours are used 400 tons of coal, 60 tons of lime rock, 15 tons of coke, 400 to 500 lbs. of soda, and 1200 to 1300 tons of beets are ground.

After the beets are ground and the juice is extracted, from which the sugar is made, the pulp feeds thousands of cattle and sheep

## UNEXPECTED CALLERS

Make It Very Pleasant for Miss Sara Grove at Clear Ridge.

Last Monday evening, Miss Sara Grove, who recently returned from California, and who has been visiting her parents at Clear Ridge, was packing her grip, preparatory to taking leave for the western part of the State, had her attention attracted to the door by a gentle rap, and upon opening it, she found her friends, Ephraim Anderson, wife and their son Owen, who had just called to say "good bye." A few minutes later, B. S. Fleming came in a great hurry to say that he had heard that Miss Sara was going away in the morning, and that he would be glad to have the pleasure of asking her to the railroad station. Our reporter does not say whether Miss Sara granted him that pleasure or not, for, before anything more could be said, the door swung open and, in there came, a pushing, crowding mob of laughing younger and older people, and then it dawned upon Miss Sara that she was the victim of a surprise party. O well, they made taffy, pulled taffy, ate taffy, and gave Miss Sara taffy, until she was led to believe that she really had a place in the affections of her old-time neighbors and friends.

The party was made up of more than thirty guests, and at a late hour, bade Miss Sara "good night," wishing her a pleasant journey, and delighted with her ability to entertain.

## COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Strong Corps of Instructors and Lecturers Will Be Here.

The Fulton County Teachers' Institute will be held in McConnellsburg during the week beginning Monday, December fourth.

The instructors and lecturers are nearly all strangers, but from the work they have been doing in this and other states, we feel that a very able corps of workers has been provided.

The instructors will be Dr. Byron King, of Pittsburg; Dr. J. C. Willis, Lexington, Ky.; Prof. C. H. Gordiner, Shippensburg; Prof. W. M. Rife, Shippensburg; and Prof. H. M. Griffith, Wells Tannery.

Musical Director, Rev. J. V. Adams.

Pianist, Miss Gertrude Sipes.

The evening lecturers and entertainers are: Monday evening, Dr. Byron W. King, "What Fools Ye Mortals Be!" Tuesday evening, The Odeon Male Quartette as-isted by Miss Nettie Jackson, reader. Wednesday evening, Dr. Chase, "Why? or the Problem of Life." Thursday evening, Dr. Gray, "Three P's in a Pod."

Arrange your work in time so that you can attend most of the sessions of this great literary feast. The institute is becoming better and better with every succeeding year.

## OCTOGENARIAN GONE.

Mrs. Anna Maria Oyler Dies at the Age of Eighty-Three.

Mrs. Anna Maria Oyler, widow of George Oyler, died at the home of her son, Samuel Oyler, in Tod township, on Wednesday of last week, aged 83 years. Funeral on Friday, and interment in the graveyard at Bethlehem church.

Mother Oyler was a consistent member of the United Brethren church for a period of sixty years. She is survived by four sons and two daughters, namely, Samuel and John of Tod township, Jacob, of St. Thomas, Franklin county; James, living in Kansas; Margaret, wife of George Allison, and Mary Jane Miller, both of Mercersburg.

The company itself fattens about 15,000 head of sheep every year.

Scott says the difference between eastern and western towns is, that out west they do things

## IT WAS OUR MICHAEL.

Miss Nora A. Conrad, of Pittsburg, Contributes the Following:

"Having deeply at heart the interests of Little Fulton, I am sending you the following excerpt from an article which appears in 'Ad Sense,' a magazine published in Chicago. The article appears in the October number of this magazine, and is written by a young man formerly of our sister county, Franklin. He does not state, however, that this happened in Little Fulton, and probably the world at large might not be interested therein, if he had said so.

"The article is entitled, 'From Farrow to Family, a story of the development of Grain Handling Machinery.' It deals with primitive and modern methods of harvesting, threshing, milling, and all the other processes through which grain goes before reaching its predestined source, and becoming mental or physical energy. The portion which caught my attention, however, is as follows:

"Back in 1857 a modern Hercules, six feet, three inches tall, and weighing 230 pounds, swung a cradle from sunrise until sunset. At evening time, twelve and one half acres, by actual survey, had fallen before his mighty sweep. From far and near the people assembled to see him accomplish this thirteenth labor, the wonder of the agricultural world. Bareheaded, he took no solid food during the day, but every two hours drank beef broth.

Without halting, even at the noon hour, he forged ahead, cutting a swath eleven feet wide and five feet deep, making an average of 22 clips a minute. The product of this remarkable day's cradling was 4,380 sheaves of wheat, yielding 262 bushels of grain. The labor of four men was required for two days, to bind the sheaves. When it is known that three or four acres of good wheat, yielding 1200 sheaves, was a good day's labor, this record seems almost incredible, and yet it is strictly true, confirmed to the writer by eye-witnesses, and the cradler known personally to him. This man was the best of the great army of human machines that garnered grain in days gone by."

Unless the traditions of my childhood play me false, this refers to Capt. Cromer, of beloved memory, and if the foregoing is of any use to you for the NEWS, you are more than welcome to it.

Sincerely yours,

NORA A. CONRAD.

## HUSTONTOWN.

Michael Low, of Greensburg, Pa., who has spent several vacations in Fulton county, hunting, visited Dr. A. K. Davis last week. He reports 1 turkey the first day of the season.

W. H. Rank, of Broadtop City, while on his way home, to visit his family in Hustontown, saw a strange fowl on the opposite side of Bergstrasser's dam, near Waterfall. He succeeded in killing it, and wading across the dam, he found he had killed what he supposed to be a mammoth mud duck. He also killed a rabbit, and fed it to Keller's cat. William says game is as scarce as candidates.

William Wagner has sold his farm to Bert Sipes, and will move to Robertsdale, on Wednesday of this week.

Henry Huston has purchased two ferrets, with which he expects to give his rats some trouble.

Rev. B. A. Salter, after spending a few days on business in Shamokin, Pa., has returned.

D. K. Chestnut and W. W. Hoover attended the educational meeting at Chestnut's school, Friday evening, of last week. They report a very interesting and profitable session.

Jacob Mottler, wife, and daughter, Ade, spent last Sunday in the home of Zack Vallance.

## 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

Sadie Hann of Chambersburg, is visiting relatives and friends at Saluvia.

Dawson Strait of Gracey, was a visitor in this place, last Monday.

Albert D. Hohman of Pittsburg, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hohman.

John Reed, wife and daughter Mary, spent last Sunday with the family of Daniel B. Mock, in Tod township.

Mrs. George Garner, of Altoona, is spending a week or two in this county visiting among her relatives and friends.

Rev. S. J. Pittenger, of Harrisville, spent last Friday in town the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams.

Mrs. Ada Hann, of Saluvia, and her guest, Miss May Hopper, of Clearfield, spent last Tuesday in McConnellsburg.

F. McNaughton Johnston, Esq., of Washington, D. C., came home last Saturday to remain until after the election.

Ahimaa Runyan and wife, of Needmore, spent the time from Saturday until Monday, visiting in the family of their son John, in this place.

Our genial friend, D. A. Black, of Waterfall, accompanied by Meade Black, of the same place, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Mrs. Porter Hann and children and sister May Hopper, of Clearfield, are visiting the former's mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna R. Hann of Saluvia.

It gives us much pleasure to report the continued improvement of Mrs. John P. Sipe, who is recovering from a tedious illness.

Mrs. Lucinda Fisher and little son Orville of Huntingdon, spent several days last week the guests of Mrs. H. P. Skipper, of this place.

Teachers who would be comfortably housed, convenient to the Court House during the county institute, should apply at once to Mrs. S. M. Cook.

George W. McCauslin and Edward Wright, of Narareth, and Frank P. Bonsall, of Philadelphia, have been registered at the Washington House, during the last few days.

Dr. H. S. Wishart and wife, who had been spending a month very pleasantly visiting their daughter Mrs. George Fockler and other friends at Johnstown, returned to their home in this place last.

Harry King and wife, and Levi Cordell, of Waynesboro, and Harvey Wible and wife, of Madsensville, and Maud Grissinger, of Newville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Zack Vallance and family.

Richard Bradley and Mabel Abbott, of Sallito, and Alfred Pigen and Miss Mame Etter, of Marion, who were attending the Dunkard Love Feast, at McConnellsdale church, were entertained at the home of Jacob Rots, at this place.

J. H. Fegley and brother John, of Pleasant Ridge, were in town Monday. James came home from Franklin county, where he had been husking corn, and says that about thirty persons from his neighborhood had been over there husking corn.

Russel Smith, wife and their little son Coyle, of Pruey Grove, Md., visited relatives in Thompson the former part of last week, and were the guests of Mrs. Smith's aunt Mrs. Mary Kelley, of this place, the latter part of the week.