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## OUT ON THE FRONTIER.

David Robinson Tells About Planting a New Home in the Northwest. Well Satisfied.

### HE MOVED FROM NEAR BURNT CABINS.

While this county is one of the garden spots of Pennsylvania, many of our people in the years that have gone by, have gone out to try their luck in other parts of Uncle Sam's domain, and there are others who sometimes think of doing so. Not infrequently a farmer with a family sells off his land and farming implements, takes his family and removes to a place hundreds of miles distant. His venture is always watched with interest by his old neighbors.

Last October, Mr. David Robinson, near Burnt Cabins, while not a young man, thought it not too late in life to try his luck in the far west, and accordingly made sale and left with his family for North Dakota.

Before leaving, Mr. Robinson promised to tell his old friends and neighbors about his trip and his impressions of the country he was going to, after he had reached it and had a chance to form an opinion. Hence, under date of December 30th, he writes as follows:

"After my sale, I started West October 23d, and landed at Williston, North Dakota, on the 26th. Finding a lodging place at which I left my wife, I started with a Locator by the name of John Pension, my son William, another man, and a lady over sixty years of age to search for a home on the prairie. We found beautiful places about thirty miles from Williston, and at once 'located.' The next day we returned to Williston, made out a bill for a house 16x24, had it hauled out to our 'farm' the following week, and proceeded to 'build.'

"I built it of frame, lined it up, outside with rough boards, put on tar paper, and then drop siding, lined it inside with flooring boards four inches in width. In less than four weeks we were living in it. I have a cook stove and coal stove, and live snug and happy. Lignite coal is plenty—can have all you want for the digging. It burns much like wood or charcoal and does not make any cinder.

"This is a beautiful country—good land and good water. I venture the assertion that it is the finest grazing country under the sun. About the time I moved here, the cattle-men began to drive their cattle out to send them to market. Drove after drove of about 250 each—and the fattest cattle I have ever seen—and not one of them ever got a feed of grain. I heard one man ask another, 'What did your cattle net you a head?' 'They netted me sixty dollars a head in Chicago.' was the reply.

"Hay is not made here as in the East. It is allowed to stand until it matures, then cut dry, hauled in and stacked the same day. You would think it would all blow away, and so it would in the East.

"This is the finest climate I have ever seen. About six inches of snow fell here on Thanksgiving. Since that time the temperature has been so even through the day that it neither freezes nor thaws. It freezes at night—the mercury running down to about 18 to 20 above zero. Through the day the sun shines beautifully, and the air is bracing and healthful.

"Game is plentiful. Along the river near Williston, forty deer were killed. There are buck-rabbits in the brush along the river in great numbers and easy to kill. No trick to go out and shoot all one can carry. This being a new country, and not much farming done, the rabbits do not stay in the prairies; but they will, after the settlers begin to break up the soil. There are plenty of coyotes here.

"I am patiently waiting for

## FINAL SUMMONS.

Well Known Fulton County People Gone to Their Long Home.

### LOGAN.

Mrs. Josephine Logan, widow of the late Hon. Daniel Logan, of Ayr township, died at her home in Narberth, a suburban town of Philadelphia, last Sunday morning. Funeral to day.

Mrs. Logan had been in declining health for several months, but when her son Dannie met his death by being run down by a local train at that place, a few weeks ago, the shock was too great for the frail mother.

Mrs. Logan was a daughter of the late Anthony Shoemaker, Esq., of McConnellsburg, and was married to Judge Logan about thirty-three years ago, and lived in Ayr township on the old Logan homestead until after the Judge's death, a few years ago, when she removed with her family to Narberth.

She is survived by two daughters and a son: Alice, Mrs. Geo. McCauslin; Miss Eleanor, and David.

Mrs. Logan was an excellent woman, and possessed of a large circle of warm friends, who will learn of her demise with a pang of genuine sorrow.

### REED.

Susan C., wife of William Reed, at Cito, in Ayr township, died January 2, 1906, aged 54 years, 2 months, and 8 days. Mrs. Reed had been a patient sufferer for thirty-three years. The strong attachment she held on her family showed the kind of spirit she fostered. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Emma Bivens, and two sons, Charles and Ralph, to mourn her departure from these scenes.

Mrs. Reed was a member of the Ev. Lutheran church at Big Cove Tannery. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf, of McConnellsburg, on last Friday, and her remains were laid to rest in the Union Cemetery.

### SHIVES.

Daniel Shives, one of Belfast township's older citizens, died at his home near Gem postoffice, on Wednesday of last week aged about sixty-five years.

Mr. Shives had been in ill health for several weeks, and the immediate cause of his death was neuralgia of the heart. His funeral took place on Sunday, and interment was made in the old Shives graveyard in Thompson township.

Mr. Shives was a veteran of the Civil War, and was a good, obliging neighbor. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Sarah, wife of Isaiah Barnhart of Ayr township; Hiram K., of the same township; Rebecca, wife of Levi Stiles; Lydia, wife of James Varnes, and Frank—all of Winber, Pa.; Susan, wife of Wesley McKee, of Needmore; Amy, wife of Jesse Cooster, Big Cove Tannery; Peter, address unknown; and Lizzie, Abner, Nancy, and Maggie at home.

spring, when I can proceed to make my farm and beautify my home. There are a few settlers that have lived in this section for several years. They are mostly cattle men and horse-men. All seem to be nice people; so far, they have treated me first rate.

"I am thirty miles from rail road, but will not be that far, long; for a new railroad is being laid out within a mile and a half of my house, and by next summer I will have plenty of neighbors, as the country around me is nearly all 'located.' There is plenty of land to be had yet, not far from me, that will be in the market next summer; but any one wanting any of it should come early in the spring, 'squat' it and 'hold it down' until it comes into market."

DAVID ROBINSON,  
Alexander,  
North Dakota.

## NEW LAW IN EFFECT.

The Machinery of the Law for the Registration of Births and Deaths Set in Motion January First.

Getting born and dying and being buried in just any old way has got to stop. There was a looseness and irregularity about this whole business that was offensive to the last legislature, and they passed a law. That law went into effect on the first day of this month. It is longer than the law of Moses, or we would give our readers every word of it, for it concerns every family in the State.

In reference to birth, the State wants to know: the place of birth, full name of child, sex, whether legitimate or illegitimate, full name of father, full name of mother, residence of each, birthplace of each, occupation of each, color or race of each, age of each in years at last birthday; number of children of this mother now living, and some other things.

In case of death, the following information about the decedent must be given: Place of death; full name—if an unnamed child the surname preceded by "unnamed," color or race; whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; date of birth, including the year, month and day; age in years, months and days; place of birth, name of father, birthplace of father, maiden name of mother, birthplace of mother, occupation, date of death including the year, month and day; cause of death, place of burial or removal, date of burial or removal, and many other things too tedious to mention.

It is not to be expected that all this information can be gathered for nothing; hence, the legislature provides for a State Registrar at a salary of \$5000 a year, four clerks at a salary of \$2000 each, and an allowance of \$5000 for postage and incidentals.

To gather this information in the local districts, persons called Local Registrars are appointed. In this county, Mr. John W. Greathead is the local registrar of the district composed of the townships of Dublin, Tod, Ayr, and the borough of McConnellsburg; J. Edward Palmer, of the townships of Thompson, Bethel, and Union; W. C. Hanks, of Brush Creek township; and George F. Metzler, of Belfast, Licking Creek, Taylor, and Wells.

The local registrars get a fee of twenty-five cents for each certificate whether birth or death. This fee is not paid by the parents or friends, but by the county.

In reference to births, the physician or other attendant must within ten days make a report of it to the local registrar of the district in which the birth occurred.

In reference to deaths, the physician in last attendance shall immediately after death make a complete report, give this to the undertaker, who presents it to the local registrar of the district, who then issues a burial permit. This permit must be given to the sexton, who makes note on the permit of the burial and returns it to the local registrar.

A death certificate can only be given by a regular licensed physician who has registered before the local registrar of the township in which the death has taken place. Should there not have been a physician so registered, or no physician in attendance, then there can be no burial permit issued and the case must be reported to the coroner, who shall hold an inquest and then only can the body be buried.

A party dying of a contagious disease must be prepared according to the rules of the health department and be buried within thirty-six hours. Any violation of this act is made a misdemeanor or is punishable by a heavy fine or imprisonment or both.

Non-compliance of the law is punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100.

## DEATHS LAST YEAR.

Names of Fulton County People, Who Have Passed to Their Reward.

The following is taken from the records in the Register and Recorder's office, as returned by the assessors in the several townships. The time covered is supposed to be that from November 20, 1904 to November 20, 1905.

### AYL.

Margaret McLucas, aged 60; Andrew Heinbuch, 80; infant child of Curtis Richards, aged 2 weeks; Sarah Dishong, 52; Orpha J. Crouse, 10; Lewis Fite, 52; David Montgomery, 79; Beatrice Clevenger, 2; Conrad Glazier, 83; Annie Summers, 34; Wilbert Thomas, 3.

### BELFAST.

Thomas R. Palmer, 71; David R. Evans, 72; M. Alto Lake, 19; Martha A. Deshong, 77; James A. Hauman, 66.

### BRUSH CREEK.

Josabed Lodge, 77; Julian Mills, 77; Sarah J. Smith, 5 months; Isaac Mills, 75; Catherine J. Winter, 54; Blanche L. Layton, 24; Samuel J. Mellott, 27; infant of J. Howard Mellott; David Smith, 70; Barton Diehl, 68; Leonard Hixson, 75; Aquila Lodge, 23; David Garlic, 77; infant of Harry Parlett.

### DUBLIN.

Carl Gallaher, 65; Laura McGeehe, 46; Samuel Snerman, 67; Mary Brown, 6 months; George W. Comerer, (age not given); John M. Robinson, 11 months; Lorraine Conrad, 6 months; Emma K. Jones, (colored, age not given); Jacob W. Miller, 77; infant of Clarence Sipes.

### LICKING CREEK.

Laura Deshong, 9 mos.; infant of Gilbert Deshong; F. R. Truax, 6; Martha A. Deshong, 77; S. J. Mellott, 75; John C. Easley, 6 months; Samuel Newman, 75; Allen B. Sipes, 67; Sarah A. Croft, 71; Martha Sharp, 75; Reuben Daniels, 73; Clarence M. Mellott, 2; Adolphus Kegaris, 78; Christina Daniels, 89; Lewis D. Wible, 73.

### McCONNELLSBURG.

Alice Smith, 69; Catherine Eltemiller, 82; Mary R. Dickson, 53; Catherine Baumgardner, 87.

### TAYLOR.

William Chesnut, 75; Amanda G. Ramsey, 6; Sadie Hockensmith, 32; Z. A. Shaw, 35; Elizabeth Keller, 58; Stephen F. Keepers, 74.

### THOMPSON.

Katie Weaver, 42; Sarah Peck, 79; Albert Gordon, 35; Martha Gordon, 59; Charity Deshong, 83; David McDonald, 35; Ella Weaver, 88; Leonard Nycum, 74; Magdalena Pittman, 84; Harry Fite, 8 months; Ira Peck, (age not given); Daniel Kefer, 34.

### TOD.

Deborah Souders, 70; Noah Mellott, 66; Anna Oyler, 88.

### UNION.

Bessie Wertz, 12; George E. Stable, 22; Delilah Beatty, 80; Nora Smith, 21; Anthony Lynch, 58; Charlotte Lee, 59; Catherine Williams, 65.

### WELLS.

William E. Beves, 62.

### His Eighty-seventh.

Last Friday the Knuff sisters gave their father, Michael Knuff, of Ayr township, a very pleasant surprise. It was the eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth, and the girls conceived the idea of inviting a number of the old gentleman's friends to spend the day with him.

The occasion was a very pleasant one to Mr. Knuff as well as to the other participants. Although in excellent health and spirits otherwise, Mr. Knuff has been unable to walk, or even stand for more than three years.

John Reinsner returned to his studies in the Mercersburg Academy on Monday, after having spent the holidays at home with his parents.

## JANUARY COURT.

Usual Grist of Orphans' Court Business. Few Persons in Attendance. Except Those Directly Interested.

Ten o'clock yesterday morning found President Judge Swope and his Associates, Bender and Humbert on the bench. Seated inside the "rail" were the lawyers of the county, and the tip-staves formed the principal part of the audience. Owing to the fall of snow Monday, the somewhat severe weather, and the bad condition of the roads, but few out-of-town people were here except those who were directly interested in the court.

After disposing of the commission of the newly elected Associate, D. T. Humbert, the Court handed down an opinion in the equity case Dr. W. L. McKibbin and George Scriever vs. Elizabeth Scriechfeld. This opinion allowed the claim of Dr. McKibbin, disallowed that of Mr. Scriever, and sustained the mortgage. The costs were divided between the plaintiffs and the defendant.

The matter of the granting of liquor licenses were then taken up. Licenses were granted to John E. Speck, of Burnt Cabins, and Benjamin Wilds, of Fort Littleton, and their respective bonds approved. In the matter of the licenses of George Rexroth and Harry Haml of McConnellsburg, a general remonstrance was filed. After careful consideration licenses were granted to the applicants and their bonds approved.

W. H. Nelson, a member of the Ayr township school board, presented a petition, asking the court to grant sanitary aid in stamping out the prevailing epidemic of diphtheria in that township.

Return of sale of J. Nelson Sipes, trustee to sell the real estate of Mrs. Hattie Kendall, of Ayr township, reporting sale of same to David M. Kendall for the sum of \$8,500.00. The Court approved the return, made the necessary decree, and the deed was acknowledged in open court.

Petition of J. A. Strite, Esq., purchaser of the Eckert real estate, asking leave to pay money into court due Edward Shepard. Court made the order as prayed for.

Petition of John N. Klein, administrator of estate of Magdalen Pott of Ayr township, deceased, asking to be discharged. Administrator discharged.

Estate of Nathan Mellott, late of Belfast township, deceased. Widow's appraisement approved.

Estate of J. A. Haml, late of Tod township, deceased. Geo. W. Wagner, guardian of Virgie Haml, acknowledged deeds to Geo. C. Fraker, Mrs. Clara Tice, W. H. Wagner, Elihu Anderson, and John A. Long.

Estate of Geo. W. Deshong, late of Ayr township, deceased. Auditor's report distributing balance in the hands of M. R. Shafer, Esq., administrator, confirmed.

Return of sale by Lizzie McKibbin, trustee, appointed by the Court to sell real estate of Ed T. Taylor, for the payment of legacies. Land sold for \$1,650 to Alfred Hendershot. Sale confirmed and decree made accordingly.

Virginia May Edwards vs. Robert I. Edwards. Proceedings in divorce on grounds of desertion. Report of the matter read with the evidence, and decree of divorce awarded.

Petition of Henry L. Lodge for award of inquest on the real estate of Josabed Lodge, late of Brush Creek township, deceased. Inquest awarded.

Petition of Minerva J. Miller for appointment of guardian.

Petition of Oliver Mellott for appointment of guardian for Bertha and Frederic Blair, minor children of Emma Blair, deceased. Court appointed G. J. Mellott guardian to give bond in the sum of \$400, to be approved by the court.

Petition for inquest in estate of Lewis Wible, late of Licking Creek township, deceased. Decree awarded.

Account of J. A. McDonough,

## Family Reunion.

Last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woodal, Sr., enjoyed a family reunion at their home, at the west end of town. Owing to the inclemency of the morning, the children could not all be present in person. However, they were not forgotten and the festivities of the day. Seven children and eight grand children were present, viz.: Andrew Washbaugh, wife, and daughter, Helen; Wm. Woodal, Anne and Frank; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woodal, Jr., John, Reftie, Tommie, Chester and Earl; Miss Jennie and David Woodal. The pastor of the family, Rev. A. G. Wolf, his companion and son were among the invited guests.

One feature of the occasion deserves special mention, and that was the attention paid to the little ones. When the call was given to surround the festal board, the fact was observed and approved by all present, that a place at the first table was provided for each child. It is needless to say that the youngsters appreciated this honor. They presented a beautiful picture. It is difficult to enter such a large dining room, occupied by so many children, gathered from so many sources, and find better order, more thoughtful actions, and more courtesy manifested than these vigorous Americans presented.

## The Destination of Man.

Man is now required to be registered when he is born, when he votes and when he passes on, and has to have a permit to be buried. We will soon have to set up all night studying the "new-fangled" laws if we want to keep out of jail. Say, we will support any candidate for the Legislature who will promise us something practical for the future.—Mercersburg Journal.

## Married.

At the home of J. W. Hoop, near Harrisonville, on Wednesday, December 27, 1905, Rev. S. J. Pittenger united in marriage Miss Leona Schooley and Jacob E. Sipes.

## TREE PLANTING.

Out in Kansas, where the government has set aside 60,000 acres as a tree reserve, the work of the tree-planters is beginning to yield definite returns. The forestry station at Dodge City gives away trees at the rate of 500,000 a year and since the establishment of the station there has been a remarkable change in climate conditions. There are fewer blizzards on the one hand, and there is much less suffering on the other from the hot winds that formerly did tremendous havoc to the crops. The saving in cattle and in crops alone, without regard to the other phases of the work, has more than justified the experiment.

Christopher Wagner, the accommodating mail carrier between this place and Fort Littleton, received a severe kick from one of his mules the other day. Notwithstanding the injury, Mr. Wagner still brings the mail in on time.

James Campbell, a retired business man of La Harpe, Ill., who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Jane Keepers, of Hustontown, spent last Tuesday night in this place en route to Roger ville, Tenn. where he will visit his brother, Robert Campbell.

Esq., executor of last will, &c., of Elizabeth Custer deceased. Confirmed. Hon. S. W. Kirk appointed auditor.

Account of Thomas Truax, executor of the last will, &c., of Ephraim Gregory, late of Thompson township, deceased. Confirmed and Frank P. Lynch, Esq., appointed auditor.

Account of Sophia Gress, administratrix of the estate of Christian and Eva C. Eckert, confirmed.

## 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

Comrade M. L. Mathias of Hustontown, was among the out-of-town visitors at the county hospital last Saturday.

Mr. Levi Dehart, of this place, has been confined to his home during the past two weeks, on account of sickness.

Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin, and son Alexander, of Brush Creek valley, spent Monday and Tuesday in town on business.

Prof. W. Don Morton, principal of the Wells Valley High School, accompanied by Glover Horton, spent the time from Friday evening until Sunday at McConnellsburg.

Maye Sheets, a teacher at the Ridley Park schools, near Philadelphia, has returned to her work after having spent her holiday vacation with her parents, and Mrs. John Sheets in this place.

Robert N. Shimer, who had been employed in Hanover for a few months, is spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, and other friends in this place.

Ex-Jury Commissioner, Elias Holly, of lower Brush Creek township, was in town a few hours last Saturday. Mr. Holly said that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Garland, of Belfast township, was critically ill.

William Robinson, of Robinsonville, Bedford county, spent a day or two last week visiting in the home of his uncle William Wink in Belfast township. The two Williams were in town awhile Saturday.

H. I. Fraker, of Clear Ridge, one of Taylor's substantial farmers, stopped at the News office while in town last Friday, and had his name enrolled on the rapidly growing subscription list of Fulton county's big newspaper.

Dyson F. Fraker and brother Wesley, two of Fort Littleton's Civil War veterans, spent a few hours in town last Saturday and attended the regular monthly meeting of King Post, G. A. R., of which they are both active members.

Nathan Everts, who spent two weeks with friends here, returned to Harrisburg last Friday. He was accompanied as far as Chambersburg by his mother, who after spending a few hours with friends returned home in the evening.

Last week's Hancock Star says that auctioneer Gillespie sold for Mr. Perry Warfield, of Cumberland, sixty shares of the Hancock Bank stock in front of the bank to P. I. Little at \$40 per share. The par value of this stock is \$25.00, it only one-fourth of that amount, \$6.25, has been paid in.

We had a letter a few days ago from our former town-steward, George W. Heinbaugh, who moved with his family from the East End Extension last spring to Johnstown. George is working at the carpenter trade for a large contracting and building firm. He is a foreman and gets thirty-five cents an hour. His family is located near to school and church; they have nice neighbors, and are much pleased with their new home.

Roy Morton has returned to Mont Alto after having spent the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Morton, near town. Roy was one of the boys who succeeded in passing the examination that permitted him to enter the State Equest Academy last September. Roy does not have such a bad thing of it. He gets a three years' course of instruction in the academy without any cost to himself, including board and laundry and is permitted to keep his own horse there, with out any expense for his feed.