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HARVEST OF DEATH.

Brief Sketch of Those Who Have Answered Their Final Summons Recently.

J. C. HEWETT AND MRS. JANE FIELDS

J. C. HEWETT

Jacob C. Hewett, an old veteran who lived in Thompson township, Fulton county, Pa., answered his last roll call on Sunday, March 11th, aged 63 years, 7 months and 5 days.

Funeral was preached by Rev. Meeks, of Hancock, and his remains layed to rest in Rehoboth cemetery under the banner of our country, which he helped to protect.

The deceased leaves a widow and ten children, namely, J. Calvin, of Allegheny county; Richard and Daniel, late of Johnstown, Pa.; Isaac and Wanner at home; Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Cavender, both of Bedford county, Pa.; Mrs. Colie and Howard Pittman, of Thompson township, and Mrs. Fey, of Baltimore.

In the early part of his days he followed lime burning for his occupation. He was born and reared in Franklin county, and in 1862 he enlisted in the army in which he served 9 months. He served as corporal in company I, 15th regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers and was discharged in Chambersburg in 1863. In a short time he enlisted for the remainder of the war, in Company G, 205th regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers and served as first corporal until the end. After the war he settled at the place where he died.

He was a friend to the sick. In his last years he was a nurse and nursed smallpox and all contagious diseases. He was a loyal member of the Methodist church since the war and lived so to the end. He will be missed by every one in his neighborhood, especially for his good advice.

MRS. JANE FIELDS.

Mrs. Jane Fields, wife of O. W. Fields, near Hubersville, departed this life, March 13th, aged 61 years, 8 months, and 7 days.

Mrs. Fields had been failing in health for some months, although she still attended to her household duties until a few weeks ago, when she gradually grew weaker and finally passed away. Mrs. Fields was of a cheerful disposition and was a loving wife and mother. She left to mourn her loss a husband and three children, namely, Jesse W., of Hubersville; W. O., of Robertsdale and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Dublin Mills. Also five brothers and three sisters survive.

Mrs. Fields was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Cherry Run, on March 15th. Although a continued downpour of snow, there was a goodly number present to pay the last tribute of respect.

She embraced religion about 20 years ago and remained faithful until the end. Her pastor, Rev. Myers, of the Church of God, officiated, taking his text from the 23d Psalm, 4th verse. Mr. Fields has the sympathy of the entire community in his sad bereavement, but he has the assurance that some day they shall meet again.

MARGARET SPANNUTH.

Margaret Spannuth, widow of the late Joseph Spannuth, died at her home near Knobsville, on the 12th inst., at the age of 79 years, 1 month and 7 days, and was buried on the 13th in the M. E. church cemetery in Knobsville.

Mother Spannuth's maiden name was Gosshorn, she was reared in Tuscarora Valley, this State, was the last of her family, as all had preceded her to the world beyond.

When a young woman she was happily converted, and became a member of the Presbyterian church; but having drifted away from the church of her choice incident to her marriage, and leaving her native home, she never identified herself with any other church.

LARGEST FARM IN AMERICA.

Chicagoan Raises 300,000 Bushels of Corn Annually on Place.

The largest farm in Iowa, and no doubt the largest farm in the world where corn is grown almost exclusively, is the big Adams place of 15,000 acres near Odebolt, Hamilton county. The 105 men employed steadily the last year, have just finished husking the greatest cornfield in the United States. More than 300,000 bushels of corn were raised there this year. The stalks will be shredded for the fat cattle before spring. Thirty-seven double stalk cutters were used to bind the corn in the field this fall.

Mules were employed almost everywhere to do the heavy draft work on the farm and there are over 200 of these faithful animals kept there constantly. With the exception of a large number of feeders, purchased every fall, no cattle are raised on the big farm.

Last winter, Mr. Adams, the owner, had 6000 sheep brought from his North Dakota ranch for feeding. He did the same this winter. There is a main office and headquarters where the manager of the farm has his desk. It is here that Mr. Adams himself spends a large part of his time in summer. The farm is divided into sections and each part is under the direction of a sub foreman and worked by his force of men.

All the houses of the employees are located in one place near the center of the farm, making a small town. A school house is also erected for the children of the workers. The farm and its methods are a revelation to the visitor. Adams is an enthusiast for good roads and all through the place he has built handsome driveways. There is another farm in Sac county, La., which contains 6000 acres. The land there is not all tilled as on the Adams ranch, and hence it is not of so general interest to the public. It is though, among the record-breakers in Iowa for acreage owned by one man in one contiguous piece.

Chas. E. Stevens, of the firm of Stevens & Baker, is spending this week in Philadelphia and other eastern cities, purchasing goods for their new store at Clear Ridge.

during all her life time. Nevertheless, she held to her Savior, and many were the times, when during prayer meeting, through the fullness of her heart, she would break forth in loud praises of her dear Savior. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps. 116, 15.

Only one son survives her, John C., who lives on the old homestead.

RALPH STRAIT.

Ralph, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strait was stricken with pneumonia just after recuperating from a bad attack of scarlet rash and the constitution being weakened down, succumbed to the first named disease in less than two days. He died March 8, 1906, aged almost three years. Funeral service conducted by Rev. Powers, after which interment was made in the cemetery at Sideling Hill Christian church.

The fact that little Ralph having been born without arms made his development and his ability to help himself one of unusual interest to all who knew him.

At his tender age, he was able to feed himself by using either fork or spoon, put a cap on his head, pick up money, needles or any ordinary small articles from the floor and carry them from place to place.

He would play with other children, using his feet much the same as they did their hands, being able to roll marbles, build up blocks, &c. A sweet bright child; none knew him, but to love him.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Another Letter From Miss Alice Wishart. Mela a Heart Breaking Affair.

Since the mela is the principal thing here now a-days, I must try to tell you a little about it. This morning, eight of us went down to the Fort, where we could command a view of the whole spectacle, from the ramparts which overlook the Ganges and Janna, and away over the sands to the thousands of grass and bamboo huts occupied by one million religious devotees and yogis, or priests. It was the saddest sight I ever saw. Although the Mag mela is held here every year, such crowds only come once in 12 years, and such a day as this, once in 36 years in Allahabad. Pilgrims from all over India have been pouring in for weeks, and to-day seemed to be the culminating point. Even the Lieut. Governor, Sir James Digges, La Touche, and a number of the judges of the High court, were there to see the pageant. The bathing began at 4 this morning, but the crowd was densest about 8 a. m., when we looked down on a seething, swaying mass of two million people, some coming from, and some going to bathe in the dirty "sacred" water. From the starting point of the procession to the junction of the waters is perhaps three quarters of a mile, and the width of the sandy stretch between the Fort and Ganges, over which the people march is not more than 200 feet wide. As far as the eye can see, in every direction, are swarms of people, a moving jam of yellow, red, green, blue and gold color, innumerable straw hats, and flags flying from tall poles, indicating where certain priests hold forth with their special following, and voices rising like the noise of a great waterfall. A space about 50 feet wide the entire length of the sandy stretch, had been fenced in for the procession of priests, or yogis, and we had scarcely taken up our position on the ramparts until the first procession, headed by elephants and camels in gorgeous trappings, started. The standards of the different sects were carried by the men on the elephants, while the music (?) was provided by a brass band and men beating drums; a dozen policemen walked in front, and mounted police tried to keep the masses on both sides from breaking through the high fence put up to keep them separate from the procession. The crowd coming and going from the bathing became so dense and so compact that in spite of the efforts of the mounted police to keep them within bonds, burst through the guards and nearly filled the wide space allowed only for the yogis, yet even this did not relieve the tension a great deal, for as our attention was directed to the ground directly below us, we were horrified to see men, women and children piled four deep, where they had fallen, and the crowd to save themselves, surged on over the fallen ones, who in attempting to get up, would get quickly knocked down and trampled on again. When the people, who seemed like wild frightened sheep, began to realize a little that they were treading over a heap of human beings, they verged a trifle to one side, though scarcely enough to allow the others to rise. Some of the men pulled the women and children of their families out by sheer force, by grabbing hold of their saris; but they were so shoved and pushed and beaten down themselves by the constant on-rush that they seemed to have little strength left. After a little while, some officers came along and got the crowd separated a trifle from the heap of half dead bodies. Alas! some of them were not half, but wholly lifeless by this time. A little further on nearer the junction, was another death spot too awful to look at, yet fascinating in its very awfulness. There two sons bent over their old mother, who had been

crushed to death, and three other women tried with long sticks, to keep the surging mass away. Not six feet from them lay the motionless form of a robust looking young woman, faced downward; clothes half torn off, and apparently friendless. Sacred cows sniffed at the dead body, and calmly trod upon it. No one seemed to know or care; and though it was too heart sickening to look at, we could not take our eyes away from that poor dead girl; better to watch her any way, than the shameless procession of naked priests, who were coming by in the procession by hundreds just then. Presently some one turned the body over and covered her mercifully with a yellow cloth, and we could see from where we were standing, that she was a handsome, healthy-looking young woman of perhaps 25 years. She had evidently gotten separated from her friends and was trampled down, her life stamped out while her dear ones were carried along with the crowd irresistibly and could not turn to help her. Going to seek salvation in the dirty waters of the Ganges, and crushed; no one to help; no one to point the way to the Saviour, or she might not have been there—lost! And why? Because there was no one to show her the Way. One of India's millions yet unreached by the good news of salvation; one of the thousands from one of the thousands of villages not yet reached by a missionary; perhaps from one of the districts where there is one missionary to a million people; one girl with her life crushed out at a Hindu mela, but the picture of many more like her. God forgive those in Christian lands who are satisfied to keep Jesus Christ and His love to themselves and their own, when multitudes are hungering and thirsting for they know not what. What a reckoning there will be some day!

This is only one of the horrors of heathenism seen yesterday. I could write pages more, for it fairly dances before one's eyes in its hideous grandeur, even after one goes away; one place a dull full of dead babies and children were carried out and so on. We were not allowed to go down among the people to distribute the good news in tracts and gospels as we wished to do, as it was unsafe for men, much less women. Maybe you will wonder why this loss of life, and such shameless proceedings are allowed. The English Government is very careful not to interfere with the religion of their subjects in India, so that so long as law and order are maintained, no objection is made. Law and ordinances could never suppress heathenism anyway; only one thing in all the world, and that is the religion of Jesus Christ, carried by those who live that religion. I feel more and more the very great importance of work among the children and young people. It is from among these that we naturally expect most of our converts to Christianity; the little ones who are being taught in our day, and Sunday schools. Although reading, writing and arithmetic are taught, the Bible is the principal subject always; so that if the children never again have an opportunity of receiving Christian teaching, they will have had not only enough to know the way of salvation themselves, but be able to tell others. The children are so quick to learn, and in one little school of 35 they are putting into practice what they learn, in such a way as to have begun a reformation in the lives of their parents; or rather, I should say, have been the means of it. They have not only learned to trust God and to pray, but are teaching their heathen fathers and mothers to do so, as perhaps no one else could. A little child shall lead them. Isn't it worth while to put money in schools. One girl prayed so earnestly this week that God would keep her people home from the

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MRS. F. W. DOYLE'S LETTER.

Alfalfa is a Very Profitable Produce of San Joaquin Valley, California.

I promised to write to the Fulton County News again to give the people of the East a little idea of this land of abundance and sunshine, as I learn from observation and in reading our Fresno papers, as we go along, so I will speak a little of the rich soil of the San Joaquin Valley and Alfalfa growing.

The soil of this valley is among the richest on earth with the exception of the Yazoo Valley of the Mississippi perhaps the most fertile spot on the hemisphere. It is a vast basin which was formerly a lake 450 miles long and averaging 60 miles wide with a desert at the southern end and a swamp for its northern boundary. The geologists call it a sea trough and it has received the silt and decaying vegetation washed down from the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the east and the coast range on the west for ages until what is known as the delta region has been covered with a soil of unmeasurable depth and richness.

It lays a little toward the center and is drained by two great rivers—the Sacramento from the north and the San Joaquin from the south with innumerable tributaries. They meet and flow together into the Bay of San Francisco.

Down in the southern part of the valley is Fresno county seat of Fresno county. It has been called the Raisin city, for it is surrounded by vineyards and orchards and producing an average of 75,000,000 pounds of raisins every year.

It is the country of figs, which are becoming a very valuable staple now that the people have learned how to cultivate them. Fresno county now turns off from twenty to thirty million dollars worth of products every year, and in a few years will double that record.

Alfalfa the thrifty hardy profitable clover of the semi-arid region grows to perfection in Fresno county. In the deep, rich soil of this valley it yields luxuriantly and is green throughout the year. On the best soils it may be cut eight times in a season each cutting will yield from one to two tons per acre, making from six to ten tons per acre each season. Some seasons the hay sells from \$25 to \$40 per acre and in others from \$40 to \$80. Fed to stock, and especially to young animals it is worth more money, hogs do well on alfalfa, and an acre of it will feed ten hogs, and young pigs will make, from fall till spring, an average of 200 pounds each, under favorable circumstances. This would make the land produce from \$80 to \$100 per acre in a season. That is certainly not bad.

There certainly is money in dairying in this county as well as in other parts of California, especially if the cows are kept on good land and managed on business principle with water for irrigation. The alfalfa crop never fails and the farmer is as sure of the cash as if he had money in the bank. Dairy men figure on keeping twenty cows on thirty acres of alfalfa and netting from \$5 to \$8 per cow, besides this skimmed milk will earn from \$1 to \$2 per month per cow fed to calves and young hogs.

As there are so many things of interest and profit here, I shall not touch on any other subject at present, but perhaps in the near future my friends and readers of the News will hear from me again. The weather is fine like June in the East, and we think this a lovely country.

Miss Jennie Carson, who has spent several years in Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Bess Patterson.

Constable Cal Foster, of Wells township, was at the county seat Thursday night on business.

Court Proceedings.

The Court opened on Monday at 2 p. m., with Hon. Samuel McC. Swope, president judge on the bench with his associates Hon. W. H. Bender and Hon. D. T. Humbert.

List of Constables called and sworn to their respective returns. The Court took up the respective reports and made the usual examination.

List of Grand Jury called, all answering except two, one excused and one removed from the county, and Hon. D. H. Patterson of Ayr township, appointed foreman. Grand jury sworn, and charged by the Court.

List of Petit Jury was then called, four of the forty-eight jurors not answering, George W. Decker and John Hebler being sick, and R. W. Garland and Irwin Lock removed from the county.

Following current business was then disposed of by the Court.

Petition of John S. Bowers, asking leave of court conveying 1-3 interest, owned by John K. McCollough to Jonas Lake. Petition read and filed and decree in accord with prayer of petition.

Petition of sale of real estate in estate of Julia Ann Mills late of Brush Creek deceased. Decree of the Court confirming sale to Chas. Brunner, A. L. Long and John C. Motter as returned.

Petition of Geo. W. Wagner guardian of Virgie Hamill for an order permitting him to join in deed conveying house and lot in Knobsville. Decree of Court permitting guardian to join in deed.

Transfer of liquor license of Benjamin Wilds to Miller S. Jones approved by the court and bond approved.

Estate of Jacob W. Miller, late of Dublin township. Petition of W. S. Miller administrator, for order to sell real estate of deceased for payment of debts. Order awarded.

Petition of Oliver Peck for rule to show cause why overseers of the poor of Belfast township should not pay bill for attendance and funeral expenses of Margaret Jackson. Rule awarded.

Estate of Daniel Shives. Widow's inventory and appraisement approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

In the estate of Daniel Shives order of sale of real estate of said deceased ordered bond in sum of \$2,000 to be approved by the Court.

Estate of John E. Rumel deceased. Widow's appraisement approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of Josabed Lodge late of Brush Creek township. Writ of partition approved and rule granted to show cause returnable June term.

Petition of Dr. D. E. Fisher and Mary H. Fisher for the adoption of D. Edward Robinson to Dr. D. E. Fisher. Decree of court permitting the adoption.

Estate of Lewis D. Wible late of Licking Creek township deceased. Writ of partition approved and rule granted to show cause returnable June term.

Widow's appraisement in estate of John H. Brubaker late of Tod township, deceased, approved unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Estate of George Miller, deceased. Petition of William Miller, guardian of Glenn O. Miller, for permission to invest ward's money at less than six per cent. Granted to invest at not less than five per cent.

Account of B. H. Shaw administrator of estate of L. A. Shaw late of Taylor township, deceased, confirmed unless exceptions be filed within ten days.

Account of Geo. Miller administrator of Rebecca Peck late of Union township, deceased, confirmed.

Account Geo. B. Daniels, Esq., and Chas. F. Nesbit administrators of Susan C. Unger, deceased, confirmed.

Account of Mary V. Snider administratrix of Fredrick Snider late of Tod township, deceased, confirmed and Frank P. Lynch,

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

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J. C. Fisher, of Dott, was one of our visitors on Monday.

Ex-judge Lemuel Kirk was a visitor at Court this week.

Landlord Wilds, of Fort Littleton, was in town on Monday.

J. C. Comer was a town visitor on Monday.

J. C. Sipes, of Hustontown, was a pleasant caller at our office on Monday.

Ernest Hixson, of Brush Creek, township, is visiting the family of John Stouteagle.

Wm. Youse, wife and baby are on a two-week's visit to friends in this vicinity.

Treasurer Lauver is in town this week, with the county's "Strong box."

Capt. Skinner, of the S. O. I. S., at Scotland, came over on Sunday to attend court.

Messrs. O. C. Bowers and Chas. Walter, of Chambersburg, are attending court this week.

Carbaugh-Paylor Nuptials.

A pretty home wedding was that of Mr. Henry Carbaugh, of Cito, and Miss Phoebe Francis Paylor at the bride's home near McConnellsburg at noon Wednesday, March 14, 1906.

About fifty invited guests assembled to witness the ceremony and to extend happy greetings and well wishes to their young friends as they started upon life's changing way.

At the appointed hour the bride attended by Miss Jennie Scheidle man, bride's maid, followed by the groom accompanied by Mr. Harry Shaw, best man, entered the parlor and presented themselves before the officiating clergyman, the bride's pastor, Rev. J. Vernon Adams, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who used the impressive ritual of that church in pronouncing Mr. Carbaugh and Miss Paylor husband and wife together.

The bride wore a beautiful white gown of madras trimmed in lace and ribbon. The maid of honor was dressed in cream daisy cloth.

After an exchange of friendly congratulations the company was invited to the dining room where an elaborate dinner was served. The bride received many useful presents.

These two estimable young people will after a two weeks sojourn among friends, take up the duties of home making near Webster Mills.

appointed auditor to distribute.

Petition of School Directors of the school district of McConnellsburg, Pa., presented asking for rule on School Directors of Ayr township to show cause why they should not pay \$147. Tuition of high school scholars of said township. Rule awarded.

Petition of Directors of the Poor of Huntingdon county, for rule to show cause why overseers of the poor of Dublin township should not pay ninety-four dollars expense of the Snare family. Rule awarded.

Estate of Miss E. Rebecca Pott late of McConnellsburg deceased. Petition of M. R. Shaffer administrator, for an order to sell real estate for payment of debts and legacies presented. Order granted.

David Lauver appointed guardian of Ella and S. E. Boy Deshong, minor children of George W. and Sarah Deshong late of Ayr township.

Estate of Elizabeth Crider deceased. Auditor's report confirmed.

Estate of Christopher Eckert. Auditor's report confirmed.

Estate of Earl Ramia and Mary Jackson, minor children of N. B. Jackson, deceased. Petition of M. E. Barton, guardian, asking leave to invest funds at five per cent.

Estate of Nathan Mellon late of Belfast township. Widow's appraisement approved unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

The Grand Jury not having brought in any bill, the court adjourned at 4:15 to 9 a. m. Tuesday morning.