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TROLLEY TO BE BUILT.

McConnellsburg. Extension Seems to Be the Logical Second Move.

WILL HAVE A FINE PARK.

We take the following from the "Public Opinion," Chambersburg, which certainly looks encouraging for the extension of the road as far as Buchanan's birthplace, and eventually to this. "There have lately been many rumors one way and another concerning the building of a trolley line from Greencastle to Mercersburg. Not until this week, however, has there been anything like an authentic announcement. The real news comes from one high in the councils of the Chambersburg, Greencastle and Waynesboro trolley company, which will build the road. In saying that this company will build the road the real truth may not be told, either. There may be a new corporation but the men interested in the Greencastle-Pen-Mar line will be the same as those interested in the Greencastle-Stony Batter line.

In a few weeks it is likely that a committee from the capitalists interested will appear before the Mercersburg town council to ask for a franchise to lay tracks and string wires through the town—for the line will not end in Mercersburg but will stretch itself to the base of Cove Mountain, to Stony Batter, the birthplace of Pennsylvania's only President, James Buchanan. The plans are well laid and before autumn it is safe to say that it will be possible to go the entire distance across the Cumberland valley, from mountain to mountain at its widest place, by trolley road.

The promoters of the line will endeavor to get the advantage of the provision in the will of the late Harriet Lane Johnston, niece of President Buchanan, which gives \$100,000 for a memorial park and monument at Stony Batter. The making of the memorial park would be a big attraction for the trolley line and it has been said that the trolley people will expend a similar amount to the Johnston bequest in making a pleasure park near the other one.

There are residents of Mercersburg who are enthusiastic over the new road and who will have heavy interests in it. The same men are just as enthusiastic over the line to run from the Stony Batter terminus to McConnellsburg, and in this project they are joined by a number of McConnellsburg and Fulton county capitalists. With the probability—and almost certainty—that the next Legislature will pass a law allowing trolley roads to carry freight the prospects for a line to McConnellsburg, from a financial standpoint, are brighter than a mere passenger line.

Word from Mercersburg is to the effect that the trolley promoters may have the franchise for the asking, so anxious are the people of that historic place to have the trolley road.

HIRAM.

A number of people in this community spent last week in McConnellsburg, attending court.

Walter Taylor is slowly recovering from a severe attack of mumps.

S. E. Deaver spent the latter part of last week with his parents, after finishing attorney P. J. Little's house at Ebensburg, which cost not less than \$50,000. He expects to leave for Portland, Oregon, where he will be superintendent for the Western Building Association.

Thomas Houston spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents near Clear Ridge.

George Taylor purchased a new driving horse from A. J. Comer, for his son Walter.

Bert Barnett took possession of George Jackson Edward's saw mill last week.

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A VISIT TO FULTON COUNTY.

Find Many of Their Old Friends Gone to Rest, and a Great Many Other Changes.

PAW PAW, W. VA., March 12th. EDITOR NEWS:—During a two weeks' visit in the vicinity of Sharpe, among relatives and friends, we noticed a copy of the Fulton County News wherever we went, and taking it for granted that it was the leading paper of the county, we were inspired to attempt to give a brief sketch of our visit.

Leaving here last Saturday morning two weeks on No. 8 train for Hancock, Md., the first and only stop between here and Hancock, was Great Cacapon, where Rev. Thomas Alderton and Dr. Thomson boarded the train. Finding them very pleasant and interesting company, we were almost sorry when we arrived at our getting off place. We stopped for dinner at D. O. Shives', whose wife was seriously sick and has since died. We did not wait long until Mr. George Evans appeared with a fine span of horses and double-seated carriage, and in two hours he landed us in his commodious parlor, which he has added recently to his stone house.

Last summer he erected a large bank barn with all the modern improvements and conveniences. George and his amiable wife are both hustlers, and it is putting it in a very mild form when we say that we fared sumptuously every day, but sorry to say we left Mrs. Evans quite indisposed two weeks later. A meeting at Antioch church was in progress, being conducted by Bro. "Hima's" Garland, and they were expecting Miss Angie Anderson, of Hook's Mills, W. Va., a very prominent organist; also Mr. Willie Barret, of Capon Bridge, W. Va., a noted chorister. They were soon on hand. J. A. Mench, of Mench, Pa., had the pleasure of Miss Angie's company while driving all the way from his town.

But what seemed somewhat startling, they were all day driving just a few miles further than Mr. Evans drove in two hours, and the roads then were magnificent. Well, after meeting them we found them all very pleasant and jovial company. During the meeting we all had our headquarters at Mr. George Evans', and during the day time his team and carriage were at our service. The first visit was at his father's Mr. Hart Evans', where an enjoyable and very pleasant day was spent in songs and instrumental music among those estimable people, Mr. and Mrs. Evans and their daughter, Miss Etta. Many sacred recollections of younger days were brought up in the drift of conversation.

The meeting lasted over two Sundays, with the result of 24 added to Antioch church, and several to membership in near churches. The best order prevailed, and a great interest was manifested throughout.

We visited Mr. Jared Pittman's family, and spent a very sociable day. Mr. Pittman has bought the farm near Sharpe, of Mr. John Fisher, who has moved to Great Cacapon, W. Va., and we learned since that Mr. Pittman moved last week to his new home.

Next we went over to Comrade Frank Shives', who is fond of music and pound apples, and there was plenty of cider in the cellar. He purchased a new horse at Mr. John Gordon's sale. We were very sorry our time was so limited that we could not have stayed longer. Next day we went down to Aunt Jane Shives', that picturesque mountain home, with the trees on the mountain towering to the sky, and over-jutting rocks as though they were ready to tumble down almost upon the house. We often wonder why old grandfather Shives, so called there when all the big Cove at that time was comatible, but those days were not like the present. Hunting and fishing then were the highest aspirations of most of the old settlers. Glad to

say we found them in perfect contentment and happy, although old Martin has never come around yet. From there we went to the home of Mr. James P. Waltz and sister Miss Esther, who have just recently added a new apartment to their dwelling and are living very comfortably, but slightly differ on the teachings of Holy writ. Comments are useless on "Jim," every one knows he is a man in every sense of the word. All went to see Mr. Jacob Hewitt, who was at that time very low and not expected to survive long.

We stopped over dinner with the family of Mr. Andrew Sowders, and was sorry to find their son Edward confined to his bed, caused it is supposed, by lifting a heavy cross tie. Met Mrs. Peck there a western lady, who has spent the winter among her eastern friends, but purposed returning to her home in the near future. We met not a few of our old acquaintances, yet the great majority of early broken ties we found lying in the cemeteries with their names on marble slabs. We only know of a half dozen of our old school mates that are living, who attended school with us at what is known as Boardyard schoolhouse, fifty-three years ago. Well it may make tears come when we think of those early broken ties. A few times during those years we have wandered back and viewed the old playgrounds with much satisfaction, but well we know it will be but few times, if ever, we will be privileged to enjoy such as we did the two weeks' stay with friends.

All, including Rev. Garland, spent a day with the family of Mr. Peter Shives, (none at home except his and his pleasant sociable wife.) "Pete" took great delight in displaying his patent for taking messages on a car running at full speed which eventually, will be an indispensable article.

Mrs. Keefer of Tiffin, Ohio, was called to Johnstown by the death of her sister, Mrs. Peter Culler. Before returning to her home she visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Denton Peck, at Sharpe.

We stopped a few minutes with our old friend Mr. William Downs, near Franklin Mills; had not seen him for over twenty-five years. He is the same jovial "Bill," and I am very sorry for his affliction.

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the good people of dear old Fulton county for the kind hospitality lavished upon us during our sojourn and if we never meet again in this world let us all strive to form a united band to share the blessings of Heaven. With best wishes to all I am yours,

THOS. McK. SHIVES.

CLEAR RIDGE. James Carmack and family spent Sunday with his brother Jesse, at Centre.

Miss Etta Fields spent Sunday evening with her cousin, Maude Fields.

Elsie Baker has had her school closed two weeks on account of scarlet rash in the community, but opens it this week.

Simon Shore spent a few days last week in W. Va.

Edna Kerlin is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Bert Henry, near McConnellsburg.

Robert Ramsey has been quite poorly for sometime.

The debate on Saturday night was quite a success.

Lillian Fleming visited Bessie Reese at Burnt Cabins, Saturday. J. P. Kerlin and two daughters spent a day at the county seat last week.

Geo. Myers has gone to work near Saltillo.

Lillian Fleming's school closed on Wednesday.

Francis Hershey, an old and respected citizen of Tod township, died on Wednesday evening of last week, aged 83 years, 11 months and 5 days.

HEIR TO MILLION.

A Franklin County Blacksmith Went West After Large Fortune.

WILLIAM BELFORD'S GOOD LUCK.

William Belford, aged about fifty-five years, a blacksmith whose shop is at the old John Yoder stand at the fork of the roads on the top of Eberly's Hill, northwest of town about a mile, is the heir to about a million dollars, if the story of his good fortune is true.

The estate to which Mr. Belford is one of but three heirs was left by a man in Scotland and amounts to three million dollars. This is all the information we now have on that score but we are assured that so much of the story is absolutely true.

Mr. Belford, his brother living in Pittsburgh, and a woman relative, either a sister or a cousin of theirs, living in Salt Lake City, Utah, are the three heirs to this immense fortune.

The woman referred to is well supplied with money and has made several trips to Europe, during which she has investigated their claims to the fortune told of. Lately she has completed her chain of title and has the necessary legal papers ready to prove the rights of herself and Belford brothers to the estate.

She went to Pittsburgh and consulted with the Mr. Belford there and he in turn sent here the son of William Belford who is employed in Pittsburgh. The young man told his father all the details of the case and brought a message for the father to return with him to Pittsburgh. This was done, the father and son leaving here on Monday night, March 19th for the Smoky City to meet the lady in the case and Mr. Belford's brother.

Word from Pittsburgh is that the conference there was entirely satisfactory and the three started for Salt Lake City where attorneys engaged by the woman will prepare and have executed the papers necessary for the three to prove their case and get their inheritance.

Mr. Belford has many friends here and over our county who will join in the hope that his good fortune may be all that is now expected and that he will get the million told of. Many of these European estates with American heirs are purely mythical but in this case everything seems to show that there is such an estate in Scotland and that the three of whom we have told are the legitimate heirs to it.

More will be known of the matter in a few days and we hope then to tell further of the estate and the heirs to it.—Repository.

Mr. Belford, it will be remembered conducted a blacksmith shop on the Cove road, about 3 miles south of town at what was known as Ayr postoffice. Many of the citizens of this community hope that the report may be confirmed and that Mr. Belford will come into his share of the fortune.

Daniel T. Lake, Dead.

Daniel T. Lake, a highly respected citizen died at his home at Shade Gap, Huntington county, March 9th, from a serious attack of pneumonia, age 62 years, 11 months and 23 days.

The deceased was a son of Ephraim Lake late of Belfast township, deceased. He was married to Miss Mary Snyder, of Shade Gap, and he is survived by his wife and seven children, namely, Mrs. Robert Montgomery and Bert, of Shade Gap; Mrs. Crouse, of Chicago; John, of Hooversville; Mrs. Joshua Price, of Woodvale; Frances, of Johnstown, and Larue at home. His remains were laid to rest at the Shade Gap, cemetery.

Mr. Lake was a generous and kind hearted man, he was ever ready to give to those who were in need, and many are those who will hold his name in loving remembrance for the deeds of charity at his hands.

R. M.

MARCH COURT.

Which Closed Last Saturday Afternoon. Weather Not Very Favorable.

The case of the commonwealth vs. George C. Mellus occupied the attention of the Court until Wednesday evening, the Court changing the jury just before the court arose. The jury remained out all night, and about 8 a. m., Thursday morning agreed upon a verdict, and when the Court called at 9 a. m., Thursday morning, brought in a verdict of guilty of Statutory rape and adultery. When his attorneys filed motion for new trial, and Saturday morning fixed for argument of motion, New trial denied and defendant sentenced to pay a fine of \$200, cost of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 6 months.

The first case tried Thursday morning was case of commonwealth, vs. Wm. Kellner—assault and battery. Verdict of jury, not guilty, and defendant pay half of all costs, and prosecutrix other half.

Case of commonwealth vs. William Lockard—charge, surety of the peace, on oath of Rose M. Lockard, his wife. Case dismissed by the court and defendant discharged.

Case of commonwealth vs. Calvin P. Carmack, charge f. & b. Continued upon renewal of recognition.

Commonwealth vs. James Fisher, charge—huckstering without a license. Case dismissed by the court.

Commonwealth, vs. Chas. Johnston, charge—assault. Grand jury find it not a true bill, and that prosecutrix pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Baldwin Fraker, charge—using a device to call wild turkeys on oath of Chas. Husler. Grand jury report it not a true bill, and prosecutrix, Charles Husler, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Henry Miller, charge—using device to call wild turkeys, on oath of George J. Myers. Grand jury returns it not a true bill, and prosecutrix, Geo. Myers, to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Briece S. Hann, charge—f. & b. Grand jury report a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. J. Augustus Whitfield, charge—embezzlement on oath of Davis Richards. Grand jury find a true bill, and the court awards process for the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. J. Augustus Whitfield, charge—obtaining money under false pretenses on oath of Davis Richards. Grand jury find a true bill, and the court awards processes.

Case of Homson Kalbaugh and Charles R. Spangler, vs. D. Hunter Patterson, in the Common Pleas, same being an ejectment case for recovery of land. This suit was discontinued.

Case of William L. Moseby vs. Frank C. McClain was taken up partially Thursday afternoon. This was a suit for recovery of title to a farm in Wells Valley, and was most hotly contested, there being about fifty witnesses from Wells township, testimony closing Friday evening, and argument and charge of court took all of Saturday forenoon. Verdict for plaintiff, W. L. Moseby, for the land in dispute.

Case of Wilson L. Cline vs. Lemuel G. Cline, summons in trespass. Case compromised.

David Gregory was appointed guardian of Roy Gregory, minor child of Ephraim Gregory, deceased.

David Powell appointed guardian of Jacob E. and Nettie V. Yeakle.

Order to view a site for a bridge in Taylor township. The Grand jury do not concur with the viewers in favor of a bridge.

In matter of fund given by Maria Laidig to Lutheran church at St. Thomas, Pa. William J. Clark appointed trustee and D. C. Croft and A. G. Croft approved as trustees.

In re nels on V. H. Prosser by overseers of the poor of McCon-

neltsburg, F. P. Lynch appointed commissioner, to take testimony.

Estate of Wm. A. Brubaker, deceased. Petition of Mrs. Della M. Brubaker for appointment of appraisers under Act June 4, 1883. Grant Baker and Adam Glunt appointed.

Estate of David M. Brubaker, deceased. Widow's appraisal approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

In re inquisition Joseph Thomas. Petition and report of jury filed and S. B. Woollett appointed committee.

Petition of citizens of Brush Creek township for viewers to view a road. Geo. Mills, O. W. Mellott and Jonas Lake appointed viewers.

Appeal of J. G. Alexander, sheriff, from auditors settlement of accounts of the county for year ending Jan. 6, 1906. Motion for an issue and report of facts. Issue awarded, and M. R. Shaffer appointed examiner to take testimony and report facts, &c.

Ira Diehl appointed constable of Ayr township to fill vacancy.

Daniel Mock, of Tod township, appointed supervisor to fill vacancy.

Court adjourned to June 12th.

SPRING EXAMINATIONS.

Saturday, April 7, 1906.

The Spring Examinations will be held at the usual places in the various townships on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at eight o'clock a. m., and continuing under the direction of the committees.

Each applicant, before being admitted to the class, is required to present to the committee a note of recommendation from his teacher.

Teachers should be very careful in recommending pupils to this examination, and under no circumstances should boys or girls be urged to go before the committee, unless they have completed the course of study.

The following are the places of holding the examinations, and the names of the members of the committees.

The first named on each committee will act as chairman, to whom the questions and instructions will in due time be sent.

Ayr—Webster Mills—Gilbert B. Mellott, Olive Kendall, Carrie Humbert.

Belfast—Needmore—S. L. Wink Orpha Snyder, Anna Deshong.

Bethel—Warfordsburg—T. R. Shank, Zoe Mason, Bertha Golden.

Brush Creek—Emmaville—S. E. Walters, Grace Hixson, W. C. Hanks.

Dublin—Ft. Littleton—L. P. Morton, Myrtle Stevens, Lewis Harris.

Licking Creek—Harrisonville—V. L. Hollinshead, Ada Barton, Edgar Hunt.

Taylor—Hustontown—W. G. Wink, Harry Bergstresser, Thomas Huston.

Thompson-Center—S. L. Simpson, Olive Zimmerman, Harvey Sharpe.

Tod—McGovern's—E. B. Cline, Lucy Peightel, C. C. Rotz.

Union-Center—C. A. Foster, Jessie Gienger, Lillian Hill.

Wells—No. 2—W. Don Morton, Tillie Stunkard, Robert Earley.

CHAS. E. BARTON, County Superintendent.

Sledging Party.

On Wednesday evening, a merry party took a sled ride to New Grenada, when they enjoyed a beautiful and excellent chicken and waffle supper at the home of M. W. Houck. Several hours were spent very pleasantly, and all came back delighted with their first sled ride for the winter.

Those present at the party were Misses Bertha Seiling, Bertha Warsing, Bell Truax, Nellie Stunkard, and Messrs. Roy Dishong, Charley Berket, James L. Truax, Clell Swope, George Sprowl, Howard Warsing, W. L. Horton, and Paul Baumgardner.

Ice from two to four inches in thickness was stored in some of our ice houses this week.

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

Miss Belle Locke of near Fort Littleton, has malaria fever.

Mrs. John McCoy of Fort Littleton, has a severe attack of la grippe.

F. McN. Johnston, of Washington, D. C., is a town visitor for the week.

Mrs. Hannah Todhunter, of Fort Littleton, fell last week and was pretty badly hurt.

A. W. Tritle, wife and daughter, returned to their home in Waynesboro, on Tuesday morning.

H. S. Unger, of Altoona, spent from last Friday until Monday, visiting relatives and friends in his vicinity.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, who have been visiting in Johnstown for several weeks, returned home Saturday evening.

Emma Sloan, Nora Fisher, Bess Irwin, Sophie Hohman and Chas. Seville, students of the C. V. N. S., are at home for the Easter vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Vernon Adams and daughter, left for Bedford on Monday morning, where the latter will visit while Mr. Adams attends the M. E. conference which meets this year at Tyrone.

Mr. Dennis W. Mellett has moved down to Daniel Covalt's place, where they expect to make their home. Mrs. Covalt is on the sick list.

Miss Lucy B. Mellott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis W. Mellett of Licking Creek township, is visiting relatives and friends, after which she expects to go to Ohio to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carmack of Dublin Mills, accompanied by Mrs. George Miller and son Glenn of Clear Ridge, were very pleasant visitors at the News office on Wednesday last.

An item appeared in the "News" a few weeks ago stating that Mr. J. N. Daniels had rented his farm in Licking Creek township. This is not correct. Mr. Daniels will continue business at the old stand.

John T. McDonough.

John T. McDonough, who died at Cebolla, Colorado, March 7th, was born in Franklin county on Sept. 22, 1844. He was married to Miss Kesselring in October, 1864, and with her raised a family of five children, who survive him, and four who passed on ahead.

Mr. McDonough went to Colorado in 1872, and for a time resided in Saguaque, then on the Cebolla and in 1882 purchased from the government the old Ute agency building on the Los Pinos a small stream emptying into the Cocheatopo creek. Here he continued to reside for the balance of his life, and on this ranch he had arranged for his remains to be placed among the familiar surroundings that marked a busy and prosperous life. John was peculiar in the fact that he made friends of all who knew him. A just and honest man, filled with neighborly kindness, his ranch home was the natural harbor for all wayfarers who passed that place.

Mr. McDonough was a cousin of Mrs. S. M. Cook, and an uncle of Jas. A. McDonough of New Grenada.

He is the last member of the family of Jas. McDonough, once a wellknown blacksmith of Foltz. His wife as Miss Kesselring was at one time a member of the family of George Wilda, deceased, and lived in the house now owned and occupied by Mr. John A. Irwin.