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## SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Death of John C. Comerer, Son of S. J. Comerer, Formerly of the Big Cove.

### KILLED NEAR DIXON, ILLINOIS.

From the Polo, Ill., Press, we clip the following account of the shocking accident which resulted in the death of a former Ayr township boy.

"A shocking accident occurred last Saturday morning when John C. Comerer was struck by the north bound passenger which reaches Polo at 10:11, and instantly killed. The accident occurred at Howell's crossing north of Dixon. Mr. Comerer was returning from the milk factory at Dixon to his home on the Wragg farm southeast of Polo. His wagon top was raised and the strong wind drowned all sound of approaching danger. The rig was about half way across the track when the engine struck it and carried it on the pilot for some distance. When about seventy-five yards from the crossing the body was thrown out beside the track where it remained motionless. A semi-circular gash extending from the top of the head to a point above the left ear, was the only mark on the body, but it was evident that death was instantaneous. The remains were taken to Dixon where an inquest was held.

"John C. Comerer was born at McConnellsburg, Fulton county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1873, and died Saturday, May 12, 1906, at the age of 32 years, 9 months and 1 day. At the age of twenty he moved with his parents to Dixon and has resided near there ever since. December 12, 1899, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lizzie Adams Foltz, of near Polo. In March of this year they moved to the Wragg farm. His wife with three little children, is left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father. He is also survived by his parents, five sisters and one brother. The deceased was a noble Christian young man and a member of the Presbyterian church. There are many who sorrow with the stricken family in this their dark hour."

### Ray—Helman.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Waynesboro, Pa., by the Rev. C. H. Rockey, pastor of the Lutheran church at that place, Mr. Elliott Lloyd Ray, and Miss Olive Helman, both of McConnellsburg, Pa. were united in marriage. Mr. Harry Ray, brother of the groom, and wife, accompanied the bridal party and participated in the ceremony. The wedding took place on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. After a brief visit to friends, the bridal party will return to McConnellsburg, where they will take up their residence.

### WORK TRAIN WRECKED.

Rock on the Track Caused Death of Several Men. Others Injured.

A rock which fell from a hill to the Wabash tracks near Hancock, Saturday afternoon, caused the wreck of a work train which was hilled with men returning to their homes for Sunday. One car was thrown from the tracks to the canal and one man killed by being crushed while four others were drowned. A number of others were injured.

Among the injured are Roy Ingram, a civil engineer, and Mr. Esterbrook, an assistant, both of Hancock; Conductor Luther Hull, Brakeman Charles Penner, and Brakeman E. H. Morgan, Hagers-town.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church Knobsville on Monday evening, it was decided to repair the church and add a tower. Our Methodist brethren at Knobsville are to be congratulated in this movement which indicates vigorous life and growth.

## BUSY THREE YEARS.

State Highway Department Will Build 200 Miles of Roads.

Commissioner Hunter, of the State Highway Department, has begun a general survey of the roads of Pennsylvania with a view to compiling an official map. Several years will be occupied in this work as there are more than 100,000 miles of road in the State. Over 1500 miles of road construction has been applied for and the Commissioner expects to build about 200 miles this year. The applications now on file will keep the department busy for three years. The Commissioner has decided to use a portion of the automobile fund for general road improvement. This fund, derived from the sale of automobile licenses, already amounts to \$24,000, and is expected before the close of the present season to reach a total of \$85,000. This is more than enough to pay the expenses of the automobile division of the department. Eight thousand of these licenses have been sold at \$3 each since the new law went into effect last December.

### PROGRAM.

For the Memorial Day Exercises in McConnellsburg.

A committee meeting of representatives of King Post No. 365, G. A. R. and W. R. C. No. 18, was held Tuesday May 15, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Stevens, where a program for the day was prepared. All will assemble at the Court House at 1 p. m., May 30th, when the following order of exercises will be executed:

Music by McConnellsburg band. Invocation by Rev. S. B. Hous-ton.

Vocal music. Lincoln's Address, by Miss Mabel Trout.

Recitation, by Josephine Runyan.

Music by the band. Oration by M. R. Shifner.

Flag drill, under the direction of the Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Rebecca Stevens.

Recitation. Address by Mrs. Sara M. Cook. Music.

At the close of the exercises the line of march will be formed and proceed to the cemeteries of each church to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes.

Each passing year carries from us these veterans, the ranks are thinning, fewer answer the roll call—re-enlisted under the Great Commander, who promises victory and peace forever.

For them weave your amaranth flowers, Twine your crosses with fair immortelles, For them ring your last parting salute, The chime of your musical bells."

### COMMITTEE.

Marshall, W. Lee McKibbin; aids, Wells H. Greathed, Earle Taylor, Russel Runyan and Max Irwin.

Musical director, Mrs. C. B. Stevens.

Flower committee, Mrs. Louisa Jackson, Mrs. Lavina Wilkinson, Mrs. Martha Hamill, Mrs. James Rummel, Mrs. David T. Fields, Misses Susie Black, Myrtle Comerer, Ruth Roettger, Emma Ray, Minnie Smith, Katharine Cook, Netha Nesbit and Blanche Morton. The flowers to be collected at the home of Mrs. Jackson, Wednesday morning where they will be arranged and taken to the Court House by the committee and their assistants.

Committee of arrangements, Mrs. S. M. Cook, Mrs. H. S. Wishart, Mrs. Harry Hamill, Mrs. S. B. Woollet, Mrs. B. W. Peck, Mrs. C. B. Stevens, Mrs. E. R. McKibbin, Mrs. John P. Sipes, Misses Mary Goldsmith and Katharine Cook, Messrs. Wells Greathed, Abram Runyan, Jacob Clevenger, David Tanner, Jas. Steach, Cyrus Kelly, Mack Helman and Reed Ray. Members of this committee will meet to decorate the M. E. church Saturday, May 26, at 2:30 p. m., and to decorate the Court House at 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 29th.

MINNIE MOCK, Secretary.

## HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA.

The Home of Many Fulton County People. A Rapidly Growing City.

### CHILLS AND FEVER A THING OF THE PAST

EDITOR NEWS:—In reading the interesting letters of some of my former school mates, now scattered over this great country, I am reminded that renewals are due and so will contribute a few lines for the paper and a check for the editor.

Fourteen years ago this month I left your little city and came to Indiana. I found quite a number of Fulton county families who had moved here soon after the war and their descendants are now among leaders in this busy state.

Indiana of twenty-five years ago is very different from the Indiana of to-day. It has taken two or three generations to drain the land, and what were once looked on as swamps are now the richest farms. The old time chills and fever are never heard of.

People grow old and die here just as elsewhere, but the death rate is low and with the labor saving machinery so largely used the farmer need not wear himself out unless he wants to.

The state has had remarkably good crops during the past five years and the general financial conditions among farmers have never been better. With hogs at \$6.50 per cwt., wool 27c., per pound, corn 50c., per bushel and other products at equally good prices, there is no reason why the Indiana farmer should not prosper.

With the failure of natural gas for factory purpose, some of our industries have moved to other fields. Most of the larger factories have changed to coal and are now considered permanent. Natural gas is still used for fuel, but costs much more than formerly. This wonderful natural product has been in every day use over seventeen years. Oil development has been at a standstill the past year, because of the price dropping from \$1.30 to 80c., per barrel. The price is advancing slowly and if it reaches a dollar or better the field will again become active.

School teachers are in demand, especially young men for country schools. In the towns the larger number of teachers are ladies, but young men are preferred through out the country districts. The salaries average \$40 to \$50 per month, with a little advance for the higher grades in the towns.

Even with our generally prosperous conditions prevailing, there has been a considerable emigration to the Pacific coast during the last two or three years. A number of our friends are there but mostly in the southern part of the state. This shake up is of special interest to us as we spent some time in Santa Cruz, San Jose, Palo Alto and San Francisco two years ago. One couple we know, were stopping at a hotel in San Francisco and did not have time to go back for their clothes before the second shock destroyed the building. They had to walk seven miles in their night clothes and bare feet before they found help. The lady had six dollars in a bag about her neck and that was all they saved.

Wishing the News continued prosperity, I remain  
Yours truly  
T. W. SHARPE  
May 15, 1906.

Mrs. Maria Mann, of Salvia, and her daughter Mrs. Mevin E. Bobb, of Altoona, spent several days last week the guests of Mrs. Mann's sister, Miss Mary E. Daniels in this place. Mrs. Mann expects, in a few days to visit her son L. C. Mann, in Everett, her daughter Mrs. Skipper in Tyrone and then go to Colorado, to make an indefinite stay with her sons Frank and Grant.

## WHOLE STATE FAVORS PLAN FOR GREAT ROAD.

One Man Offers to Form Company to Rebuild Turnpike.

### BOOMING THE PROJECT.

Plans for a great highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, a project of the recently organized Pennsylvania Good Roads Association, are receiving immediate and hearty indorsement throughout the State.

W. A. Dick, chairman of the Executive Committee, announced at the offices of the association, on the second floor of The North American Building, that he had received a letter from John W. Cox, of Gettysburg, offering to form an association to rebuild the old turnpike between Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Other letters indicating the intense interest of the people of the State in the project for a great public highway across the State have been received.

All the co-operation offered will be accepted, and it is the purpose to have representatives from every town in the State in the Good Roads Association.

By the time of the annual convention of the County Commissioners in Harrisburg this summer it is hoped, that the project will be in such shape as to demand the united support of that organization.

### ANSWERED FINAL ROLL CALL.

Henry Diven, of Knobsville, Veteran of Civil War, Died Last Saturday.

Henry Diven, a most highly respected citizen of Tod township, died at his home at Knobsville, last Saturday, aged 70 years; 4 months and 7 days.

Mr. Diven served in defence of his country during the trying days of the Civil War, and the hardships endured there, cost him much ill health and suffering during the latter days of his life. His affliction during the past year was most severe, having rheumatism, paralysis, and finally dropsy.

Mr. Diven was a consistent member of the M. E. church for more than thirty years. A widow, five sons, and four daughters survive to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

Interment in the Knobsville cemetery, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Funeral services conducted by Revs. D. Kelso, and J. C. Grimes.

### Fence Line Law.

It is not generally known that during the session of the Legislature of 1905 a law was passed whereby one party to a line fence could compel the other party to build his share of the fence, or repair his share of the fence as the case may be.

Where a party interested in a line fence, has his own fence in good repair, and his neighbor refuses to build or repair his share of fence, he goes to the auditors and make complaint to them. The auditors are required to examine the fence and the need of it. If they find the complaint well founded, they report the same to a justice of the peace, who is required to give the falling parties notice to repair or build the fence within forty days. If he does not do it the other party may build it and collect the cost of it.

If the auditors find that the fence is in good repair, or that no fence is needed, then no action is taken. In either case the auditors are to receive two dollars each, to be paid by the party whom they find at fault.

The whole procedure is new and farmers and lot owners will do well to cut this out and remember it.

Jacob Rotz and daughter Miss Sadie, of this place, spent the past week visiting relatives and friends at Marion, Chambersburg and Shippensburg.

## MIFFLIN'S SHERIFF HERE.

Looking for the Man Who Stole a Valuable Horse Near Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

### MADE AN ARREST LAST SATURDAY.

Last Wednesday evening Sheriff Gimberling, of Mifflin county, accompanied by Sheriff Kuhn, of Franklin county, came over from Chambersburg, and at once called on Sheriff Alexander, of this county. The two visitors informed our sheriff that they were looking for the man who had on the 12th inst., stolen a valuable horse from a farmer near Lewistown, Pa.

Up to the time the visitors reached here, they had been on a "wild goose chase," not having had any clue to the direction the horse thief had taken. Sheriff Alexander had not seen anything of any suspicious looking individual with a good black horse, but signified his willingness to accompany his brother officers to any part of our county to find whether or not the offender had come this way. On Thursday Alexander and Gimberling made a trip through the northern part of the county, and returned here in the evening. The result of the day's drive was, that they learned that a man with a horse answering the description of the one stolen had been seen the first of the week at Saltillo. They learned further that a stranger had on Tuesday, taken dinner at Howard Denisar's in Taylor township, and that he was traveling southward. They found that Auctioneer Chesnut had seen the same stranger on the road between Hustontown and Harrisonville Tuesday afternoon, and had talked to the stranger.

This clue led the officers to go into Lacking Creek township Friday morning. This day they learned that the stranger with the same black horse had been seen at Harvey Fohner's, and at James Hess's. Further inquiry brought the information that the stranger had left Hess's that morning. The officers came back to town and waited until Saturday morning, when they went to Mr. Hess's and found the stranger, but no black horse. They placed the stranger under arrest, brought him to town placed him in jail and on Sunday morning started with him to Chambersburg, where Sheriff Gimberling would catch a Cumberland Valley train and proceed with him to Mifflin county.

The stranger, while refusing to give his name at first, finally said he was William Brindle, and admitted that he had served a term in the Western Penitentiary for having stolen some cattle.

### Surprise Party.

On Wednesday evening, May 9th Mrs. John Raker was busy with her work, her family thought it a good time to give her a surprise; so they came home and brought with them their families and invited friends and neighbors, who came prepared, with well filled baskets. They did give her a genial surprise on her 48th birthday. They spent some time in social chat, when they were all invited to a well filled table, which would have answered well for any holiday or wedding supper. There numbered about 45 who assembled—old and young. Mrs. Raker received a nice lot of presents to remind her of the occasion. The evening was spent with music from the organ and singing by the young folks, when all went home saying it was good to be there.

Those present were Daniel Elvey and family, H. W. Ewing and daughter Mary, Rev. Henry Wolf and Lucy Peighel, W. S. Brant, wife and son Clem; Mrs. Katherine Connelly and family, Mrs. Annie Croft and son, Mrs. Eva Gress and son, Sylvester Cunningham and family, Nicholas Finif and family, Thomas McClure and wife, Charles Stevens and family, Reila and Bessie Raker, Annie Spicer, George, Budd, Norman and Harvey Raker, and Cloyd Cress.

## HOW HE DID IT.

Prof. Surface Hives Wild Bees in Capitol Park, Harrisburg.

Fully 500 people went to Capitol Park at 1 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon to see Prof. H. A. Surface, state zoologist, stung to death by a hive of bees which he announced he would swarm with his bare hands. But the professor disappointed the crowd and came off without a sting.

The bees had invaded the home of a family of squirrels and chased off the "billies" out.

Prof. Surface, before attempting the hazardous task, explained scientific bee culture as it is practiced at this time, laying particular stress on the fact that there is no such thing as artificial comb honey.

He then fearlessly ascended the ladder, leading to the hive, and with the help of a smoke machine sealed all the exits and entrances of the box and with a rope thrown over a branch close by, let the bees slowly descend to the ground.

The ring of spectators had widened to generous proportions by this time, when Mr. Surface assured the people that he had his charges well in hand, the fear of getting "stung" vanished to such an extent that he had scarcely enough room to perform the operation of transferring them to a new hive.

This was done by closing all the entrances of the hive with the exception of one, opening a single entrance of the old hive, and driving the bees over with the help of smoke.

It will take sometime for all the bees to arrive in the new hive, but after a reasonable period all the entrances will again be sealed, and the bees, hive and all, will be taken to the apiary of Prof. Surface at Camp Hill, where he will make a close study of their habits.

At least a half dozen photographers were on the ground to take pictures at frequent intervals during the process of transfer.

### Man May Now Fly at Will.

"The problem of human flight is solved," writes E. B. Grimes in Technical World Magazine for June. "One hundred and sixty times have the motor-driven flying machine invented by Orville and Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, carried a man safely through the night air. The Wright flyer weighs about 925 pounds, including the operator. It is a true flying machine—not a dirigible balloon—and owes nothing to the lifting power of any gas. It seems to be completely under the control of the operator, who can send it up or down, ahead or to either side at will. Driven by a gasoline engine, said to be of twenty-four horsepower, it flew on its last trip a distance of 24.5 miles without a stop. The speed during the flight averaged a trifle over thirty-eight miles an hour.

Few inventions have had such tremendous possibilities. Consider for instance, what the exclusive possession of such a practicable flyer, capable of lifting heavy weight, would mean to a nation at war. From a secure height, every movement of its enemy over a vast territory could be constantly watched; a whole army might be wiped out or at least thrown into confusion by bombs hurled from the sky; great cities might be easily terrorized—war, it would almost seem, would be abolished by the common consent of mankind.

### First Wedding in New Parsonage.

On Wednesday evening, May 16, Mr. Richard W. Hudson, of Saltillo, and Mrs. Della Silverthorn, of Shirleysburg, were united in marriage by the Rev. Wm. A. West, in his study at the new Presbyterian parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet and M. R. Shaffner, Esq., accompanied the bridal party.

## 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

Dr. A. K. Davis of Hustontown, was a County Seat visitor last Thursday.

On May 26th there will be a picnic at Harris' mill, near big Cove Tannery.

W. E. Bair and Isaac Klime, of Salvia, were in McConnellsburg Saturday.

Simon Daniels and wife, of Salvia, were at the County Seat last Monday.

Clarence Shore, of Clear Ridge was a McConnellsburg visitor on Saturday evening.

Abner M. Lake, of Bolfast township, spent a few hours at the county capital last Friday.

Master George Reissner went to Shippensburg last Thursday, to visit among relatives a week or two.

Miss Grace Hixson, of Brush Creek township, has been spending several days among her McConnellsburg friends.

James Chesnut and Mrs. Howard Denisar of Hustontown, were called to the County Seat Saturday evening on business.

John Raker and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Chas. Stevens at Clear Ridge.

Judge Humbert, of Thompson, gladdened 70 printer's heart with some of the "long green," while in town last Thursday.

Ex-Prothonotary James P. Waltz, of Thompson township, spent last Thursday night at his Tod township farm, and returned home on Friday.

Last Sunday D. L. Elvey and wife were at N. I. Pimff's; John Gress and wife were at A. J. Sipes', and Mac Lynn and sister Sadie spent the day with Miss Mary Ewing.

Mrs. Scott Tritle and daughter Bertha, returned home last Saturday evening, after having had a very delightful visit among friends in Chambersburg, Gettysburg, Waynesboro, and other places over the mountain.

Miss Emma Sloan, a member of the senior class at the C. V. state normal school at Shippensburg, returned to that school Tuesday, after having spent a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, of Chambersburg, spent Sunday in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Largent. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Wilson's brother Harry, who will spend a few weeks with them.

Mrs. John A. Irwin and little daughter Mary, went to Philadelphia last Wednesday to attend the commencement exercises of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy where her son Frank received his degree of graduation on the day following.

Miss Irene Trout, who a few days ago, graduated as a trained nurse at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, is taking a short vacation in the home of her mother Mrs. M. B. Trout, in this place, before going to Atlantic City to enter upon the active practice of her useful profession.

According to notice previously given, an election was held last Saturday by which an opportunity was given the citizens of McConnellsburg to say whether or not they wished the school board to tear down the present school building and erect another at a cost not exceeding seven thousand and eighty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (5 per cent. of the last assessed valuation—\$141,735.) The result of the election showed 72 votes in favor of the scheme, and 59 against it. The present building was erected about twenty-four years ago.