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## RECENT DEATHS.

John Cooper, of Ayr Township, and Nathan B. Hanks, of Brush Creek Valley.

JOHN COOPER.

John Cooper, one of Ayr township's older residents, died on Wednesday of last week, aged about 67 years.

Mr. Cooper was sitting on a chair conversing with a member of the family, when he suddenly became dizzy, and fell to the floor, expiring almost instantly.

He was buried in Union cemetery on Friday.

The deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: Emanuel, George, Ida (wife of Harry Linn), Agnes (wife of Arthur Saville), and Sadie.

NATHAN B. HANKS.

Nathan B. Hanks, one of the most widely known citizens of Brush Creek Valley, this county, died at his home near Emmaville, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, after an illness of several months duration.

The deceased was a son of the late William Hanks. He was born in 1851, and was aged 55 years. His wife preceded him to the spirit world 9 years ago.

Mr. Hanks was one of the foremost men of his section, and took an active part in business, religious, educational and social affairs. He was a progressive and up-to-date farmer and was possessed of considerable means. He was a stockholder and director of the First National Bank, of Everett, and was interested in other enterprises.

In the passing away of Mr. Hanks, Fulton county loses one of its best citizens. He was a wise counselor and good neighbor. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, namely, William C. Clair, Jennie, and Mrs. N. P. Barton.

The funeral service was held at McKeendree church Friday morning, and interment made in the graveyard there.

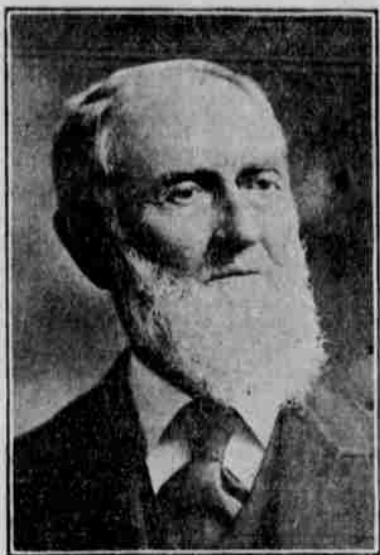
## The Railroad's Big Stick.

In "The Way of a Railroad with a Town" in the June McClure's, Mr. Ray Stannard Baker shows how a common carrier hold up an entire section of country and says whether this industry or that shall prosper, or whether this class or the other shall be utterly driven out of business. Mr. Baker spent a long time studying his material for this article in Danville, Virginia, which is tapped by only one railroad, the Southern, and which on this account is quite at the mercy of the rate makers. A comparison is forcefully drawn between the conditions here and those in the city of Lynchburg, sixty-six miles away, which has plenty of railroad competition. Mr. Baker states facts which unless backed by statistics might well arouse incredulity. For instance, fertilizer is shipped from Chicago to Danville at \$5.80 a ton, whereas if it went sixty-six miles further to Lynchburg, the rate would be only \$4.40. Horses shipped from the West can be delivered at Richmond, 141 miles further, at so much less freight that Danville shippers have been known to book their stock all the way through and then remove it by stealth from the cars as they stood in the Danville freight yard. The tragedy of all this lies in the fact that Danville has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to railroad companies for competition and is still paying interest on a part of this money. Mr. Baker tells how the tobacco-growers are barely able to struggle along while certain favored exporters are given rates which are like finding money. The story of the contest between the railroad and the anti-railroad parties in the town is of absorbing interest. Every one who wants to understand the Big Stick powers of the railroad should read this sane and forcible article.

A. V. B. Souders, one of Ayr township's Civil War veterans, was in town last Saturday.

## Installation of Dr. West.

As was announced last week, the committee appointed by presbytery, composed of Rev. Fred Diehl, of Welsh Run; Rev. James G. Rose, of Mercersburg, and Rev. Waldo, of Chambersburg, came to McConnellsburg last Friday evening, and on Saturday morning, went to Greenhill, where they installed Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., pastor of the Greenhill Presbyterian church, and at 2



REV. WM. A. WEST, D. D.

o'clock in the afternoon of the same day in McConnellsburg, he was installed pastor of the church at that place.

Dr. West was installed as pastor of these two churches June 27, 1906, and served them until the first of December, 1904. The pastoral relation having been dissolved at his own request, he retired, and the churches were served by "supplies" during the six months following. At the meeting in the spring, of 1905, presbytery was asked to send Dr. West as a "stated supply" which was done, and the same action was taken in the fall of 1905.

In the spring of 1906, Dr. West, through the earnest solicitation of the respective congregations consented to accept a call to become their regular pastor again, and hence, he was installed the second time in these churches last Saturday.

While the Reverend Doctor has passed his fourscore years in life and has been in active ministerial work more than half a century, he is possessed of the mental and physical vigor of one much younger in years, and it is earnestly hoped that his life and health may be spared, and that he may serve these congregations many years.

## James A. Diehl Hurt.

Mr. James A. Diehl, of Whips Cove was seriously injured a few days ago. Noticing one of the big barn doors open, he went out to close it, and in doing so, he stepped off the bridge wall and fell several feet. His back was so severely sprained in the fall that he has scarcely been able to move himself in bed since.

## Nuptials.

At four o'clock last Thursday, June 7th, a very pretty marriage was solemnized by Rev. S. J. Pittenger, in the M. E. parsonage, at Harrisonville, Pa.

The contracting parties were Oliver L. Bard and Miss Nettie Mellott, both of Pleasant Ridge.

Those present were M. C. Bard, father of the groom; Sherman Bard, brother; Jessie Bard, a sister, and Mrs. S. J. Pittenger.

## Normal Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Cumberland Valley state normal school at Shippensburg, will be held during the week commencing Sunday, June 24. The baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class will be delivered by the Rev. William L. Laurie, D. D., Bellefonte, on Sunday evening, June 24, at 6 o'clock. The address before the graduating class, on commencement day, Wednesday, June 27, will be delivered by Dr. Leon Prince, of Dickinson College, Carlisle.

## County Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday school Convention held at Hustontown last Thursday evening and Friday, was very interesting, and attended by a large number of delegates and friends of the Sunday school, all of whom speak in the kindest terms of the hospitality of the good people of Taylor's capital.

In the absence of any other, we publish the report made to the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday morning by Miss Kathryn Cook, one of the delegates from that school. The report is as follows:

As a representative of the Presbyterian Sunday school of McConnellsburg, at the County Sunday School Convention at Hustontown, it gives me pleasure in submitting this report. Dr. Lang, a State worker, was present, and gave many excellent talks. These are some of the thoughts expressed:—The teachers of the future must be trained for the work. You can take nothing from an empty vessel. The teacher must be a Christian. He or she must be a church member—must be a Bible student—must be a sympathizing friend of the child—must study the nature of the child—must be his example during the week. Dr. Lang thinks a quarterly review by the superintendent is a waste of time. No opening or closing exercises should encroach on time of lesson. He recommended a varied program. Monotony destroys interest. That lesson is a failure in which the pupil had gleaned no added knowledge. Talking is not teaching. All success in Sunday school teaching is of slow growth. Too many church members outside of the Sunday school. He recommended the Normal lessons by Hurbit as a text book for teachers.

Mrs. S. M. Cook gave the report of the success of the Normal class in McConnellsburg. No one need hesitate to undertake the study. Miss Mary Grove read an excellent paper on intelligent teaching. You must know the book of which you teach. Miss Miamie Reisner read a paper on Elementary Work. Miss Maud Baumgardner gave instruction on How to Begin a Cradle Roll. This was of little interest to the delegates of this school, who find a more fruitful field in Home Department work.

The question rewards or prizes to pupils, was warmly discussed. The sessions were well attended, and much attention was paid to the music, which reflected great credit to the choir. The most charming hospitality attended. Every one was welcome and was provided with entertainment. Members of this school present were the Misses Sloan, Minnie Reisner, Jess Dickson, Netha Nesbit, Katherine Cook, Mrs. S. M. Cook, M. R. Shaffner, S. A. Nesbit and W. H. Nesbit.

## Success With Bees.

Mr. J. L. Richards, of Ayr township, came through the winter with two skeps of bees. The first swarm from these old bees came on the 12th of May, and the ninth one, on the 1st day of June. Each swarm was properly hived, and is now doing well. Joseph says he would not be surprised if he should have three or four more swarms this season. As it is he would like to know who can beat the record.

There is a little history connected with these bees. The latter part of March, 1904, Mr. Richards found in the woods on James Bivens' land, a wild bee. Getting permission from Mr. Bivens, Mr. Richards cut the tree, sawed out the bee, and took it home. During that summer the wild bee gave Mr. Richards a swarm. He then killed the old one. Next summer, 1905, the 1904 swarm gave him three swarms. Two of these he killed for the honey, and the other two are the ones that have done such good work this summer.

## VETERANS PASSING AWAY.

Statistics Show that They are Dying at the Rapid Rate of 100 Per Day.

Veterans of the Civil War are dying at the rate of 100 a day, according to the records which are kept at the United States Pension Office. The monthly reports for several months past have shown the death rate among the old soldiers to be in the neighborhood of 3,000 a month. A report issued by Commissioner Warner shows that during April the total number of deaths of pensioned Civil War soldiers and sailors was 3,134. This is the highest death rate for any month of the present fiscal year.

Pension office officials who have followed the figures closely and know the tendency of the death rate are of the opinion that the number of Civil War pensioners has reached the maximum and that hereafter each succeeding month will show a decrease. At the end of last month there were on the rolls 969,673 survivors, a net decrease of 2,136 from the number for March.

The number of pensioners of all classes on the rolls on April 30th last year was 987,806, a decrease of 2,153 from the number of the month previous. This rate of decrease is unusually high. The total loss to the pension roll during the month was as follows: By death, 4,910; by remarriage, 78; minors by limitation, 86; by failure to claim, 36; for other causes, 80. Total, 5,189.

## NEEDMORE.

A very heavy wind storm passed through here Sunday evening. J. B. Runyan and son Russell, of McConnellsburg, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Runyan, last Sunday.

Eld. Arlie Garland, wife, and little daughter Pearl, of Fort Royal, Va., are visiting among friends here.

Harvey Snyder attended a meeting at Great Cacapon, W. Va., last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. Runyan, Mrs. J. D. Mellott, and Mrs. A. T. Wink, are all on the sick list.

Wesley McKee, wife, and son Leonard, spent Sunday with the family of Levi Skyles, on Pleasant Ridge.

S. L. Weagley, of Upton, Franklin county, left here last Wednesday with a bunch of very fine cows.

Grant Barnhart had the misfortune last week to get a badly mashed foot by a log rolling on it.

Orpha Snyder went to Harrisonville last week to attend Prof. Griffith's normal school.

Dr. Mellott and family made a trip to McConnellsburg and the Cove, last Saturday, and returned on Sunday.

## SALUVIA.

Our farmers are busy cultivating the corn and ploughing for buckwheat.

S. S. Hann, of Webster Mills, and James Hann, of Saltillo, were called to Saluvia last week on account of the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Joseph Everts.

Mrs. Anderson, of Wells Valley, was a guest in the home of William Moore last Sunday.

Ned Mellott had the misfortune to get his hand badly sawed while sawing shingles at Wm. Foreman's last week.

Roy M. Sipes and wife visited the family of Scott Kegarise last Sunday.

J. L. Richards spent Monday night in the home of his son Aaron on the G. N. Hoke farm. Mr. Richards has gained quite a reputation as a successful road maker. The roads in southern Ayr are said to be in excellent condition.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from Mrs. John Biggam, of Greenmount, Pa., to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Mary Esther, to Dr. Clarence N. Trout, on Wednesday, June 20th.

## Republican State Convention.

The Stalwart or Penrose wing of the Republican party held their State convention at Harrisburg, Wednesday of last week, and placed the following ticket in nomination:

Governor—Edwin S. Stuart, former mayor of Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Governor—Robert S. Murphy, of Johnstown, Cambria county, who was originally a candidate for governor.

Auditor General—Robert K. Young, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, a former member of the state house of representatives.

Secretary of Internal Affairs—Henry Honck, of Lebanon, deputy superintendent of public instruction.

With the exception of the nomination for lieutenant governor, for which Murphy was the only candidate, and was therefore un-announcedly named, one ballot was taken on each of the other nominations. The convention was in session a little less than five hours and the programme as drawn up by the leaders was carried out without a change and with little or no friction.

These people have experienced a change of heart during the past eighteen months, for in their platform they now advocate legislation giving trolley companies the right to carry freight; favor a two-cent passenger rate on steam railroads; call for a state commission similar to the interstate commerce commission, and deal at great length with other state issues, favoring many reforms.

## This Hazardous Life of Ours.

Bad as the earthquake was, the whole country ought to understand clearly that San Francisco's chief disaster was due to the fire. Thousands, if not millions, of people have been asking whether or not it was going to be at all safe to rebuild San Francisco, in view of its liability to what the scientific men call "seismic disturbance." This is really something like asking whether or not it is worth while to build cities and towns in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and adjacent States, because destructive tornadoes from time to time visit that general region and do local violence. As these pages were closing for the press, immense forest fires were raging in northern Michigan and in sections of Wisconsin. A number of villages and towns were said to have been burned, and the very considerable city of Escanaba was reported in imminent danger. Flood, drought, fire, earthquake, volcano, epidemic, tornado, blizzard, tidal wave, cyclone, monsoon, hot wave—every section of the land, sooner or later, suffers from some visitation of nature that departs so far from the normal as to cause great suffering and loss. The powers of nature are so profound, and the possibility of some exceptional scourge is a thing so ever-present, that it is a very hazardous affair to be alive at all on any square mile of this lovely but harassed planet of ours.

The prophet who claims to have predicted San Francisco's disaster has now affixed the date for the dreadful calamity that is to overwhelm New York. The fact is that California is probably as safe a State to live in as any other. Its equable climate and general salubrity gives it advantages which most States do not possess under the law of averages. Of San Francisco's financial losses, it may be roughly guessed that less than 5 per cent. are due to the earthquake and more than 95 per cent. to the fire.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for June.

Edward Reinsner, who has just completed the junior year at Ursinus college, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reinsner for his summer vacation. Of course, when there are any prizes in sight, Fulton county students take care of them, as was in this case, Ed winning the first prize in the junior oratorical contest.

## Making Money From Bees.

The business of bee keeping, according to a writer in the New Idea Woman's Magazine for July, is "light, fascinating and pleasant." In fact, as the bees do the work, it seems that this occupation is the nearest that there is to having a number of good investments with certain dividends. "The initial outlay," says this writer, "may be very small; fifteen dollars will secure a modern hive, a colony of good Italian bees, with a queen, and all of the necessary accessories. As soon as a little experience has been gained, the apiary may be built up by adding nuclei (a few hundred working bees) together with new queens at intervals at the cost of a few dollars. The natural increase will then result in an apiary of fifty or one hundred colonies in a few years."

Many good suggestions are given to those desiring to add to their income by this charming industry. It appears that the time to begin the business of bee-keeping is during the summer months, and "there will be little to do except to watch the bees at their work and become as familiar as possible with their habits." One duty of the keeper, however, is to protect the bees as far as possible from their insect enemies, "brush away the spider's web, carefully woven near the hive entrance, as well as to drive off the bold ant who is constantly robbing the bee of her honey." Particularly for women, who desire to earn a modest income for themselves in the country, is bee keeping recommended as an "ideal out door occupation."

## WELLS VALLEY.

Mrs. Owens, of Virginia, is visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Will Hatly and wife, of Hopewell, spent several days with the latter's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Horton, during the past week.

Harry Baumgardner has returned home from Washington, D. C., where he has spent the past nine months in the Bliss Electrical school.

Quite a number of our people attended the Sunday School Convention at Hustontown last week. Marjorie Sipe returned home last Saturday from Rockhill, Huntingdon county, where she had been attending school.

A. S. Greenland, who has not been able to walk for some time on account of a badly sprained ankle, is slowly improving.

Rev. H. K. Ash and family of Three Springs, are spending a couple of weeks among their parishioners in this community.

Children's day service at the Pine Grove M. E. church on Sunday evening, June 17th.

The Children's Day service at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening last was very entertaining, and reflected much credit on the committee in charge.

## A Wild Cat Chased.

Last Thursday evening, as Luther Grove was coming from Fort Littleton to Clear Ridge, between Plum Hollow and Pine Hill, he saw a wild cat. Knowing that T. E. Fleming always kept some hunting hounds, Luther put his horse under the whip, and soon reached Fleming's, but found no one at home, but the two little boys, Lloyd and David Fleming. He told them what he had seen, and boys wasted no time in getting the hunting dogs loosed, and were soon on their way to Plum Hollow. As the boys were of too tender an age to venture far in the woods after dark, they stopped and asked Gilson Kerlin to go along, which he did. Well, it is not necessary to say that the boys had a very lively hunt. The dogs succeeded in killing one wild cat, and gave another a hard fight. One of the dogs was pretty badly used up.

Ex-Commissioner A. M. Corbin, of Taylor, was among the court visitors 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

Thompson Peck and wife, of Needmore, spent last Wednesday in town.

Capt and Mrs. C. T. Dixon, of Saluvia, spent last Friday at the County Seat.

Miss Stella Sipes is home for the summer. She taught in Chester county last winter.

Robert Everts, one of Thompson's substantial farmers, was in town on business last Friday.

N. H. Peck, of Needmore, was the guest of his cousin, the editor of the News, Thursday night and Friday.

Asa Mellott and Lem Smith, two of Whip's Cove's representative citizens, made a trip to the County Seat Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGowan, of Bant Cains, were in McConnellsburg a few hours last Friday.

Miss Irene Trout left Monday for Atlantic City, to locate for the practice of her profession—trained nurse.

Samuel H. Goldsmith, of Polo, Ill., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith, and other friends in this place.

Captain Neiswanger, of Welsh Run, attended the installation services of Dr. West in this place last Saturday.

A. F. Little spent a few days in the city last week, and has returned with a fine line of millinery. See her new ad.

Mrs. T. W. Walker, of Mercersburg, spent several days during the past week in the home of her parents, W. A. Sloan and wife, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Bedford, were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. S. B. Woollet, at the Washington House, from Friday until Sunday.

Abner J. Weaver, a resident of Lower Thompson, was in McConnellsburg last Friday, and called at the News office, and had his name enrolled on our subscription list.

Superintendent Chas. E. Barton, who is a member of the State examining board for the Mansfield State Normal school this year, is at Mansfield this week attending the examination.

Miss Helen Fore, who holds a nice position in the wholesale millinery establishment of S. M. Rose in Pittsburg, is spending her summer vacation among her McConnellsburg friends.

Geo. F. Mellott, formerly one of Ayr township's big farmers, but now a resident of Franklin county, spent last week on this side of the mountain, and was in town a few hours on Friday.

Mrs. Louisa Hull and her daughters, Miss Mary, and Susie (Mrs. Moore) and the latter's daughter, Elda, all of Pittsburg, are visiting Mrs. Hull's daughter, Mrs. D. A. Nelson and other friends in town and the Cove.

Harry M. Lewis is spending some time with his parents, J. H. H. Lewis and wife, near Franklin Mills. Harry has been in Pittsburg for a few years, and is now suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Dr. Wishart left on Monday for Philadelphia to attend the General Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania held yesterday. The Doctor expects to be absent ten days or two weeks and will visit Bordentown, before returning.

Getting his foot and leg tangled up in the wheel of a cart that he was driving on decoration day, Mr. William Shives, of Thompson township, had one of his legs broken. Dr. Stigers of Hancock, was called and straightened up the injured limb.