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BURR-HAMILTON DUEL.

One Hundred and Two Years Since It Was Fought.

One hundred and two years had elapsed on the eleventh day of the present month since the memorable duel between Burr and Hamilton, or as the punctilious records of that day termed them, Colonel Burr and General Hamilton. And when that duel was fought it was the day of physical death for Hamilton, and the day of political death for Burr. Singularly enough, Burr and Hamilton had some traits in common, and these were physical, and many that were different, and these were principally mental. Both were short and slight men, both were handsome, both had been brave soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and both were practicing lawyers in New York city when the correspondence took place that led to the duel. Hamilton ever had the confidence of Washington while the Revolutionary war was in progress. Hamilton was on Washington's staff in the war, and was his confidential adviser while President. For Burr, Washington had formed a dislike that soon turned to a distrust and eventually to an aversion.

As is noted above both Hamilton and Burr were engaged in the practice of the law in New York city in 1804, and both were eminent practitioners and enjoyed lucrative professional engagements, which latter, however, Hamilton was disposed to set aside in behalf of public services which he conceived were due the young and free republic. Both were politicians in the other sense of the word and the expression which Burr selected as a demand for an explanation from Hamilton was supposed to have been used in a conversation between Hamilton and several political associates, which took place at Albany in the previous winter. Hamilton distinctly abjured any remark which might have reflected upon Burr's personal character as distinguished from his political character and the latter then demanded a withdrawal of any and every remark which Hamilton ever made or was even rumored to have made reflecting upon him.

By the side of the burying ground of Trinity Church, in New York city, there runs a narrow thoroughfare known as Thames street, now banked on both margins with huge office buildings, but then partly fronted by residences. Among these was a public house or tavern, standing next to the corner of Temple street. This was the resort of many of the wits, lawyers, and merchants of the city, from the business part of which it stood somewhat removed. In the early morning of the day fixed for the duel, Burr, whose residence held his law office, proceeded with a surgeon and a Mr. Van Ness, of whom the latter was his second in the duel, to breakfast at this tavern, intending thence to "take boat," as the phrase went, to Hoboken.

While Burr and his seconds were at breakfast, Hamilton, his second and his surgeon, and, according to the account, a man who was believed to be his "bargeman," stopped for refreshment at the tavern. There was a constrained and formal recognition between the principals and seconds, and Hamilton and his companions quickly departed, leaving Burr at breakfast. Despite their start, Burr was the first to arrive at the field.

The old tavern has been closed and demolished, though for years after and even until lately, it was a widely reputed resort. Thus on July 11, 1804, there were two meetings between Burr and Hamilton, one in New York, one in Hoboken, and at the second, Hamilton fell mortally wounded.

Bert Goff, of Pittsburg, came to this place last Saturday evening to spend his summer vacation among his old time friends.

FELL DEAD IN PULPIT.

The Rev. T. N. Alderton Stricken While Preaching.

The Rev. Thomas N. Alderton, of Great Cacapon, W. Va., aged 50, dropped dead from apoplexy in the pulpit at Greenwell Baptist Church, at Rees Mills, W. Va., last Sunday, while preaching.

The Rev. Alderton was nearly seven feet tall and weighed over 300 pounds. He belonged to the Primitive Baptist church, and was an itinerant. Among the churches which he served was the Tonoaway church in this county, two miles north of Hancock.

Mr. Alderton was well known in the lower end of this county, having been preaching in the different Baptist churches for several years.

It is a coincidence that Rev. Thomas R. Palmer, of Needmore, a co-worker with Rev. Alderton, dropped dead at the breakfast table at his home, less than a year ago, of apoplexy.

Betrothal Announced.

At a luncheon given recently by Miss Beaber in the city of Tabriz, Persia, announcement was made of the betrothal of Rev. Charles Pittman and Miss Lucille Drake, of that city. Rev. Pittman is a son of Mrs. Sarah Pittman, of this place, and he has been a missionary in Persia during the past six years. Miss Drake is a native of Chicago, and she has been a missionary in Persia three and a half years. At the close of one more year's work in that country, Charles will be entitled to a year's vacation and may be expected home, unless his marriage should change his plans.

GOOD CROPS.

Government Report Shows that Country Wheat Crop will be 722,000,000 Bushels.

The crop situation is eminently satisfactory. A wheat crop of over 722,000,000 bushels, as indicated by the last government report, is nearly 10,000,000 bushels greater than the prospects of a year ago. A corn crop of 2,700,000,000 is the present promise, which is almost a record crop and 50,000,000 above last year's indications. A good cotton crop is also promised, the average estimate being 11,000,000 bales.

Should we have a large wheat crop, that means much prosperity for the farmer, inasmuch as it is a large money producer. A big corn crop means much not only for the farmer and the railroads, but also for the many directions into which it enters for consumption, such as pork, beef, whiskey, starch, glucose, etc. A large cotton crop will be beneficial, inasmuch as the larger portion of it goes for export, and at present good prices will yield a large amount of sterling exchange with which to settle our foreign indebtedness.

Hunting Trouble.

For some time past numerous raids have been made upon different lots and gardens of our town and berries and fruit taken. The vandals do not stop at this, but destroy shrubbery, plants and growing vegetables. This became such a nuisance that recently a watch was set and it was found to be the work of boys, some of whom have scarcely entered their teens, and some boys whose parents would blush to know that their children are engaged in such work. To the boys as well as others, we would say that you are traveling on very dangerous ground, as the laws are very severe for such conduct, and if you persist in it the first thing you know you will find yourselves locked up in jail. So take warning in time.

Nora H. C. Watson is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Henry Caution, and other relatives in the vicinity of Mercersburg and Welsh Run.

MAY BE LAST ENCAMPMENT.

State Guard and Regulars May Have Same Encampment.

Various changes in military affairs may make this year's encampment at Gettysburg the last division encampment at Gettysburg. The Pittsburgh Dispatch says:

"Old members of the Guard and those interested are speculating on the possibility of numerous changes in the course of the next year. It has been stated that General Gobin, present division commander, will retire after this camp, which will naturally give General John A. Wiley the position, while Colonel Willis J. Hulings will take command of the Second Brigade. There is also the possibility that this will be the last of the division camps of the Pennsylvania Guard as the Dick Military bill strongly provides for camps of the State troops with the regular troops of the U. S. A.; and the brigade camp of instruction which is to be held at Mt. Gettysburg this year under General Fred D. Grant, U. S. A., will likely call for assignments of the Keystone State troops there in the future."

Ground Purchased.

It is reported that the heirs of the late D. M. B. Shannon have sold the tract of timber land west of Foltz, including the birthplace of President Buchanan, to the trustees named in the will of the late Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson for three thousand dollars. The birthplace is known as Stony Batter. The tract sold contains about 16 acres. It will be remembered that Mrs. Johnson, who was the niece of President Buchanan and mistress of the White House during her uncle's presidency, provided in her will that her trustees should expend the sum of \$100,000 in erecting monuments at Stony Batter and in Washington to commemorate her uncle.

One report is that the trustees will place only a marker of native stone at the birthplace.—Mercersburg Journal.

Tired of the Chicken Diet.

Freeman Foster was Tax Collector of Rutland for a number of years. He kept a large flock of hens, says the Boston Herald. The neighbor's hens had a habit of trespassing on Mr. Foster's domain. At last he could stand it no longer. He interviewed the neighbor and said: "I have just shut my hens into the henyard. Now, the next time I see on my premises I'm going to shoot."

A few days passed before Mr. Foster noticed a hen scratching in his garden. True to his word, he got his gun, shot the offender, and threw it into his neighbor's yard. The neighbor promptly dressed the fowl and had chicken for dinner. This act was repeated a number of times.

The neighbor became tired of a steady diet of chicken. So, just after the last hen was thrown into his yard, he addressed Mr. Foster thus: "You'd better take this hen and treat some of the other neighbors. We're getting sick of so much chicken."

"I'll teach you to keep your old hens at home," replied Mr. Foster.

"But," explained the neighbor, "I sold all my hens a couple of months ago. Nobody else has hens around here. You've been shooting your own hens. I've seen them flying over the fence."

JOHN VALLANCE HURT.

Had His Right Hand Crushed Under a Steam Hammer Last Week.

John Vallance, of this county, an employe at the Lorain Steel Company's plant in Johnstown, met with an accident last week that will make him a cripple for life. His right hand was caught under a ponderous steam hammer Wednesday evening of last week, and the member so badly crushed that he was taken to a hospital and three fingers amputated.

THAT GRAVE ON MOUNTAIN.

Party From McConnellsburg Went Up Last Week and Opened It. Found Bones.

In order to satisfy themselves as to the speculation about the motives which led to the disturbing of the old grave on top of the Cove mountain about which the News told last week, a party composed of Charles Trittle, Martin Wolf, Robert Shimer, and Robert Jackson, took a shovel along when they went on the mountain for huckleberries last week, and made a careful examination of the grave.

Among other theories advanced for the motive which led to the tampering a few weeks ago, was that, probably, some one had committed a murder, and thought to hide the evidence of the crime by placing the body of the victim in the old grave.

The party of young men referred to above, opened the grave carefully, and found that whoever had opened it a few weeks ago, had been down to the skeleton, had thrown it out, and searched the bottom of the grave. There was nothing to show that they were rewarded for their search by finding any hidden treasure, and that when they were done searching they had thrown the bones back into the bottom of the grave in a promiscuous heap, and filled the grave with the earth they had removed in opening it. The party who opened it last week say that some of the principal bones of the skeleton are missing.

From an article in the Fulton Democrat last week we learn that Mr. A. K. Alexander of this place says that he recently received a letter from his brother, D. E. Alexander, of Des Moines, Iowa, stating that the latter had talked with a man by the name of Smith, who many years ago, lived with a man by the name of Fagley. This Mr. Fagley, was keeping the old tavern at the top of the Loudon mountain in the year 1832, and Mr. Fagley said that the grave was there at that time, but did not know how long before that time it had been made, and could not give any further particulars.

We are informed that some of the old settlers claimed that it was an Indian grave.

BOROUGH TEACHERS ELECTED.

Same Corps as Last Year—Prof. Thomas and Lamberson and Misses Logue and Grissinger.

At a meeting of the board of school directors of this borough last Saturday evening the following teachers were elected for the ensuing term: High School, Prof. Emery Thomas; Grammar School, Prof. B. C. Lamberson; Intermediate, Miss Stella Logue, and Primary, Miss Olive Grissinger.

The salaries remain the same as last year, namely, \$42, \$40, \$35 and \$35. The re-election of the old teachers is a deserved compliment.

The length of the term will be eight months, and the schools will open on the fifth day of September.

The Borough's share of the State appropriation, \$561.19, has been received, and that is sufficient to pay the salaries of the two lady teachers, while the sum received from "outside" pupils, pays the salary of the High School principal; so, you see, it is up to the Borough to pay Prof. Lamberson, and keep the schoolhouses warm and clean, and to pay other little incidentals.

Must Examine Mail.

Hereafter the "opened by mistake" excuse will be a mistake that will cost two hundred dollars. The post office department has ruled that mail must be looked after before leaving the office, and that any letter put in your box by mistake must be returned before leaving the post office under a penalty of \$200 for failure to do so.

MARTIN W. LAKE, DEAD.

Stricken Down in the Prime of Life, a Victim of Appendicitis. Funeral Monday.

Martin W. Lake, one of Licking Creek township's most estimable citizens, died at his home near Harrisonville last Saturday afternoon, after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Lake was aged about 37 years, and up to the time of the beginning of his last illness, was a stout man, in apparently vigorous health. The community has lost one of its best citizens, and the wife and children a loving and faithful husband and father.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Monday morning, the Rev. J. C. Gariand and Rev. S. J. Pittenger conducting the services.

The deceased is a son of the Rev. Daniel B. Lake, deceased, a well known Dunkard preacher; and he is survived by his wife, Maggie, who is a daughter of Mr. Joseph Sipes, and by four bright little sons. His mother is also living, as is one sister, Alice, wife of Homer L. Sipes.

Interment at the Dunkard church down on Pleasant Ridge.

In the Financial World.

It is estimated that within the next year there will be released \$125,000,000 of United States Government bonds, which may be used for bank circulation purposes.

It is estimated that the American banks will be obliged to procure \$50,000,000 from Europe during the summer and autumn in order to tide over the demands for cash which will be made.

Owing to the scarcity of bills of small denominations, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw urges national banks to issue a large proportion of their circulation in five-dollar notes.

ONLY 45 STARS ON THE FLAG.

Salutes Fired for 46 States, but Oklahoma is Not in Union.

A lot of people in different parts of the country have been firing salutes in honor of the forty-six States of the Union, when there are only forty-five. There seems to be a universal impression that Oklahoma has become a State. The error traveled as far as Manila, for it is reported that Oklahoma was included in the national salute fired at the Luneta. What is more astonishing is that at some forts in this country, some even as near to Washington as Forts Howard and McHenry, Md., salutes of forty-six guns were fired.

There are just forty-five stars on the flag, and there will not be any more than that before July 4, 1907. Then there may be forty-six or forty-seven, according to whether Arizona decides to come into the Union. It is not yet officially known even that Oklahoma is going to come into the Union. The law admits her if she wants to come, but she hasn't voted to come yet.

Along about the end of next June the quartermaster general's office will begin to turn its attention to a rearrangement of the flag so as to add the new star, or stars, as the case may be, in the most artistic and effective way. Until that time the flag will go on looking as it does now, and persons who fire salutes in honor of the Union need not shoot more than forty-five times.

Ruling on School Law.

According to State Superintendent S. Sheffer's interpretation of the school law, any township that does not have a high school must pay the tuition of scholars who have passed the district school and wish to enter high school, even if the high school is located in another county. If a township has a high school, it does not have to pay tuition for scholars who wish to go to other schools even though such offer a more advanced curriculum which the student wishes to take advantage of.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

And Meetings of the School Boards for the Election of Teachers for the ensuing Term.

Dublin township, at Fort Littleton, Wednesday, July 25th, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock a. m.

Tod township, at McGovern's, Wednesday, July 25th, 3 o'clock p. m.

Licking Creek—Harrisonville, July 26th at 9 o'clock a. m.

Taylor—Hustontown, July 27th at 8 o'clock a. m.

Wells—High School, July 28th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Belfast—Needmore, July 30th, at 8 o'clock a. m.

Avr—Webster Mills, July 31st at 9 o'clock a. m.

Thompson—Center, August 1st at 9 a. m.

Bethel—Warfordsburg, August 2nd, at 9 a. m.

Union—Center, August 3rd, at 9 a. m.

Brush Creek—Emmaville, August 4th at 9 a. m.

Inasmuch as there are only a few applicants in the county who have not been examined, we shall examine only at Hustontown and Needmore.

All applicants who desire an examination are requested to present themselves at one of the above named places.

The minimum age required for teachers is 18 years. Applicants from other counties are required to present a recommendation as to character etc.

School Boards are urged to meet promptly at the time specified, except in Taylor and Belfast where on account of the examination, boards may assemble at a later hour.

CHAS. E. BARTON,
County Superintendent.

WILL FIGHT VACCINATION.

Clubs Formed to Work for Repeal of Compulsory Law.

Anti-vaccination clubs are being organized and they will endeavor to have the existing vaccination law repealed at the next session of the Legislature.

Mrs. Lola C. Little, of Minneapolis, Minn., who is the most pronounced and most prominent of the anti-vaccinists in this country, is leading the fight against the law and is now touring the anthracite region. Mrs. Little has been working in this State since April. In that time she has organized clubs in Berks, Clinton, Dauphin, York, Franklin, Luzerne, Columbia, Carbon and Schuylkill counties. In a recent interview Mrs. Little said: "We have knocked out compulsory vaccination in three states—Minnesota, Indiana and Illinois—and we expect to do the same thing in Pennsylvania. In fact we are going to do it next winter. I find the opposition to compulsory vaccination very strong in Pennsylvania and particularly in Franklin county. In investigating the epidemic of last fall I have come to the conclusion that the disease was bred and spread chiefly by vaccine virus. Mrs. Little's plan is to organize good-health leagues in every town and city of considerable size in the State, and already the total membership of these leagues in the State is formidable.

Blacksnake For Table Ornament.

The Huntingdon News says, Mrs. Joseph Cyrus, of McConnellsburg, had quite a thrilling experience with a blacksnake. Going into her closed-up parlor a few days ago, she noticed something coiled up on a table. She went out again undaunted and asked her son Clarence why he had tried to fool her by placing a piece of rubber hose on the parlor table. He denied the accusation, and investigation revealed the fact that the supposed rubber hose was a large blacksnake which seemed unperturbed by the family's excitement. The lad procured a hoe and soon had dispatched the reptile. It is a query as to how the reptile got into this room as it had been closed for several days.

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 Irvie Hull, of New York City, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hull, South First street.

Hayes Deshong, of Pleasant Ridge, was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Huston Heeter, of Clear Ridge, spent a few hours in this place Thursday.

Rev. Harry Daniels, and Rev. Holtzman, of Hustontown, were McConnellsburg visitors, Saturday.

Miss Dixie Robinson, of Baltimore is visiting her parents, Editor and Mrs. S. M. Robinson, in this place.

William Strat and Harry Ramsey, of Clear Ridge, spent Thursday at the county seat on business.

Mrs. Frank St. Clair, of Washington, D. C., is spending a couple weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer.

"Uncle" John Hann of Saluvia, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Hann says the turnpike is being badly torn up by traction engines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad, accompanied by their niece, Miss Annie Ott, are spending some time with Mrs. Conrad's sister, Mrs. W. B. Karns, in Everett.

Charles E. Goldsmith, who had been spending a very pleasant outing at Everett and Bedford Springs, returned to his home in this place, Monday.

Wilbur Fraker and Mrs. Geo. W. Comer, of Burnt Cabins, were in town Monday. Mrs. Comer was here attending to some business connected with the settlement of the estate of her deceased husband.

Rev. Dr. West and Trustee J. G. Reisner, of the Presbyterian church of this place, attended the Reunion at Penmar last Thursday. As far as we are informed they were the only two representatives from this county.

M. S. Wilt and wife, of Fort Littleton, spent a few hours in town last Thursday. While they are not young people any more, they are both looking well, and we trust they may be spared many more years to journey in life's pathway together.

An automobile party composed of Messrs. O. S. Palmer, of McKeesport; Sol Palmer, of Connellyville, and Al Weaverling, of Duquesne, stopped in Everett, on last Tuesday, while on their way to Fulton county.—Everett Republican.

Mrs. Linna A. Trogler and little son Lewis Harold, and the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. George Deshong, of Hustontown, were callers at this office Monday morning. Mrs. Trogler brought her mother, Mrs. Harriet Deshong to this county last Wednesday, and Monday took Mrs. George Deshong back with her to Franklin county for a week's visit. While on that side of the mountain Mrs. Deshong will visit her mother, Mrs. Fannie Mellott, and her sister, Mrs. Maggie Kline at Greencastle.

The McConnellsburg Cornet Band desire to thank the citizens—especially the ladies—of this borough, for their liberal contributions of cash and cakes, and for their assistance in holding the band festival on the fourth and fifth instant. The Band cleared \$192.11 and on Monday ordered uniforms, which will about clean out the treasury. The suits will be blue, trimmed with black braid and when the boys turn out, they will present an appearance that will be a credit to the town. That they can "blow" music with any of them, is a settled fact, and they deserve all the encouragement that can be given.