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## GONE HOME.

**The Lord Gave and the Lord Taketh Away. Blessed Be the Name of the Lord.**

### SORROWING FRIENDS LEFT BEHIND.

WM. H. WITTER.

William H. Witter, one of Taylor township's most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home Christmas evening, after an illness lasting almost two weeks of pneumonia. Mr. Witter had been in failing health for several years, and when he was stricken with pneumonia, he did not have the vitality to withstand it.

Mr. Witter was a most excellent citizen, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Center church on Thursday, Rev. Harry Daniels of Hustontown, conducting the services.

Mrs. Witter died about seven years ago, leaving the husband and five children. The children are, Goldie, wife of Ross King, near West Dublin; and Belle, Hester, Pryor, and Lucy at home.

GREENAWALT.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Greenawalt were shocked to learn of her death, which occurred at her home at Lemaster, Franklin county, on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Greenawalt was the wife of Merchant George Greenawalt, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, of McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Greenawalt had been in ill health for several years, but her last illness in which she was bedfast, covered a period of thirty-three weeks, the result of cancer.

She was aged forty six years, four months, and four days. During her girlhood she identified herself with the Reformed church, and up to the time of her death she manifested that sweet Christian spirit that comes only with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In addition to being a loving wife and mother, she was deeply interested in the welfare of her neighbors and friends and never lost a chance to do good as opportunity offered.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, a son, Guy, seventeen years of age, and Helen, about seven. Her father and mother are living, as are also her sisters Emma (Mrs. Geo. B. Daniels) Annie (Mrs. Harvey Cooper) and brothers, Thompson and Will, in Kansas, and George in Franklin county.

Funeral last Friday, and interment in Eiters' graveyard.

FELLEY.

Mrs. Maggie Kelley, an aged and highly respected lady, died at her home near Decorum, Dec. 16, aged about 65 years. Interment at Burnt Cabins, Tuesday 15th, funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. Baxter, of Fannettsburg.

M'ELRHANEY.

Another victim of pneumonia in Taylor township, was a child of Mr. and Mrs. Zack McElrhane, near Hustontown, that died on Wednesday of last week, and was interred in the cemetery at Hustontown on Friday. The child was born on the fourth day of last July. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this dark hour of bereavement.

SUSAN SMITH.

Having reached the greatest age, probably, of any one in this county in many years, Mrs. Susan Smith died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Job L. Garland in Bethel township on last Saturday. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Younker, and she was born in the year 1812, hence she lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. She had been in feeble health for several years, and during the last two years has practically been bedfast. She was a member of the Christian

From Albert Heikes.

Among the number who remembered us in a very substantial way on Christmas, was our old friend Albert Heikes, well known in this county as having conducted a coach shop in McConnellsburg for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Heikes, Parker, and McC. D. Skinner and Phoebe and their son Thornburg, live at Great Falls, Montana—Parker and Mac owning and managing a big stock ranch near the city. In order to have the advantage of the best school facilities, Phoebe and Thornburg are spending the winter in the city in the Heikes home from which Thornburg is going to the city schools, and Mrs. Heikes is out on the ranch with Parker and Mac. Lucy is married and lives in Mount Vernon, Mo., and Pora is married and lives at New Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. Heikes says that the Government is opening the Fort Shaw Reservation, and irrigating the land. This will throw open to settlers a large area of splendid farm land. Of course, the land without irrigation, is practically worthless, but Mr. Heikes says that it will now soon jump to a value of fifty dollars an acre, and he would like to see a lot of good industrious Pennsylvanians go out and secure for themselves good homes. A small investment now, would mean comfortable circumstances in a few years with not as much effort as would be required to "keep soul and body together in Fulton county." The Fort Shaw land lies very nicely, and after it is watered, will be well adapted to the culture of the sugar beet, and there is now talk of a big sugar plant to be erected at a central point. Among other enterprises out there is a big smelting plant, and a contract has just been given to a large New York firm for the erection of a five-hundred-foot smoke stack. The one they have now—180 feet high, is entirely inadequate.

Mr. Heikes wishes to be remembered kindly to all his old Fulton county friends, and to say if they come that way they will find his latch-string hanging on the outside of the door.

Commissioner S. A. Nesbit has sold his driving mare Maud to Dr. R. B. Campbell at New Grenada. Maud is a good one.

Mrs. Mary E. Shimer, nee Largeat, who had spent almost five years in the News office, resigned her position last week, and on Saturday left for Harrisburg, where she will join her husband Robert M. Shimer, who is employed in a large tailoring establishment.

church and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cedar Grove church.

WILLIAM BUTTS.

William Butts, a well known citizen of the upper end of the county, died at the home of his daughter Ada Cline, near Fort Littleton on Monday night of last week. While he has not been in vigorous health for some time, he recently suffered an attack of pneumonia, and his enfeebled condition was such that he could not withstand it. His funeral conducted by Rev. Cline, took place on Wednesday, and interment was made at Burnt Cabins.

He is survived by three sisters and a brother in Mt. Carroll, Ill., and by a sister in New Cumberland, Pa.

His age was seventy eight years and nine days.

GARLAND.

Herman J. son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Garland, died at their home on Pleasant Ridge last Thursday, aged two months and twenty-seven days. The child had been in feeble health since birth. Funeral on Friday conducted by Rev. A. G. Powers of Needmore. Interment at Sidelong Hill Baptist church.

## FROM THE OLD DOMINION.

J. H. H. Lewis Writes About the Natural Bridge, the Big Tunnel, and Beautiful Scenery.

### PEOPLE GENEROUS AND HOSPITABLE.

Pearisburg, Va.—Pearisburg is the county seat of Giles county, and the neighboring mountains—the Alleghenies, the Blue Ridge, and the Cumberland—belong to the Appalachian System.

The well known Mountain Lake summer resort is situated in this county. The lake itself is a beautiful sheet of water 3,500 feet above sea level, and so transparent is the water that the bottom of the lake is visible from every portion of the surface, although it has an average depth of 50 to 60 feet. The mountain scenery is grand and beautiful beyond description. The greatest wonder in the State is the Natural Bridge, over Cedar Creek in Rockbridge county. The bridge is a huge mass of rock spanning the bed of the creek at a height of 225 feet. A wagon road leads across it, and forest trees and shrubbery grow on each side of the road, hiding to some extent the sides of the bridge; hence one might drive across, if not acquainted with the conditions, and not know he had crossed a bridge. Within a short distance of the bridge is the Isabella Stairway, a natural underground flight of stone steps. The stairway begins in a beautiful cavern, and winds upward under numerous arches to a height of 400 or 500 feet—opening, at last, to the sky. This is, perhaps, the only such stone stairway yet discovered.

In Scott county is the Natural Tunnel. The rock formation here is something like that of the Natural Bridge, but the tunnel is not so high nor so long. A branch of the Clinch river runs through, as does also a railroad.

The state of Virginia is very rich in minerals, and it is noted for the variety and beauty of its building stones. Granite of the finest quality, brownstone and sandstone are found in abundance. Large quantities of salt are found in the Great Valley, in Washington and in Smith county. The salt is obtained by the evaporation of brine which flows from artesian wells bored down into a bed of solid rock salt.

Virginia familiarly known as the Old Dominion, was settled by the English, and named for Queen Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen. The Jamestown Exposition will be held next year to celebrate the first settlement of Virginia 300 years ago.

The public schools of Virginia are supported by State taxation. This however, is supplemented in many counties and towns by local taxation.

The brunt of desolation which this state sustained during the Civil War is appalling, but she has arisen from her desolation, and as the years have gone by, prosperity has attended her efforts, until now she stands among the most prosperous of the States; and her people—no more generous and openhearted people exist on the face of the globe.

Northern people, I think, have an idea that Virginia is over run with negroes; but such is not the case. There are comparatively few dummies. They have largely migrated north or to the large cities. Those that remain are worthless, lazy, and improvident.

The people in this section travel mostly on horseback—both women and men. I have seen more side saddles since I have been in Virginia, than for many a day up north. A woman will mount a horse, hang her market basket on a horn of the saddle, place her baby in her lap, and think nothing of riding away five or six miles to a country store. I might add just here that they have fine saddle horses.

Many northern people coming to this country, interest themselves in working up timber, of which there is an abundance. I saw a large poplar tree yesterday 24 feet in circumference—said to be the largest tree in the State.

## TOP OF HIS PROFESSION.

Will Hughes, a Native of McConnellsburg, Occupies High Position as Physical Culturist.

### HIS THE LEADING PLACE IN PHILA.

Down on Eighth street in Philadelphia, is an institution well known to the people of education and culture in the Quaker city. It is in this place that college professors, teachers, ministers, students, men of leisure, clerks—ladies as well as gentlemen, go to take advantage of the splendid opportunities for the scientific development of the muscles of the human body, and to acquire skill in the art of manly self-defense.

This is not a mill for the grinding out of pugilists and prize fighters, and yet the skill that one may acquire here is such that it would both some of the clever knights of the ring to get a chip off the shoulder of one who has had training at the Eighth street establishment.

Now this is not an advertisement. We are led to speak of the place because the noted proprietor is a native of McConnellsburg, and started out to win fame by taking a good sized birch in his hand and entering one of the public schools of Fulton county as teacher. He succeeded well enough that his services were in demand in counties paying larger salaries, and on up he went until his health failed. This led—or drove—him into the study of Physical Culture, and changed the plans of his life. But the change was much to his advantage in every way, and to the advantage of thousands who have received great benefit from his teaching and training along the line of Physical Culture.

By this time we have you guessing. Well, the name of the gentleman is William Findlay Hughes, or he will be more familiarly remembered by his old chums and schoolmates here as Will Hughes. He was born here more than half a century ago, and as a boy, possessed a brilliant intellect; and, as many a boy has cause to remember, Will was a scrapper of no mean ability. From the Philadelphia Record of a recent issue, we clip the following:

"Philadelphia is probably the only city in the world that has a teacher of boxing who gave up the teaching of the ordinary college branches for the purpose of making a life study of boxing, and imparting that knowledge to others. Some years back William Findlay Hughes was a prominent teacher in one of the leading minor colleges. Overstudy marred his health and he was forced to devote a portion of his time to exercise in order to repair his failing physical strength. Looking about for a suitable form of exercise he became interested in boxing. He found the study of self-defense so interesting and the exercise of boxing so beneficial to himself that he determined to give up school teaching and devote all his time to the manly art. Professor Hughes has probably given more thought and study to boxing than any man who has ever taken it up in America. After studying under such well-known professional boxers and teachers as Dominick McCaffrey, William McLean, Robert Colbert, and other well known professionals, he read voraciously everything that was ever printed on boxing that he could lay hold of. In order to thoroughly understand the muscles of the body and the best methods of exercising them, he took a course under Professor Sergeant, the great athletic authority of Harvard University, and then added to this work the benefit of a course in anatomy at Jefferson College. Even with all this study and investigation of the subject of boxing covering a period of many years, Professor Hughes still

## OUT IN IOWA.

G. Leslie Decker Brags About a Good Dinner He Had on Christmas, at I. W. Mellott's.

### REUNION OF FULTON COUNTIANS.

Hedrick, Iowa, Dec. 29, 1906.—Perhaps some of my Pennsylvania friends who have not taken the opportunity to come "west" and see for themselves, may enjoy reading a few lines from one who has had the pleasure of enjoying a visit among the numerous "Fulton Countians" who have pitched their tents here.

I came to Iowa the first of last August, and had a delightful trip, landing at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where my brother J. Stanley Decker lives, and is attending school at Iowa Wesleyan University, at which place I too have been going to school since Sept. 12, but am now enjoying a two weeks' Christmas vacation with my brother William who owns and lives on a nice farm close Hedrick, sixty miles west of Mt. Pleasant, and fifteen miles of Ottumwa, a town of about 25,000 on the Des Moines river, and one of the best trading towns in South eastern Iowa.

We attended a horse sale Dec. 28th, where I saw 300 horses sold at public auction ranging in price from \$200 to \$500 per team. These sales are semi-monthly, conducted by the farmers and horsemen of the surrounding country.

The land here is prairie, level as a floor and fertile as can be found, ranging in price from \$50 to \$150 per acre. The farmers here their corn, shucked now, and can boast of a share of 400 millions of bushels of corn, which is Iowa's estimated crop; and by the number of rail pens you see filled, it banishes doubt as to the truth of the estimate.

Christmas Day was celebrated at I. W. Mellott's at Richland, where all we "Pennsylvania Dutchmen" (as they seem inclined to call us here) assembled and a jolly good time with the usual "dinner" on such occasions was enjoyed. Those present were, T. I. Sipes, wife and family; Leonard Mellott, wife and family; G. O. B. Hockensmith, wife and family; William Decker, wife and family; all together making a goodly number.

School re-opens January 3rd, and that means "work" again. Mt. Pleasant is a beautiful, small town of about 5,000 and has fifteen churches, two colleges, and two academies. Iowa Wesleyan has a Business Department along with the regular college course, which is classed among the best of the country; so if there are any young fellows back there thinking of taking a business course, and are in doubt, just come out here and enjoy the associations of the students of Iowa Wesleyan and receive an up-to-date business training. I speak from personal experience.

continues his work in that line, making it a practice to see and study the methods of every boxer who comes into prominence. And yet after all these years he does not find the subject exhausted, for he says that he can still find some things about the art of boxing as developed by others which it is well worth his while to investigate in order to perfect his knowledge of what he considers the greatest of all manly exercises."

Mr. Hughes is firmly of the opinion that no man can ever be his best who uses tobacco, or intoxicants of any kind, and in his own case has never touched any of them, and is a relentless foe against their use by others.

No rough or uncouth persons are allowed about his place, and everything wears the air of eminent respectability.

Before establishing his Philadelphia place, Mr. Hughes taught Physical Culture in Harvard College, and has since been private tutor in many clubs, private schools, &c., in and near Philadelphia.

## MIDWINTER MARRIAGES.

Gertie Finley, Amy Douglass, Della Young, and Florence Carnell Among the Brides.

### "NEWS" WISHES THEM HAPPINESS.

HESS—CARNELL.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Carnell, of Dott, at 6 o'clock, Wednesday evening, when her daughter, Florence Virginia, was united in marriage to John G. Hess, in the presence of a few witnesses.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Hendershot, assisted by Rev. James R. Logue. The wedding march was rendered by Mrs. Mabel Carnell. After the ceremony a splendid supper was served.

The bride was handsomely gowned in cream colored silk, with point veise trimming, and natural flowers.

The bride and groom are well known, and highly respected young people of Bethel township, and have the good wishes of a host of friends.

At nine o'clock the Calithumpian Band appeared on the scene, dressed in their paraphernalia and gave them some of the most inspiring music heard in the neighborhood for many years. Rev. Logue made an address of welcome in behalf of the bride and groom. Appreciation was further shown by serving cake and cigars to the Band, who responded by giving three cheers for the newly wedded pair, and the longest piece of music it has ever one's good fortune to hear.

The band of Calithumpians was composed of true gentlemen, who performed their duty as musicians with great skill and power. The Captain's face pictured the spirit in his soul as he wielded his baton, keeping time to the inspiring strains with vigor. All who listened were well pleased with the music, good order, and manly conduct of the serenaders, who, after many good nights, departed quietly for their homes.

PHILLIPS—DOUGLASS.

A beautiful wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson W. Douglass, in Thompson township, on Wednesday evening of last week, when their daughter, Miss Amy, was united in marriage to Mr. William P. Phillips. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, of Needmore, in the presence of quite a number of friends and neighbors.

The wedding march was played by Mr. Roy Daniels; Miss Anna Comerer was bridesmaid, and Mr. Jacob Douglass, best man.

The bride was gowned in white silk. After the ceremony and congratulations, the dining room door was thrown open, and a sumptuous wedding dinner served.

The bride was the recipient of many valuable and useful presents.

The happy couple are excellent young people, and start off in the journey of marital life with the very kindest wishes of their numerous friends.

CHARLTON—FINDLEY.

January 1, 1907, was a happy New Year's day to at least two people we know, and we trust that as each first of January shall come through a period of many years, they may look back upon that of 1907 as being the beginning of genuine happiness and prosperity. These people are now Mr. and Mrs. George A. Charlton, and their home is at Maddensville, Pa. Mrs. Madden wrote her name (Miss) Gertie F. Finley up to New Year's day, when she found herself at Mount Union in company of Mr. Charlton, and then it happened that Rev. Henry K. Ash, of Three Springs, a former pastor and friend of the family, was in the town that day. Well, that was enough. George did not find any

## 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

Richard Deshong, of Andover, was in town on business, Friday.

George W. Hays and wife, of this place, spent Saturday in Hustontown, guests of relatives.

Mrs. Abba Deshong visited her daughter, Mrs. Swartz, at Saluvia Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Shoemaker of McConnellsburg, spent a few hours with the family of J. W. Lake at Pleasant Ridge recently.

Edgar Hann, who had been spending the holidays with his parents, R. R. Hann and wife, at Saluvia, returned to the Pennsylvania Business College, at Lancaster, Monday.

James Chesnut, a prominent citizen of Dublin township, was greeting his many McConnellsburg friends, Friday.

Obed T. Mellott, one of Belfast township's leading farmers, was registered at the Washington House Tuesday.

D. E. Strait, Hustontown's hustling blacksmith, was an agreeable caller at the News office last Friday while in town attending to business.

F. R. Shives, one of Licking Creek township's well known citizens, was among the business visitors at the county capital, Friday.

Ex-Sheriff D. C. Fleck, of Fort Littleton, who has been in ill health for some time, is now improving, and his many friends hope soon to see him out again.

Robert and Lincoln Diehl of Whipps Cove, made a trip over to the County Seat last Friday. They said the continued wet weather had caused the roads to get in an almost impassible condition.

Merchant C. J. Barton of Hustontown, was in town last Friday, and called at the News office. He said he would give a dollar to have the seven on the label of his paper changed to an eight. We took him up and got his money, and kept it about five minutes.

Mrs. Michael Mellott, of Johnstown, and Mrs. William Mellott, of Riddlesburg, were called to their home on Saturday last on account of the very dangerous illness of their mother, Mrs. Morgan Deshong, of Pleasant Ridge.

trouble in fishing a marriage license out of his pocket, with Prothonotary Harris's name on it, and you know it does not take a whole camp meeting to witness a marriage ceremony. So in the cozy parlor at the Beers Hotel, Mr. Ash gave the bride the certificate that warranted her signing her name Mrs. George A. Charlton. After the ceremony, the happy couple boarded a Pennsylvania train for Pittsburg; and after a brief wedding trip, will return and make their home at Maddensville.

The bride is a daughter of Dennis Finley, Esq., of Decorum, and a most estimable young woman.

NAVE—YOUNG.

Mr. John A. Nave, of Friends Cove, Bedford county, was united in marriage to Miss Della M. Young, daughter of John Young, of Wells Tannery, on Wednesday afternoon, January 2nd; at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father, by Rev. E. L. Kennedy, of Everett.

HILL—TOMPINSON.

Dr. Walter Hill, of Everett, was married at Cumberland, Md., on the day before New Year, to Miss Jolia Ann Tompkinson, of Everett. The groom is a son of the late Dr. H. H. Hill, and a nephew of Frank P. Lynch, Esq., of this place.