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IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Dr. Swartzwelder Passing Away His Time Taking a Post Graduate Course.

LATCH STRING OUT FOR OLD FRIENDS.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—My last letter concluded with a brief description of our descent of the Rocky Mountains. Having made the descent, we came into a beautiful valley. The valleys here are different from most valleys in the East, in that when you are down the mountains, which are, as a rule very precipitous, you are in the valley proper. The valleys are not so broken, and are more level. At the foot of the mountains, the land lies too high for irrigation, and the ranchers, called farmers in the East, depend on Providence for rains to produce crops. The showers in summer are few and the soil sandy, and the climate hot—98 to 114 degrees. Thus it is necessary to raise light crops that mature early in the summer, of which wheat is the principal one. There are thousands of acres of this land sown in wheat. It is sown about this time of year, and matures before the dry, hot season affects it in summer. Some ranches have from ten to fifteen thousand acres sown in wheat. The land is broken or ploughed by gang plows; some are drawn by steam engines, and others by six, eight, or ten horses to the plow—three or more teams following each other. When the wheat ripens, it is cut, gathered, threshed, and stacked by one machine, drawn by thirty or more horses. The lower land that can be irrigated, and has a deep soil—hard from three to four feet below surface—is too valuable for wheat raising, and is planted in peaches, grapes, prunes, apricots, figs, oranges, lemons, and olives, and horticultural products, as berries, vegetable, turnips, beets, onions, tomatoes, celery, cabbage, and almost anything. Indian corn is not extensively raised here, as it is not a profitable crop, due to the hot, dry summer. This state has a varied climate. I can look north of us about 35 miles, and see the high snow capped mountains, which, I am told, remain as the year around, and here in the valley, lettuce, tomatoes, bean, peas, and strawberries are ripe and in market, and house flowers are growing and blooming out of doors. Oranges and lemons are on the trees, and the grass green as in May in Fulton county. The nights and the cloudy, rainy days, are cool, and some mornings are frosty. Soon after a shower, the sun usually comes out and it is warm. The past ten days, or more, we have had frequent showers, and cloudy weather, which has a peculiar chilling effect on one—even as much as in the East. The buildings are not made here for thorough heating, and that only by gas. At present there is a great scarcity of all kinds of fuel, and what is here, is at prices beyond the reach of the average income. Coal retails at 80c. per bushel and wood is 40c. per sack of two bushels, or \$16 to \$18 a cord. Fuel, coal, being scarce, the manufacturers of gas cannot supply the people, and during the damp cool spells there is considerable suffering and many deaths from pneumonia—especially among the poorer class. The air is peculiar here. During rain or sunshine, day or night, it seems cooler indoors than out. It is no strange thing here to see children playing in the streets after a shower, without shoes, hat or coat.

We came from Reedley, Cal., here December 18th, leaving there about 4 p. m., and arriving here 9 a. m. the next day—distance 288 miles, which makes 4181 miles we have traveled since leaving Reedmore. The greater part of the way from Reedley

PROTECT OUR FORESTS.

But Don't Farm the Job, If You are Called on to Help Put Out a Fire.

Here is a little communication from Greenwood. We must confess that we do not know where Greenwood is, and while we are on the penitent's stool, we will admit that geography was never a very attractive study to us anyway. We suspect, however, that Greenwood is in Fulton county, for the communication was postmarked at a Fulton county post-office. The name of the correspondent is all right, and, now, we will let him talk for himself.

"Our Deputy Fire Warden came around a few days ago with the cash for those who had helped to subdue the forest fires in this township last summer. The law passed for the protection of our forests is a good one, and its efficacy depends upon how well the citizens of this commonwealth observe the spirit of its provisions. No good citizen will try to farm the job when he is asked to assist in subduing forest fires. We have heard of men who would coax a fire along, for miles perhaps, just to prolong the 20 cents-an-hour job.

"Those who are observant of matters of general interest, say that there were not half the fires in the mountains ten years ago, that have been since the law has been enforced.

"By the way, the proper State authorities should be notified to look after a peculiar malady that is affecting the horses in parts of Fulton county. A large number of valuable horses have died recently, and no one here seems to be able to diagnose, or successfully treat the disease.

"Say, Mr. Editor, I did not get my 'News' last week. I do not blame you for its failure to reach me, for I am informed that you printed them as usual. The 'News' is an all right paper, and I do not want to miss a single copy. It comes into my home the last of the week with all the news, and a lot of mighty good reading besides."

here was gone over during the night and we could see nothing of the country. We awoke early and found ourselves descending the Coast Range of mountains, whose scenery was beautiful, and more so, as the sun shined bright and warm. Los Angeles is about 35 miles from the Coast Range, and we were about one hour coming in. We passed one of the largest olive orchards, it is said, in the world, besides acres of oranges, lemons, peaches, strawberries, vegetables, and a farm where pigeons are raised by the thousand.

Los Angeles is a beautiful city of 200,000 people and 75,000 tourists. Plants that take their nourishment from other plants are called parasitic. This may be justly called a parasitic city from the fact that the people here live off the tourists. The people come here from every state in the Union—besides many foreign countries—for health, and to escape severe winters. There are some beautiful homes here, and much wealth; but in my opinion the wealth does not come up to our eastern cities. Many of the people who come here to stay rent houses, and then rent rooms furnished to tourists for light housekeeping or otherwise. Boarding can scarcely be had except at hotels or restaurants. We are located at 900 W. Jefferson St., two blocks from the University of Southern California, Department of Liberal Arts, which is affiliated with the Medical University, at which I am taking post graduate work; one block from the public school building, at which my sons are attending, and two blocks from the University M. E. church. If any of my friends desire to write, or make me a visit, they will not have any trouble in locating me.

J. S. SWARTZWELDER.

RARE POCKET PIECE.

Hon. S. L. Buckley, of Fort Littleton, Possesses a Relic of Colonial Times.

Hon. S. L. Buckley, one of Fort Littleton's enterprising merchants, was in town a day or two this week. During his stay he called at the News office, exchanged greetings with the editor, and incidentally drew from his pocket a well-filled wallet, and asked how his subscription account stood. The editor's face brightened as he quickly turned to the list, unconsciously planning which one of his creditors should get the money. But alas! for human expectations. The editor looked at the account once—hesitated—then looked again—as though trying hard to make himself believe there was some mistake in the figures, and then with an air of greatest disappointment, admitted to the Judge that his subscription was paid almost a year ahead. This information was entirely satisfactory to His Honor, and the tempting wallet was again placed in his pocket.

As a compensation for the apparent disappointment, the Judge then produced a "pocket piece" which possessed the merit of being rare, at least. It was a button off George Washington's coat. It is likely that he could prove his claim, but was not asked to do so. The button, which is minus the eye, is a flat circular disk, about 1 1/2 inch in diameter. On the center of the face of the disk is a circle about one half inch in diameter, in which are stamped the letters in script "G. W." Around this, in another circle, are the words, "Long live the President." The space beyond this circle to the rim of the button is filled with thirteen oval-shaped "circles" in each of which are stamped the initials of the names of the thirteen original states, in the order: N. H., V., M., R. I., N. Y., N. J., P., D., M., V., N. C., S. C., G.

The Judge's town, Fort Littleton, ten miles north of McConnellsburg, and its neighbor Burnt Cabins, four miles east—both places on the State Road, are the most historic places in this county. Fort Shirley, at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county; the fort at Littleton, and the one at London—the three lying in an almost direct north and south line, were built more than two hundred and fifty years ago for the protection of the early settlers against the Indians; and many are the times when the neighboring settlers with their wives and children, were obliged to flee in all haste and gain refuge within the walls of the famous old fort.

The fort was built by Governor Morris, and named in honor of his old friend George Lyttleton, a prominent Englishman. Just here it may be noticed that the spelling of the name has, in some way, become changed to Littleton, which detracts somewhat from its historic association with its namesake.

The Judge does not claim that George Washington tore the button off his coat in helping to build that fort, although the button was picked up near its site. While George was twenty to twenty-five years of age when Fort Lyttleton was built, and had already won a name as a skilful military leader, the inscription on the button indicates that the button was made after the Constitution of the United States had been adopted, and Washington made president.

While the Fort Littleton people claim that Washington was in their village during the time he was president, it does not follow that he lost this button at that time, or that the button was ever on any coat that the President wore. It may be that some enterprising button-maker got this out as a novelty, and that it was quite a fad for men to wear them on their coats during Washington's administration.

FRANK DUFFY

Died At Maryland University Hospital at Baltimore, Last Friday afternoon.

FUNERAL AT WEBSTER MILLS MONDAY

"Frank M. Duffy, aged 30 years." This was the inscription on the plate of a casket sent from a Baltimore hospital to the home of the stricken parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duffy of Webster Mills, containing all that was mortal of their son Frank, who had been taken away for surgical treatment some two weeks ago, and died in the Maryland University Hospital on Friday, Jan. 11th.

Frank M. Duffy, well known throughout the county as an expert miller, was taken sick about Dec. 9th, with symptoms that were diagnosed as those of appendicitis. After a two weeks' illness at his home, and as soon as he was equal to the effort of the journey he was taken on Dec. 26th to Baltimore, by his wife, accompanied by Dr. W. F. Sappington, the attending physician, for an operation.

This he underwent the following day and although the operation from a surgical view-point was successful, complications of the liver and lung later were discovered and death resulted from pyemia, or pus in the blood, on last Friday after a two weeks' stay in the hospital.

Frank M. Duffy was the oldest son of Harry and Catherine Duffy, nee Glazier and was twenty-nine years and seven months old. He came to the county with his parents when a very young boy and grew to manhood at Webster Mills.

Two years ago he was married to Miss Jeannette, daughter of A. J. Unger distiller, of Foltz, and began housekeeping at Webster Mills, assuming at the same time charge of the flouring mill, at that point.

By his industry and economy he extended the milling business and by the artistic taste and housewifely skill of his devoted wife they were able to provide for themselves one of the neatest and most comfortable little homes in the county.

In reviewing the life of Frank Duffy we can only recall his many admirable qualities of heart—his genial disposition, his buoyancy of spirit, his general kindness of manner that spoke for true comradeship. As a son he was faithful to home interests, and to his now grief stricken wife a loving and loyal husband.

With pleasure and pride we recall his personal appearance—his figure of good proportion, his color of cheek and activity of movement, so instinct of health and vitality, forecasting naturally a long life.

In early boyhood he had connected with the Reformed church and was a member of that organization at the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. B. Houston and interment was made in Union Cemetery on Monday January 14th. The very large attendance gave evidence of the affectionate regard in which the young man was held, and the universal sympathy excited for the bereaved family. S. M. C.

CULLER.

After a lingering illness, Ida C., daughter of Prof. Wm. A. Culler of Mercersburg, passed peacefully away on Tuesday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock. Miss Culler was born May 7, 1884 and was aged 22 years, 8 months and 1 day. She was a school teacher by profession, having graduated from the Mercersburg High School, class 1901, and had taught four terms in Montgomery township, Franklin county. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Rose at the residence of her parents on North Main street, Thursday forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Albert Stoner of this place, is visiting her nephews, George Mayne in Hollidaysburg, and Samuel Mayne in Martinsburg, Pa.

JANUARY COURT.

Usual Grist of Orphans' Court Business. Court Lasted Only About Twenty-four Hours.

The January term of court was called Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, President Judge Swope and Associates Bender and Hambert on the bench.

The first business taken up was the hearing of applicants for liquor license, and the same were granted to George Rexroth and Harry Hamil of McConnellsburg, John E. Speck, Burnt Cabins, and M. S. Wilt, Fort Littleton, all of whose bonds were approved.

Estate of Alexander McKibbin, deceased. Rule awarded on heirs to come in and take real estate at appraised value, or show cause why same should not be sold.

Inquisition on death of infant of Jennie Phinicie of Ayr township, presented. The same was approved by the court and costs ordered to be paid by the county.

Same in matter of inquisition on body of John E. Husler of Dublin township.

Estate of Adam Garlick. Order awarded for sale of real estate for payment of debts.

Estate of Miles Mellott, deceased. David Hann and Wm. Wink appointed to appraise and set apart property under widows' exemption.

Estate of Nathan Mellett, deceased. Report of auditor approved and confirmed.

Estate of John Weaver, deceased. Return of sale made on order of court. Confirmed absolutely.

B. A. Deavor vs. H. I. Fraker. Petition presented for rule to show cause why defendant should not be allowed to appeal. Rule awarded.

Estate of A. J. Craig. Petition for sale of real estate for payment of debts. Order of sale granted upon giving bond in sum of \$2,000. Bond to be approved by Associate Judges.

Estate of A. J. Craig, deceased. Return of appraisement of property taken by daughter under widow's appraisement act.

Estate of Sansom Lanehart. Return of sale of Real Estate confirmed, and terms changed to cash.

Report of treasurer of Law Library Committee filed, and to be confirmed unless exceptions are filed within 20 days.

Petition of W. L. Woodcock for discharge as testamentary guardian of minor children of Milton Woodcock, deceased. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Estate of David Goldsmith, late of McConnellsburg, deceased. Petition for writ of inquisition awarded.

Estate of David H. Croft, late of Licking Creek township. Inventory and appraisement of property taken by widow approved, and ordered to be recorded.

Estate of Henry Beatty, deceased. Petition of Amanda E. Ray, for writ of partition. Inquest awarded.

Estate of Philip Shaffer, late of Tod township, deceased. Petition of executor for permission to make a deed for real estate. Executor granted permission to make deed.

Estate of N. B. Jackson. Report of Auditor making distribution of balance in hands of S. Marshal Jackson, administrator, confirmed absolutely.

Estate of Miss Rebecca Pott, deceased. Report of Auditor distributing balance in hands of M. R. Shaffner, administrator, confirmed absolutely.

Estate of Margaret E. Dawney. Report of Auditor distributing balance in hands of C. J. Barton, administrator, confirmed absolutely.

First and final account of H. L. Lodge, administrator of Josabed Lodge, late of Brush Creek township, deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of W. S. Miller, administrator of Jacob W. Miller, late of Dublin township, deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of A. J.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

Clara and Bertha Sharpe, Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharpe, of Whips Cove, the Brides.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Washington House, at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon of last week, when Miss Clara Sharpe became the bride of Mr. Carey T. Layton, and her sister Miss Bertha, the bride of Mr. Albert R. Hess. The young ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharpe, of Whips Cove, and the contracting parties are all estimable young people.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of witnesses by the Rev. E. W. Brubaker, and the wedding march was played by Mrs. Horn. The brides were handsomely gowned in cream colored silk trimmed with all over lace and looked very pretty.

The bridal party left Berkeley on the 4 o'clock train for their homes where a sumptuous wedding supper awaited their arrival.

The young people have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Delightful Entertainment in the High School Last Friday Afternoon.

The boys and girls of the High School gave an entertainment on last Friday afternoon in the school room, that was much enjoyed by all present. The exercises were in charge of the Literary Society of the school, and consisted of plays, dialogues, and recitations.

After the reading of former minutes, and installation of officers, who took their places with much grace and dignity, the curtain rose on a short drama entitled, "Arabella's Poor Relations." The cast consisted of Anna Reischer, Mary Stenger, Eskine Houston, and Russell Runyan. Both poor and rich relatives acquitted themselves most creditably in their characterizations; but, possibly, the funniest character was that impersonated by Eskine Houston, the poor relative, who, by a streak of luck had grown rich, and who found much difficulty in securing recognition and courteous treatment from his more cultured friends.

Recitations were given in excellent style and intelligent conception by Maria Alexander, Daisy Kelly, Joanna Morton, Orpha Kendall, Ruth Roettger, and Hollis Mann.

A biographical sketch of "Tom Moore" was given by Nora Watson, which showed careful preparation.

A dialogue entitled, "A Row in the Kitchen," was presented by Ethel Logue, Mary Johnston, and Edgar Alexander. These people were successful in portraying "rough house," and the absence of timidity, awkwardness, and stage fright in their acting, was most remarkable.

Shakespeare says, "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women are players." Let us hopefully predict for these mimic players a prominent and creditable role in the world's future activities.

Fore, administrator of J. Alvin Comerec, late of Dublin township, deceased. Confirmed, and G. B. Daniels appointed auditor.

First and final account of administrator of Lewis Wible, deceased, confirmed, and W. S. Alexander appointed auditor.

First and final account in estate of David R. Evans. F. P. Lynch appointed auditor to pass on exceptions.

W. B. Nelson, guardian of Lillian Pott, acknowledged deed for ward's interest in certain real estate.

Commonwealth vs. Miller S. Jones. Recognizance renewed.

Application of Dr. S. S. Hoop, license to sell liquor at Andover taken up, considered and refused by the Court.

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

Mr. Nat Wishart of Johnstown, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, of this place.

Mrs. M. B. Trout and daughter Nellie are in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. E. B. Evans and child of Madison, Minn., is visiting her brothers and sisters at Saltillo, Pa.

Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Daniel Sheets, near Mercersburg, attended the funeral of their nephew, Frank Duffy, at Webster Mills, Monday.

Miss Emma Doyle of this place returned home last Wednesday evening after a very pleasant visit among relatives in Harrisburg.

Mrs. G. W. Skinner and daughter Miss Mary, of Chambersburg, were registered at Hotel Walton, in Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Ed Harr of Riddlesburg, is visiting the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harr, near Big Cove Tannery. His mother is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hays, of Springfield, Mass., were called to Webster Mills on account of the death and funeral of the latter's brother, Mr. Frank Duffy.

On account of the illness of their father, G. Newton Hoke, Will E. Hoke, of Saxton, and Miss Gertrude Hoke, of Riddlesburg, came to McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Miss Annie E. Rummel and Mr. Frank McDonald, of Chambersburg, drove over to McConnellsburg and spent the time from Saturday until Tuesday of last week with the former's mother, Mrs. Susan Rummel, and sister, Mrs. Della Rotz.

Our genial friend Will Stigerr, of Warfordsburg, came to town Monday evening with Frank Ranck to interview the County Commissioners in reference to the building of the proposed State Highway between Warfordsburg and the Maryland line. The boys found the Commissioners "set in their ways" and went home without very much encouragement.

Claud B. Cook, a son of the late Dr. Cook at Webster Mills, and now a hustling young farmer in the breezy west, has been spending a couple of weeks with his mother Mrs. S. M. Cook, of this place, and incidentally circulating among his old time friends down the Cove, and seeing relatives over in the Little Cove. Ten years ago, Claude packed his grip and started westward. He got off the train at Chadwick, Ill., went out into the country and hired with the first farmer he met, and went to work. As an evidence that the job suited Claude and that Claude suited the farmer, Claude did not have to stay by two years as long as Jacob stayed with Laban, until the farmer gave to Claude his only daughter in marriage—a transaction that seemed in every way satisfactory to the daughter. Claude then went to farming on his own account—first on a rented farm of eighty acres. Later, finding that he could handle more land to advantage, he secured more ground, and now is handling 320 acres. This he cultivates with the assistance of one hired man, and occasional day help. For motive power, he has ten horses and two mules. He keeps sufficient live stock to consume the grain products of the farm, and makes an annual shipment to the Chicago market, which is only 128 miles distant from his home, of 50 head of fat cattle and 100 head of fat hogs. Claude says the West is full of chance for the right kind of young men.