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## DOWN IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Notings About This Child of The Civil War Made by J. H. H. Lewis.

### RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE.

February 14th has had its days in the history of the world. The first patent granted to Alexander Graham Bell for telephone was in 1876, February 14th.

The House of Representatives adopted Speaker Reed's new rules February 14, 1890.

King Edward VII opened the first Parliament of his reign February 14, 1891.

It is a day when the mails are filled with many dainty little missives of love and affection, and others that do not cement the "tie that binds," but creates a good deal of mirth, and sometimes ridicule at the expense of the recipient.

Logan county, West Virginia, is experiencing an era in railroad development which is only seconded by the unusual activity in the opening of coal and timber lands.

The Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, the Deepwater, and the Island Creek railroads are all trying to secure insets and outlets to this territory in which many new leases are being opened up.

It is difficult to understand the actions of the various railroads, as the plans are in their infancy, and no official information can be secured as they usually keep their business under their hats. It is very evident, however, that something is being done which will effect most materially the prosperity of Logan county.

Judging from the present activity, the town of Logan will shortly receive an impetus which will undoubtedly place it in a class with other West Virginia towns.

The advent of the Tidewater or Deepwater—the railroad that is backed by the Standard Oil Company, has done more than anything else to open up the State and develop it to such an extent that last year it ranked second as a coal producing state.

Those majestic hills are just full of coal, and the ravines are alive with people mining coal, and miles of coke ovens, burning it into coke. Towns and towns are being built upon steep hill sides that can only be approached by ascending long flights of steps, which reminds you of the cliff dwellers; as those ravines are so narrow that by the time a few lines of coke ovens are erected, and a railroad track is taken up, the level ground has all been utilized and necessarily they must use the steep hill sides for building lots. Pennsylvanians have acquired a large range already of the coal lands. Berwind-White have large coal plants in McDowell county, Virginia, and a town of considerable size has been named Berwind; and the one thing that I noticed particularly was the elegant company houses erected—large and commodious, painted up to date—for their miners and other employees; while at other plants they are nearer shacks.

You find a mixed population in West Virginia—Hungarians, Italians, Poles, Slavs—but the predominant race is the colored people. West Virginia is overrun with the negro. They have flocked here from the Old Dominion, from North and South Carolina, and from elsewhere in the South, because of the social equality allowed them. You find them acting in the capacity of Justices of the Peace, you find them as constables, as deputy sheriffs, police, etc.; and while spending some time looking in upon the criminal court in McDowell county, I saw three dusky-free Americans expounding the law before his Honor, and one of the colored gentlemen was an ex-convict who had

## PLAN NEW NORTHWEST STATE.

By uniting Counties of Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Residents all over eastern and central Washington, northern Idaho and northeastern Oregon are evincing interest in the proposal to create a new State by taking twenty six counties, with a population of 400,000, in the territory bounded on the west by the Cascade range, on the east by the Bitter Root Mountains, on the north by the international boundary and on the south by the Blue Mountains. Judging by the hearty support accorded, there is reasonable prospect that the project will be carried out successfully.

The proposed action to create the new State by taking parts of three adjoining Commonwealths is without a precedent in the history of the nation. Prominent lawyers in the Northwest declare that provision is made in the Constitution of the United States for the creation of new States, and they point to section 3, article I, as the method of procedure. The text follows:

"New States may be admitted by Congress into the Union, but no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State, nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States or parts of States without the consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress.

several term in the penitentiary. The amalgamation of the races is not, strictly speaking, prohibited nor is it frowned down as you would think. Sixty-one indictments were returned by the grand inquest that just closed its sitting and the majority of the cases were for murder and holding people up at the point of a gun to give up their money, and the great majority were negroes or mongrels. I was in a house to day where the bullet holes were plainly visible on the wall and fourteen shots had been fired. The blood was still to be seen on the floor and the man was shot to death. This, however, was not for money. Whiskey and woman figured largely in this tragic death. Hatfield was killed and a McCoy girl shot in the arm but not seriously wounded.

This is only one case. They are weekly occurrences and do not excite people here. Nearly every man carries a gun and people do not stand on the impulse of shooting, but shoot at once. This tragic death that I just narrated occurred at the town of Peeryville and used to be the county town of McDowell county, and is the second death that occurred at the same house—a one story house with no attic, shed roof, and would answer fairly well for a sheep fold in your county if the winter was not too severe. Over the door was some lettering resembling Chinese hieroglyphics, when deciphered meant restaurant. The shack was tenanted by the mother and two young girls about eighteen years of age. However, the old lady is stopping at the fort at the county seat at this time, leaving the shack in charge of others.

These towns are upon the line of the Norfolk & Western railroad starting from Hagerstown, Md., through line to Columbus, Ohio. A rattlesnake was captured in the Yukon mines a few days ago 150 feet from the mouth of the mine—eight feet long, ten inches around the body, had twenty-eight rattles and was supposed by the old people to be forty years old. The snake was killed and sent to Washington, D. C. The Yukon mines are situated on the Norfolk & Western railroad on Dry Fork river about twenty miles from the Kentucky line. The wonderful piles of rocks and caverns in the mountains afford secure hiding places for such monstrous reptiles.

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Logan, Logan county, W. Va.  
Feb. 14, 1907.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

District Attorney George B. Daniels a Victim of Pneumonia.

J. W. MELLOTT OF BELFAST, ANOTHER.

Intense interest in the election last Tuesday, not feeling very well physically, waiting until the vote was counted out Tuesday evening, and going home at 11 o'clock, to find himself next morning in the terrible grip of pleuro-pneumonia, which snuffed out the candle of life on the following Saturday evening—such is the sad story of the last few days of the life of District Attorney George Barton Daniels, of this place.

Seldom has a death in this community produced such a shock, or has occasioned greater sorrow than this. Several weeks ago, Mr. Daniels suffered an attack of gripe, and was housed up a few days, but was out again, and no one—not even his immediate family—suspected the least reason for thinking that he would not soon be fully recovered. But the seeds of the insidious disease still lurked within his system, and it only required the more than usual exertion incident to



GEORGE B. DANIELS.

the excitement of the election, to cause them to germinate, and bring forth their worst fruitage.

Mr. Daniels was a natural-born politician, and it would have been inconsistent with his nature not to have taken a lively interest in the result of an election.

The deceased was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in the County—a son of Hon. James Daniels, who served as Associate Judge and Commissioner. George was educated in the common schools and in our County Normal schools; and after having taught several terms in the schools of the County, he read law in the office of Hon. John P. Sipes, and was admitted to the Fulton County Bar, October 10, 1891. He served as Clerk to the Commissioners, and was three times elected to the office of District Attorney, serving continuously in that office from 1897 until the time of his death.

He took an active interest in politics, served several years as County Chairman of the Democratic party, and represented the County in several Democratic State Conventions.

On being informed of Mr. Daniels' death, Judge Swope appointed J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., and Hon. John P. Sipes and W. Scott Alexander, as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions touching the life, services and death of Mr. Daniels; the committee will submit the resolutions to Court at the close of business on Monday evening of Court, when appropriate remarks will be made. The widow and children of the deceased have the sympathies of the entire community.

By his perseverance and close application he acquired a general knowledge of the law, and had a lucrative practice. His kind and genial disposition made him hosts of friends. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Odd Fellows and the Elks. His church affiliations were with the Reformed, but as that church has

no pastor here, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. West, assisted by Revs. Grimes and Grove, on Tuesday last. Beautiful floral displays adorned his casket, presented by the Odd Fellows of this place, the Elks of Chambersburg, Captain Skinner of Scotland, and others. His remains were followed to the Union cemetery by a large concourse of his friends.

JACOB W. MELLOTT.

On Wednesday morning, February 20, 1907, death visited the home of Mrs. Amanda Mellott, widow of the late Rev. Absalom Mellott, of Belfast township, and claimed as its victim, her son Jacob W. Mellott, aged 24 years, 5 months and 25 days.

The deceased was stricken about the 12th inst., with typhoid pneumonia, and during the last week of his life his physical suffering was intense.

He leaves to mourn their great loss a loving mother and two sisters, Laura and Irene, besides many other relatives and friends. We recall his figure of good proportion, his color of cheek so suggestive of health and vitality, naturally forecasting a long life.

As a son, he was always faithful to the home interests and the support of his now grief-stricken mother.

In reviewing his life, we readily recall his many admirable qualities of mind and heart—his genial disposition, his kindness of manner—all of which are attested by the large circle of now sorrowing friends.

Funeral services on the 22nd, conducted by Revs. J. Calvin Garland and William Truax. Interment was made in the cemetery at the German Baptist church.

A FRIEND.

SUSAN HOUCK.

Susan Houck died at the home of her son Ephraim, in Ayr township, February 18, 1907. She was born in Little Cove, May 12, 1816, and spent most of her life in Franklin county. Her death was due to diseases incident to old age, she being 90 years, 9 months, and 6 days. She had been in failing health for some time, but was confined to her bed only three days when death came to relieve her of her sufferings.

She was a member of the Lutheran church, and many times during the last months of her illness, she expressed the desire that her Lord would call her home.

She leaves to mourn her loss, two children, Ephraim of this county, and Mrs. John S. Zimmerman of Franklin county, and one brother, Eli Houck, of Ohio; also fourteen grand-children and four great grand-children. Her funeral took place on Thursday from the home of her daughter. Services were conducted by Rev. Dibble. Interment was made in the Lutheran graveyard.

ANNIE E. CLINE.

Mrs. Annie E. Cline died at her home in Burnt Cabins, Friday night, February 22, 1907, aged 72 years, 6 months and 2 days. Her funeral took place on Sunday following, services being conducted by Rev. Baxter, of Path Valley, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church at Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Cline was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for many years, and the large number of persons who assembled to pay their last sad tribute of respect to her memory, is the surest test of the love and esteem in which she was held in the community in which she had lived for so many years.

She is survived by four sons and one daughter, namely, Lee, Lemuel and Samuel, of Dubin township; O. R. Cline, of Eldorado, Kansas; and Mrs. Cici Cisney, near Burnt Cabins.

ISAAC F. VARNES.

The many friends of Isaac F. Varnes will learn with sorrow of

## Critchfield Reappointed.

At the session of the Legislature Monday night Governor Stuart sent the name of N. B. Critchfield of Soperset county, to the Senate for reappointment as secretary of agriculture. W. F. Hill of Chambersburg, was a strong candidate for the place and it is believed would have received the appointment if the Governor had not decided to reappoint Critchfield. This will make the third term for Critchfield, having been first appointed by Governor Stone and then reappointed by Governor Pennypacker.

## Birthday Party.

As it was awfully cold last Thursday and the roads very rough, little did Mrs. Jemma Skiles think of having any visitors. She was busy doing her morning work, when a few of her neighbors came in; and not long after that, five buddies from Pleasant Ridge drove up to her door "nollering," "three cheers!" By that time Mrs. Skiles hoisted the window up stairs and looked out, saying, "I thought I had some friends, but I haven't one or I would have been told what a surprise was on hand."

A few minutes later, a big wagon drove up—Baltzer Mellott having brought sixteen women and girls from Hustontown. By half past twelve the tables were heavy laden with chicken, pie, cakes, and all good things to eat. Mrs. Skiles received lots of nice presents.

[Apology: The editor wants to say that there were so many persons present he could not print all their names without leaving some of the medicine locals out.]

## M'KIBBIN.

The earth is once more robbed in her white mantle of snow and her merry jingle of sleigh bells greets us again.

Grippe has visited quite a number of people in this community during the last few weeks.

Mrs. Martha Palmer is reported ill.

Mrs. Susan May, an aged and respected lady of this community, died at the home of Mr. John Pittman last Thursday morning. Mrs. May was a kind and affectionate woman and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Mrs. Emmeline Diehl of Whips Cove, is spending some time with her brother Miller Truax, of this place.

Mrs. Della Spade and children, have been spending the past few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bedford.

William Funk is sawing lumber for Roy Palmer.

William H. Mellott invited a few of his neighbors last Monday morning to assist him in slaughtering a beef. When all was done and the scales were ready, the beef tipped the beam to 858 pounds dressed, and the hide weighed 113 pounds. If there is any one that can beat that, let us hear from them.

Our school is progressing nicely under the supervision of Gilbert C. Mellott.

Mrs. Julia Mellott's sale was well attended last week.

W. H. Mellott, accompanied by L. W. Funk, spent a couple days last week in the Little Cove, where Mr. Mellott purchased a fine horse.

his death at the home of his sister at Forest Hill, Md., February 21, 1907.

For a period of twenty-nine years Mr. Varnes was a resident of Belfast township, this county, and a highly respected citizen. A few years ago he removed to Forest Hill. He was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of a church of that denomination, at Mifflintown, Pa., on Tuesday.

Mr. Varnes was in the 70th year of his age, and died from diseases incident to one of his years.

## A NEW DOG LAW.

May Be Enacted by The Present Legislature at Harrisburg.

The dog law is to be changed in that it is proposed to register and tax all dogs, requiring a fee to be paid for each animal registered and description given, the fees to be paid at the time of registry. Animals so registered must be tagged and kept under control same as other live stock.

A fee of \$2 per head will be paid by the state to some authorized official for the killing of all dogs thus not registered.

This movement is being pushed with vigor by those who regard the dog while running at large as a serious menace to human life as well as destructive to live stock and other property.

## Things Worth Remembering.

For indigestion, essence of peppermint rubbed on the pit of the stomach will give relief.

Nothing is better for bee stings than indigo moistened and rubbed on the wound.

To remove blood from cloth, make a paste of starch with cold water, apply and place in the sun, and when dry it will rub off. If there is any particle of color left, repeat.

To fry griddle cakes without grease, cut a turnip in two, rub the hot pan with the flat surface of the turnip, and the batter will brown perfectly without burning.

For chilblains: Take a shovelful of red hot coals, sprinkle a teaspoonful of cornmeal on the coals and hold the foot in the smoke. The second application will cure the worst case.

If, in addition to the daily brushing of the teeth with some good soap, they are rubbed twice a week with common table salt, they will be wonderfully whitened.

When paint has become dried on the window panes, remove the sash and, laying flat, dampen. Then rub with the flat surface of a copper penny. It will be found that all the paint spots will disappear.

To quickly remove ink stains from any fabric, place the stain over steam and apply salt and lemon juice. The stain, whether old or new, will be removed almost immediately.

When frying bacon, put a teaspoonful of Orleans molasses in the pan in which the bacon is fried. It comes out crisp, brown and sweet and devoid of that strong flavor which usually characterizes it.

To cleanse veils and laces: Put one rounding teaspoonful of borax in a pint of warm soapy water. Allow veils or laces to soak one hour, then shake well about in it, but do not rub or squeeze. Rinse until clear, putting one teaspoonful of sugar in last water. Squeeze gently and hand lightly while spreading on white cloth to dry, and the article so treated will be good as new.—National Magazine.

## Hints About Eggs.

The fresher eggs are, the longer time they require for boiling. In timing the boiling remember that they should be put into water already boiling in the same pan or skillet.

To boil them very hard in order to slice them or prepare them for a mayonnaise they should cook for ten minutes. For eating, the soft boiled egg is supposed to be the most digestible, and this is boiled for from three to five minutes.

One of the best ways to judge the freshness of eggs is to place them in a pan of cold water. Those that sink soonest are the freshest. Stale or added eggs always float on the surface. Upon breaking an egg if the white and yolk are not clearly defined and separated, no matter how carefully the shell has been broken, the egg is not good and should be discarded, for eggs the least bit off color will spoil good cooking.

## 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

J. N. Duvall, of Wells Valley, was in town Tuesday.

Charlie Moek, after having spent a week with his mother, has returned to his place of employment in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Dixon, of Pittsburg, were called here Tuesday on the account of the funeral of the latter's brother, Geo. B. Daniels.

R. M. Downs who recently sold his barber shop to C. A. Martin, of Chambersburg, left Monday for Philadelphia where he expects to reside.

G. N. Garland, of Washington, Pa., was here Tuesday attending the funeral of Geo. B. Daniels. Mr. Garland looks as though the world was using him well.

R. L. Miller, of Fort Littleton, called at the News office a few minutes, while in town last Saturday. Mr. Miller expects to remove to Ohio this spring.

Mrs. Grant Baker and son Norman, and Miss Laura Brubaker, of Knobsville, spent last Saturday in town, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Grimes, at the M. E. parsonage.

In renewing his subscription to the News for another year, John H. Doyle formerly of this place, but now of Princeton, Ill., says he and family are well and getting along first rate.

Our old friend Denton Henderson, of Bethel, came into the News office early Tuesday morning with a handful of the "long green" to help tide the editor over pay day.

Frank P. Eynch, Esq., was appointed district attorney by the Court Tuesday afternoon, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George B. Daniels. A district attorney will be elected next November.

Judge Swope came over from Gettysburg to attend the funeral of Mr. Daniels, and incidentally to attend to some court business brought about by the death of the latter. The Judge returned home Wednesday.

Charles B. Stevens accompanied George Everhart to Philadelphia Tuesday. Mr. Everhart has been suffering for some time with a spinal affection and was advised by his local physician to go to a hospital in Philadelphia for treatment.

John W. Funk, in asking us to change the address on his News says that he has removed from Princess Anne, to Denton, Md. He says he finds Denton one of the prosperous towns on the "Shore," and the Potomac River district a grain and stock country, mostly settled by Danekars from Pennsylvania.

Charlie Funk, of Republic, O., spent Tuesday night in the home of his old friend George Steach, of this place. Mr. Funk who is married to a daughter of Isaac Varnes was returning from the funeral of his father-in-law Tuesday morning. Charlie went down to Thompson to see his father Eli M. Funk and expects to leave for home the first of next week.

The Johnstown Tribune of a late date contains a lengthy and flattering account of an institute held at Salix, Cambria county, by Prof. W. Don Morton, principal of the High School in that city. The superintendent says that two years ago the educational interest in that district was the poorest in Cambria county, and that now it is not surpassed by any other. Since there are three of Fulton's best teachers whooping things up in that district, might that fact have anything to do with the advance?

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