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DEATH OF AGED HERMIT.

Found Dead in Old Shack in Plum Hollow, near Fort Littleton, Last Thursday Morning.

WAS GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF PA

About five years ago a man, apparently a knight of the road, well up in the afternoon of life, came into Dublin township, this county, and being pleased with the territory and the people, decided to abandon his migratory life and settle into a home of his own. He, therefore, struck a deal with George Wilds, and was given possession of a little saw-mill shanty in Plum Hollow, on the road leading from Fort Littleton to Clear Ridge.

There being nothing in his appearance to suggest that he was a heavy stockholder in the Standard Oil Company, or that he owned a controlling interest in the People's Telephone Company, and being a quiet, inoffensive, unobtrusive citizen, little inclined to be communicative, his presence in the community attracted but little attention.

As time went along, the sympathy of the people of that community went toward the old man living there entirely alone through the heat of summer and the chills of winter, and many were the acts of kindness and attention bestowed upon him in the way of furnishing food and clothing.

It was known during the early part of last week that he was suffering from the effects of a severe cold, and on Thursday morning as a couple of Squire Fleming's boys were passing the hermit's home, they went in to see how the old man was getting along, when to their great surprise, they found him dead. They hastened to Fort Littleton and gave out the information about his death, when in a short time, a number of citizens—both of Fort Littleton and Clear Ridge—had assembled at the hermit's home.

The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of N. B. Henry at Clear Ridge, the body was prepared for burial with the same care as would have been bestowed on the best citizen in the county—a nice casket was furnished, and on Friday his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the M. E. church at Clear Ridge, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Harry Daniels, of Hustontown.

In preparing the body for burial, the sum of \$68.54 was found sewed in the lining of his vest, and in little bags secreted in his pockets.

From a diploma which was seen by some of the neighbors, he was a graduate from the University of Pennsylvania—both in medicine and in dental surgery. In conversation some time ago, he said that his diploma and other papers were in a tin box. That he had hidden the box in a hollow log not far from his shanty; but fearing that they might be disturbed by some chance hunter chopping in to the log for a rabbit, he had taken the box out of the log, and had buried it on the hillside. It is suspected by some persons that when that box is found it will contain, perhaps, a large sum of money.

The hermit's name was James Turner, and he was known locally as Doctor Turner. From the best information obtainable, he was born near Cassville, Huntingdon county, and he possessed an interest in a two hundred acre farm. His stepmother resides in Kansas at the age of 83. The "doctor's" age at the time of his death was about 73.

In early life he is said to have been a school teacher. Those who knew him best say that he possessed more than ordinary intelligence. There is, perhaps, a chapter in the old man's history that is not known to his Dublin township neighbors, or he would hardly have chosen the seclusion in which he spent the last years of his life.

WHO IS JOHN BRANT?

Reported Killed in a Railroad Wreck Recently in Idaho, near the Montana State Line.

HE HAD RELATIVES IN THIS COUNTY.

The following letter was received at the News office a day or two ago, dated February 28, 1907, and postmarked KIONA, WASHINGTON. The letter explains itself. We do not know the writer personally.

"There was a man killed in Idaho near Montana in railroad wreck by the name of John Brant. I knew him. He said his friends lived in Fulton and Franklin counties, Pennsylvania. It happened some time ago. His friends may never know what became of him. I do not know where he is buried. The above facts are all I can tell."

SAMUEL JONES.

Enjoyable Surprise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James McNerling, of Hubelsville, was the scene of a very enjoyable event on the evening of the 16th, ult. It was a surprise party given in honor of their son Newton's twentieth birthday.

In order to keep Newton in the dark until the proper moment, Oscar Fix came along about 6 o'clock in the evening and invited Newton to take a sleighride to Dublin Mills. They took the ride and returned, only to find Newton's home filled with a gay party, all of whom made a scramble to get the first chance to pull Newton's ears twenty times, and when they were all through with him, his ears felt as though they were twenty inches long. The evening was spent in a delightful manner playing innocent games and listening to the splendid music furnished by Raymond V. Dawney with his graphophone. Then came refreshments which were such as were most agreeable to the appetites of all present. After refreshments came more games, and more music, until someone suggested that if they did not wish to break the Fourth Commandment, they had better hasten home; so the party came to a sudden close. Among those present were Nell and Raymond Dawney, of Hustontown; Dan, Sam, and George Alloway, and Tillie Stunkard and Loy McClain, of New Grenada; John, Roy, and Olive Cutchall, of Waterfall, and Eibel Barnett, of Hubelsville.

BUCK VALLEY.

A "Surprise Dinner" was given by Mrs. Mary J. Brady in honor of the 52nd birthday of her husband, Joseph H. Brady. When Mr. Brady returned from the township settlement, he was much surprised to see about a dozen vehicles standing near his home. When he arrived at the house, some thirty-five people greeted him—among them his daughters, Mrs. Belle Schetromp and family, Mrs. Jennie Flowers and family, Misses Mary and Sally Brady, and son J. Wilmer. Save for the absence of one daughter, Mr. Brady's entire family would have once more refreshed the memory of "some twenty years ago." Among others present were, Dr. W. L. McKibbin, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. John Stahle, William Martin, Andy Hiles, Misses Jessie Crawford, Margaret Stahle, Pearle, Lizze and Maye Earnell. Many valuable and beautiful presents were received, among them numerous tokens of friendship from persons unable to attend. At a late hour all returned home feeling the lightness of a good day's fun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestock, of Chambersburg, were here a day or two last week visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Margaret Henry, on East Walnut street.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Four Party of State and County Workers Will Cover Entire County During First Half of April.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME PREPARED.

While Pennsylvania takes high rank among the states of the Union in her activity in the Sunday school work, Fulton county, if not first in point of organization and efficient management in the old Keystone, is a close second. Few counties in the United States, indeed, show a larger per cent. of population in the Sunday school, than does our own "Little Fulton." Without attempting to detract from the development of the work in this county in the years that have past and gone, the County Work has never been in



REV. C. F. IRWIN.

more efficient and enthusiastic hands than at present.

Arrangements have been completed for a tour of the county during the first half of the month of April, at which time meetings will be held in each township and the borough, for the purpose of furthering the interest of the Sunday school cause. The Tour Party will be made up of Rev. C. F. Irwin, one of the most efficient Field Workers in the State; Miss Maude Baumgardner, County Field Secretary, and Mr. E. H. Kirk, County President.

The places and dates of the meetings are as follows: Akersville, April 2nd; Buck Valley M. E. church, April 3rd; Warfordsburg M. E. church, April 4th; Antioch Christian church, April 5th; Pleasant Grove Christian church, April 6th; Big Cove Tannery Lutheran church, April 7th; McConnellsburg M. E. church, April 8th; Greenhill M. E. church, April 9th; Knobsville M. E. church, April 10th; Fort Littleton M. E. church, April 11th; Hustontown M. E. church, April 12th; Wells Valley M. E. church, April 13th.

The meetings at each place will consist of two sessions—one in the afternoon beginning at 1:30 o'clock, and one in the evening, beginning at 7:30.

The program for these sessions is as follows:

AFTERNOON.

1. Devotional Exercises Superintendent.
2. Why we are here E. H. Kirk.
3. Conference on Home Department work Mr. Irwin.
4. Conference on Grades in Elementary work Miss Baumgardner.
5. Conference on Teacher Training work Mr. Irwin.

EVENING SESSION.

1. Devotional Exercises Pastor.
2. The Boy Problem E. H. Kirk.
3. The Teacher's Supreme Object: How attained Miss Baumgardner.
4. Three Cardinal Virtues of a Teacher Mr. Irwin.

Of course, the above is only a hint at the many good things in store for those who may attend these meetings. It is hoped that there shall be a general turnout in each community of all—old and young, who are interested in this branch of Christian activity.

Mrs. D. M. Kendall, who had been in Philadelphia, on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Rose Hicks, returned home last week, bringing with her, Mrs. Hicks, who it is hoped will be benefited by the change.

CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

Charles W. Deavor, Writes About the Development of That Country and Its Prospects.

100 BUSHELS OF OATS TO THE ACRE

VONDA, CANADA, Feb. 20.—It may interest the readers of the "News" to hear from the Canadian Northwest.

We have had a very severe winter, with plenty of snow. I should think where it has not been drifted, it would be between five and six feet deep. Those who have lived here for several years, say it is the worst winter they have had for years.

Winter began about the middle of November, and from that time until the 5th of February, the thermometer stood most of the time between 30 and 60 degrees below zero. The past fifteen days have been somewhat milder. One does not mind the cold as much here as in other localities, because it is not so changeable. Once it gets cold, it stays cold. In summer, we have long and sunny days. During the month of June the sun rises at half past three in the morning, and sets at half past eight in the evening. The nights are very cool with heavy dews.

Wheat, rye, barley, oats, flax, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables do well here. This will be the greatest wheat country in the world in the course of a few years. Wheat yields between thirty and fifty bushels an acre, and oats, between sixty-five and 100 bushels an acre.

At present we do not have the railroads we should have; although Canada is building more miles of railroad each year than any other country. There are two great lines under construction that pass through this locality—the Grand Trunk Pacific, which runs through to the coast, and passes nine miles south of my location, and the Canadian Pacific, just north of me. Both roads are building a bridge across the south branch of the Saskatchewan river, at Saskatoon, this winter, and there is, also, a traffic bridge under construction across the river at Saskatoon.

The city of Saskatoon will soon have three railroad lines passing through it. The C. N. R., the C. P. R. and the G. T. P.

The most of the settlers in this country have come from the States and eastern Canada—principally from Ontario. Those that come across from the States are mostly from the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Montana. There are, also, a great many English. A party came up from Boston last spring and settled about 150 miles west of Saskatoon, in the Goose Lake country. They took up about forty homesteads. I helped thresh over fourteen thousand bushels of wheat for Mr. French who came up from Kansas two years ago. A man came up from Illinois last summer and bought twenty-nine quarter-sections of land about forty miles north of Saskatoon.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES W. DEAVOR.
Notada, Sask.,
Canada.

New Council Organized.

The new Town Council elected at the February election met at the office of L. H. Wible on Monday evening, were sworn in and organized. John A. Irwin was chosen president, M. W. Nace, treasurer, and L. H. Wible was retained as clerk.

The members of the council are J. A. Irwin, Albert Stoner, George W. Reiser, H. U. Nace, Harry Hamil, D. E. Little, and D. L. Grissinger.

The meetings of council will be held at the City Hotel on the last Friday evening of each month.

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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Rev. Lewis Chambers of Big Cove Tannery and Harry C. Smith of Pittsburgh Among The Number.

REV. CHAMBERS' FUNERAL TUESDAY.

REV. LEWIS CHAMBERS.

At the age of 87 years, 1 month and 14 days, Rev. Lewis Chambers, the oldest and most widely known minister in this county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Pott, near Big Cove Tannery, last Sunday, March 10, 1907. Funeral services at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. Conley, Grimes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, McConnellsburg, assisted by Rev. Dr. West, of the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in Lutheran Graveyard.

Mr. Chambers needs no eulogy at our hands. He came to this county many years ago, and his life as a citizen and christian minister is an open book to the public. A man of most lovable character, his influence was a benediction to all those who were fortunate enough to enjoy his acquaintance and friendship.

For several years, owing to declining health and the infirmities due to advanced age, he has not been engaged in the regular work of the ministry, yet his heart was as warm, and his interest in everything that pertained to the spiritual uplifting of his fellow-man, as great as it was in the height of his physical manhood. Enthusiastic in the work of the Sunday School, his voice will be missed in the meetings of the County Sunday School Conventions, and in the local Sunday Schools of his immediate community. Liberal and broad minded, he maintained the warmest relations with his fellow ministers of other denominations, and his death will be sincerely mourned by the church at large in this county.

For more than half a century he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his membership was in the McConnellsburg Lodge. A delegation of Odd Fellows attended his funeral, and furnished a beautiful floral design for his casket.

HARRY C. SMITH.

Word was received in town last Sunday announcing the death of Harry C. Smith, of Pittsburgh, which occurred on Saturday after a protracted illness. His remains were brought to Fort Loudon Monday morning and the funeral took place on Wednesday.

Mr. Smith was well known in this county, having purchased the Tritle store at Harrisonville about twenty-one years ago, and after having conducted it until the fall of 1888, he came to McConnellsburg, and together with D. L. Grissinger, bought the Samuel Hoover store. Later, Mr. Smith bought Mr. Grissinger's interest in the business and conducted it until some three or four years ago, when he closed out and went to Pittsburgh.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

He is survived by his widow and son and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. George Hoffman, Hagerstown; Mrs. J. H. Deavor, Chambersburg; J. S. Smith, Hagerstown; Albert Smith, Arkansas; Ellis P. Smith, Philadelphia.

MATILDA RAMSEY.

Mrs. Matilda Ramsey, died at her home at Clear Ridge, this county, Feb. 27, 1907, at the age of 50 years and 20 days. She leaves a husband, three sons, four sisters and one brother to mourn her departure. Her sons, Harry, Howard and Joseph reside at home. Her sisters are, Mrs. Robert Ramsey, Maddensville; Mrs. H. E. Runk, Mrs. S. D. Bolinger, Blacklog Valley; and Mrs. George Naugle, Orbisonia. Her brother, Jacob Sollers, resides in Locke's Valley. She was a member of the United Brethren

MARCH WEDDINGS.

Frank Deavor, Formerly of Taylor township, Wins Lewistown Bride, and now on Honeymoon Trip.

ELIZABETH VANCLIEF-SIMON MELLOTT

DEAVOR—HOWARD.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, 311 Electric Ave., Lewistown, Pa., was the scene of a very pretty wedding, on Wednesday evening, March 6th, when their daughter Pearl became the wife of J. Frank Deavor, of Hustontown, this county.

Promptly at 7:30, the wedding march was played by Miss Shilling, of Huntingdon, Pa., when the bridal party entered the parlor, and were met by Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, uncle of the groom, who pronounced the beautiful ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Ritual.

About thirty guests were present, who after the ceremony, sat down to a delicious supper, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Mabel, sister of the bride, and Mr. Howard Leeper, were attendants. Quite a number of valuable and useful presents were received.

Early Thursday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Deavor started on a visit to his parents and friends in Fulton county. They will make their home near Burnham, Pa., where he is a trusted and rising employe of the Standard Steel Works, branch of the Baldwin Locomotive works, of Philadelphia. This branch employs about four thousand men.

MELLOTT—VANCLIEF.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Vanclief, near Locust Grove, Wednesday evening, March 6th, at seven o'clock, when Mrs. Vanclief became the wife of Simon Mellott. The ceremony was impressively performed by Justice of the Peace, Frank M. Diehl in the presence of a few witnesses. The bride was gowned in gray cloth. She is a resident of Brush Creek township, and the widow of the late Henry Vanclief, deceased. The groom is a well known resident of Bedford county.

COOPER—PRICE.

Miss Minnie Almer Price, of Tyrone, and Emanuel Cooper of McConnellsburg, were united in marriage on Monday by Rev. Frank Howes, at his residence, 1359 North Lincoln avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper departed for their newly furnished home at McConnellsburg. —Tyrone Times.

Announcement.

There will be a meeting at Pleasant Grove next Sunday at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school; and, also, the same day there will be Christian Endeavor. All are invited to attend these meetings.
Committee.

church for sixteen years and was a true Christian woman. She was a kind mother, a loving wife and was admired by all those with whom acquainted. The funeral services were held in Clear Ridge M. E. church. Interment in cemetery at that place. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

LILLIE MAY BOWER.

Lillie May Bower died at her home in Altoona, Saturday, March 9, 1907, aged 29 years, 6 months, and 1 day. The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kerlin and was born at the old Kerlin homestead near Knobsville.

In heaven where all is joy and bliss,
Sister Lillie is at rest;
Gone on before to the blissful shore,
Where no pain and death can be no more.
We will arrive for sister Lillie
On the banks are filed a pile;
For we will with all Jesus' aids
All to meet in Heaven again.
Which afflictions sore have brought us
And these clouds of tragedy our sky,
Lillie will stand on Jordan's shore,
Holding in one to Heaven come,
—A SISTER.

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

Mrs. Hattie Evans, of Belfast township, was in town a few hours last Saturday.

Commissioner S. A. Nesbit and daughter Miss Cornelia, made a trip to Hagerstown last Wednesday and Thursday.

John H. Reiser, of the Mercersburg Academy, is home during the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reiser.

Mrs. S. M. Cook went over to the Little Cove last Saturday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Calvin Cook, who died last Friday.

After having spent several weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. S. M. Cook, on North Second street, Charlie Cook returned last week to his home in Illinois.

Hon. Harry A. Thompson, of Tyrone, was here from Friday until Monday. His mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson accompanied him on his return, and will be a guest in Harry's home until after Conference.

Hon. S. W. Kirk is moving his family into his new house opposite the Court House this week, where he will also have his law office. Mr. Kirk will sigh sighs of various sizes of relief when he gets through this job of building. He has found that taking care of an extensive law practice and building a brick house at the same time is not what it is "cracked up" to be. Well, he will have a nice home when he gets the rubbish incident to building all cleared away, and flowers growing in the front yard.

School Report.

The number of pupils enrolled in the Primary school of McConnellsburg, during the sixth month, was 38; average attendance, 34. The following are the names of the pupils who attended every day during the month: Goldie and Parker Tritle, Dorothy and Ross Hamil, Willis and Lloyd Mellott, Thomas Patterson, Pete and Mac Morton, Raymond Grissinger, Pierce Henry, Fred Fisher, Guy Reed, Russel Carmack, McClellan Pittman, and Albert Rodcay.—Olive Grissinger, teacher.

PROMPT PAYMENT.

Royal Arcanum First to Pay to the Widow, the Amount of Insurance Due on the Death of Husband.

Of the eight thousand dollars life insurance carried by the late George B. Daniels in several companies, the Royal Arcanum was the first to place in the hands of Mrs. Daniels a check for the amount due from that organization, which was done in exactly sixteen days from the date of the death of her late husband. The following letter speaks for itself: "To the Officers and Members of Tuscarora Council, No. 1212, Royal Arcanum, McConnellsburg Pa.

"DEAR FRIENDS:—Permit me to thank you for your sympathy and help during the recent illness and death of my loved husband. Your watchful care over him during his illness, and concern over his death, I shall never forget; and I want further to thank you for your prompt payment to me of the amount of life insurance which was carried in your organization—you placing the money in my hand without any trouble or effort on my part.

"Wishing your grand Order continued success in the noble work of providing substantial assistance to those who may be bereft of the support of a husband and father, as I and my children have been so suddenly, I am

Very respectfully,
EMMA I. PA' DELS.