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QUERY ANSWERED.

John Brant, Recently Killed in Railroad Wreck in Washington and Was a Native of This County.

WAS IN CIVIL WAR WITH M. D. MATHIAS

In answer to the inquiry in the News of the 14th inst., in regard to John Brant, a friend furnishes the following:

John Brant was the eldest son of Frederick and Keziah Brant and was born and reared in Licking Creek township, and was about 66 years of age at the time of his death.

He twice enlisted in the Civil War—the first time serving six months; he then re-enlisted and served to the close of the war.

After the war he resided in this county for sometime and then removed to Nebraska, and at the time of his death was a resident of Washington.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: A. S. Brant, of Taylor township; A. F. Brant, and W. S. Brant, of Licking Creek township; G. E. Brant, of Todd township and Z. P. Brant, of Mercersburg; Sarah, wife of Wm. B. King, of Licking Creek township; Mary, wife of David P. Bowman, Burnt Cabins; Fannie, wife of Thomas Hockensmith, near Burnt Cabins, and Susan, wife of Frank Newman of Richmond, Franklin county.

Few persons, perhaps, knew John Brant better than Martin D. Mathias, of Hustontown, who soldiered in the Civil War with John. They were messmates in Company F., 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry. At one time, Mart says, they were lying in camp or near Hagerstown, Md. While Uncle Sam was not stingy in supplying the boys with hardtack and beans, they always had an appetite for country ham and chicken, and many a farmer in the vicinity of a camp of soldiers, awakened in the morning to find that his store of old meat and poultry had greatly shrunk during the night.

On this particular occasion, Mart and John and some others had gone out on a little foraging expedition, and came in with eleven chickens, two turkeys, and a lot of canned fruit. To this would have been added a lot of nice ducks, if they had not taken to the water, which was too deep for Mart to wade, and he was not sure but that the ducks were better swimmers than he. The only thing that troubled their consciences afterward was, that one of the chickens was an old cock that Jack Richards, of Broadtop, had taken from a nest of little chicks in a strawstack.

In the fall of 1864 they were doing a good deal of scouting down in the vicinity of New Creek, Va. One night a party of scouts, among whom were Mathias and Brant, were passing a farm house, and it occurred to the boys that there were some good old hams about the premises, if they could get their hands on them. So, while some of the boys held the horses, others went in and looked after the meat, but returned without the tempting plunder. "Hold on, boys," said John, "let me go," and it was not long until John came tugging as big a ham as he could well carry, with a twinkle in his eye, and the exulting remark, "You didn't reach high enough."

That was a good haul, and the boys were feeling pretty good over it, when the chills were sent chasing over their anatomy the next morning when they noticed an old farmer come into the camp and ask for the Colonel.

The boys well knew what that meant, for they had strict orders not to molest private property. Sure enough! In a short time they were all ordered to "line up." This meant that the farmer should have a chance to find out whether any of the soldiers had his ham. The farmer now passed along one line in which

JIM HESS BROKE JAIL.

Was Not Greatly Struck on Fort Alexander as a Summer Boarding House.

WEATHER TOO NICE TO BE IN-DOORS

It will be remembered that James Hess was convicted at last October court for larceny and concealing stolen goods.

At the court it was shown that a telescope containing wearing apparel belonging to a Miss Williams and a Miss Shaw had been taken from a carriage at Crystal Springs campmeeting last August, and afterward found in the home of M. Hess. The evidence was so convincing that it took the jury only twenty minutes to return a verdict of guilty, and the court sentenced Mr. Hess to a term of six months imprisonment in the county jail. The six months would have ended on Thursday of next week; but for some reason best known to the prisoner himself, he decided to reduce the length of the term.

On Tuesday morning when one of the Sheriff's sons went around to the pump in the Court House yard, he discovered a hole in the brick wall of the jail yard. The query naturally arose: "Has some one broken into jail—or, out?"

Upon examination of the interior of the fort, it was found that there was one vacant chair—one empty cot. James was "non est."

As has been intimated, Mr. Hess, perhaps, knew best the reason for gaining his liberty at this time. There are some costs that it would be necessary for him to settle at the expiration of the six months, otherwise the Commissioners might have held him perhaps three months longer. But in that event he would have come out under the insolvent law and the debt would have been practically paid as far as Jim is concerned.

Delightful Social Event.

On last Friday evening about forty or fifty young people assembled at the home of Judge and Mrs. D. A. Nelson, the occasion being the seventeenth birthday of their daughter Elizabeth. A number of popular games were played after which refreshments were served. Later the company were treated to some excellent music on the organ and returned to their homes at a late hour wishing Miss Nelson many more such occasions.

WEST DUBLIN.

Mrs. Margaret Kesselring of Hustontown, is visiting the family of her brother C. M. Brant, and other friends in this community. M. G. Lamberson and Prof. B. C. Lamberson of Hustontown, passed through this vicinity Sunday forenoon. Pryor Witter and sisters Lucy and Belle of Waterfall, are spending some time with their sister Mrs. Ross King.

Mathias was, without finding even a scent of one. He then went along other lines, and finally gave up the search. The trick was that John had the ham under his overcoat, and after Mart had been examined, John who was in another line direct, to the rear of Mart, managed to pass the prize to his chum, and the boys that evening sent a piece of it nicely fried to the Colonel for his supper.

In speaking of it afterward, the Colonel said, "Boys, I don't care how much you forage; but don't let me see you at it."

Since Mr. Brant has been in the West, letters have been frequently exchanged between the old comrades, and it was only a few weeks ago, that Mr. Mathias had a letter from Mr. Brant, saying that Mr. Brant had eighteen acres of land in Washington worth a hundred dollars an acre, and \$500 in good cash, a town lot, and an interest in a store.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Farm Buildings of George W. Sipes, near Harrisonville, Went up in Smoke Last Sunday.

LOSS OVER \$3,000, AND NO INSURANCE

A most disastrous conflagration occurred in Licking Creek township on last Sunday afternoon, in which the house, barn, and shop of George W. Sipes was entirely destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Sipes had gone in the morning to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharpe, near Knobsville, and had arranged with a neighbor to do the feeding at noon. The feeding was done, and at that time everything seemed to be right about the premises. Some time in the afternoon, smoke was seen ascending from the Sipes place, and when neighbors arrived, the fire had gained such headway, that the buildings were doomed. In addition to the buildings, Mr. Sipes, who is a contractor and fine carpenter, lost all his tools, about \$500 dollars worth of dressed lumber, which he had gotten out preparatory to the erection of a new dwelling house this summer, all his farm machinery, wagons, harness, and two fat hogs.

There is no clue to the origin of the fire. The loss to Mr. Sipes approximate \$3,000, and unfortunately, there is no insurance.

WINS HONORS IN JAPAN.

Miss Annie B. West Granted Sixth Order of The Crown.

A cablegram from Tokio, Japan, announces that the Empress has invested Miss Annie B. West, a Presbyterian missionary worker of Tokio since 1883, with the sixth order of the crown, in recognition of her services for the relief of soldiers and their families during the war with Russia.

Miss West is a daughter of Rev. Dr. Wm. A. West, pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place. She graduated from Wilson College at Chambersburg, in 1881, and from Vassar two years later, soon after which she entered upon her duties as a missionary at Tokio. She is well versed in the spoken and written language of the Japanese, and by reason of her culture, fine social qualities, intelligence and the important work in which she is engaged, she has formed the acquaintance of many of the most prominent ladies of the empire, and the honor recently conferred on her shows the high appreciation in which she is held by the Empress. When home on her leave of absence six years ago, by special invitation, she visited the wife of the Japanese minister in Washington, with whom she is intimately acquainted. Her services for the relief of the soldiers and their families were in her line as a missionary worker in connection with other assistance rendered.

LAIDIG.

David Hockensmith and brother George spent last Saturday afternoon at John E. Sipes'.

John Hampton is laid up with grippe.

James G. Hampton and John Hockensmith spent last Sabbath with Drew Laidig.

Doyle Laidig has purchased a fine driving horse.

William Stevens has returned to his work at Hopewell.

Miss Mabel Snider was called home on account of the death of her mother.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. S. H. Hockensmith and family desire to thank their friends and neighbors for their untiring care and sympathy during the illness and death of the wife and mother.

Buy Easter Post Cards at the Irwin Store.

JONES ACQUITTED.

Evidence Showed That the Killing of John E. Husler, Was Done in Self Defense.

CASE COST THE COUNTY OVER \$600.

Fulton County's second murder trial came to a close last Thursday evening, when the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Miller S. Jones, indicted for the shooting of John E. Husler, at Miller's hotel at Fort Littleton on the 18th of last August. Husler died from the effects of the wound on the 8th of September. While there was no one to swear that he saw Jones fire the shot, Mr. Jones admitted the shooting, and made no effort to escape from its consequences, and the jury were satisfied that Mr. Jones was compelled to shoot in self defense.

The affair was a most unfortunate one, and is another temperance sermon. The house was licensed to sell intoxicating liquors. This would not have been done—could not have been done, if it had not been for the fact that twelve reputable gentlemen signed an application for the granting of the license. There was plenty of evidence to show that there was drinking at the hotel on this particular occasion, and no one could be led to believe that the shooting would have occurred if all of those present there that evening had been free from the effects of liquor. As a result, a stout young man lies in his grave; he peace and comfort of Mr. Jones and his family have been greatly disturbed, and the taxpayers of Fulton county are called upon to pay over six hundred dollars in cash.

PIECE OF HANDIWORK.

Mrs. Stilwell W. Truax Has Made a Rug That Would Take First Premium.

Mrs. Stilwell W. Truax, who lives near Gem, Belfast township, is the happy possessor of a very handsome rug, which fairly represents the economic principles of a thrifty housewife who delights in having nice things to beautify her surroundings, and this is one more gem added to the many pretty things which adorn her cozy home.

This rug is nine feet, six inches long, four feet, six inches wide, and weighs twenty pounds. It is composed of goods that go to waste in some homes.

As there are 153 chains, and 290 stitches to each chain, it is plain that there are 44,370 stitches. Since it takes four distinct motions of the hand to make one stitch, there were 177,480 motions. To sew the goods there was used a fraction over 300 yards of thread, five stitches to the inch, or 54,000 stitches.

Counting three crochet stitches to the minute, would consume 123 hours and fifteen minutes without losing one minute, to put the rug together after all the material had been prepared—the preparation of the material, of course, being the largest part of the work.

The material was handsomely colored—red, green, purple, with hit-and-miss, and steel gray. The colors are properly blended—the combination making a beautiful effect.

It required a chain of 290 stitches crochet work to get the desired length; 153 chains for the width—each chain requiring twenty-eight yards of cut goods, or 4,284 yards in all. To cut this long strip of goods counting three inches for one cut would require 51,408 cuts, or the opening and shutting of the hand 102,816 times.

G. B. Sbere, near Waterfall, who had advertised a sale for next Tuesday, has called it off, owing to having made other arrangements.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. S. H. Hockensmith, Mac Ranck, William Bishop, Elijah Rinedollar, and Others.

GRIM REAPER NO RESPECTER OF AGE

HOCKENSMITH.

Mrs. Samuel H. Hockensmith died at her home near Laidig, on Wednesday, March 20, 1907, aged 61 years, 6 months, and 1 day. Interment in the cemetery at the Greenhill Presbyterian church, on Friday, the services being held in the church, of which she had been a consistent member for forty years, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. West, of McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Hockensmith is survived by her husband and the following children, namely, Leonard J. Salvia; David B., Abington, Ill.; George P., Philadelphia; Mabel, wife of Herman Snyder, Williamsport, Pa., and John and Otis at home. Also these brothers, George, James, and David Muma, and two sisters, Mrs. John B. Sipes and Mrs. Anna Hann. Mrs. Hockensmith had been in ill health for a long time, but bore her affliction with that fortitude and patience that comes only with a firm hope in the saving power of a merciful Saviour.

RINEDOLLAR.

Elijah Rinedollar was born in McConnellsburg in 1830, and died at his home at West Carrol, Ill., Sunday, February 10, 1907. December 2, 1852, he was married at Huston, Blair county, to Mary Ann Tipton. To this union were born three sons and three daughters. In 1855 the family moved to Mount Carrol, Ill., where Mr. Rinedollar resided to the time of his death, his wife having died quite a number of years ago.

He was a man of most exemplary character, quiet and unassuming in his nature, and spoke no ill of any one. The deceased was a brother of John and Jacob Rinedollar, late of this community, deceased.

RICHARDS.

Again we are reminded of the uncertainty of life in the death of another young man, Claude McCauley Richards, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Richards, near Big Cove Tannery, on Monday, March 18, 1907.

"Mac" as he was familiarly known, was an only child and was born on April 2, 1892, and lacked a few days of being fifteen years of age.

For some time past his strength seemed to be waning, but the dangerous character of his ailment was not discovered until he was compelled to go to bed about one week before his death. His disease was diagnosed as Addison's disease of the kidneys and a post mortem examination confirmed this fact.

The death of a child of any age, to its parents, is a most distressing loss, but the removal of an only child who has been the companion of his parents until the years of young manhood, is a most crushing and heart-breaking sorrow. The warmest sympathy is felt and most tenderly expressed for these sorrowing parents, and the grandparents, the Hon. John Morton and wife, with whom the deceased was a great favorite.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. B. Houston and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MAY.

Walter E. May, a Pittsburg division freight brakeman, residing in Altoona, husband of Ada Steach, formerly of McConnellsburg, was the victim of an accident at Bolivar, on the morning of Saturday the 16th, inst., which resulted in his death, while being conveyed to the Cambria Hospital, Johnstown, shortly afterward. He left home Friday afternoon, and while passing Bolivar, May, in walking over the top of a car, slipped, plunged down between

MARCH MATINGS.

Recent Slump Has in No Way Affected Matrimonial Market. Demand Steady and

EASTER BRIDES WAY ABOVE PAR.

PECK—HOCKENBERRY.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hockensmith, at Three Springs, Pa., at high noon yesterday, Rev. Harry K. Ash united in marriage Austin C. Peck and Miss Edna M. Hockensmith in the presence of a large number of invited friends and relatives. The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady and the groom, a son of Denton Peck of Thompson township, is engaged in the granite and marble business in Hancock, Md., and a rising young business man.

LYNCH—PECK.

At the Cove parsonage, on Wednesday, March 20, 1907, by Rev. S. B. Houston, Mr. Austin Lynch and Miss Lyda Peck were united in marriage. The groom is a son of the late Monroe Lynch, of Belfast township, and the bride the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peck, of Gem. The happy couple are excellent young people, and their chances for success in life are just as good as any one else's.

MAY—TRUAX.

Ralph A. May and Miss Delia A. Truax, both of Belfast township, were married in Hagerstown Monday by Rev. W. C. Griffith. The News extends congratulations.

BURNT CABINS.

Blaine Matthias, who has been in California for some time, is visiting his parents, Wm. Matthias and wife, near here.

There will be an Easter service in the M. E. church, on Sunday evening, March 31.

James Waters, near here, spent Saturday in Mount Union.

Roy Curfman, of this place, has gone to Fargo, North Dakota. Newton Matthias, who had been visiting his parents near here, has returned to his work in Pittsburg.

Roy McGehee and wife have moved to Knobsville.

David Bowman, wife and daughter Goldie, spent Sunday with their son Fred, at Clear Ridge.

Lybert North and Gilbert Bowman made a flying trip to Clear Ridge, Saturday evening.

Two cars to the rails and several cars passed over him, terribly injuring him. At Johnstown, the body was prepared for burial, and taken to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Steach, 1223 Fifth avenue, Altoona.

Walter E. May was born at Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, twenty two years ago. He had been railroading for several years and was held in high esteem by his fellow trainmen. In September, 1905, he was married to Miss Ada Steach of Altoona. He was a member of an Altoona Lutheran church, and the Pennsylvania Relief Association.

RANCK.

From the Hancock Star, we learn of the death of Geo. B. Ranck, better known as Mac Ranck, son of the late George Ranck, of Bethel township, who died in Harrisburg, and was taken to Warfordsburg for interment, on Monday of last week. Mac had been in ill health for several years, and at the time of his death was away for treatment.

BISHOP.

William H. Bishop, aged 65 years, died at his home on Black Oak Ridge, in Bethel township. Deceased is survived by his widow and a number of children. Mr. Andrew Bishop, of Warfordsburg, is a son, and Miss Caroline Bishop, of Washington, is a daughter.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outlet.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Harry Suders and Ella McQuade, of Altoona, are visiting friends in this place.

Miss Annie B. Frey is in Philadelphia this week purchasing her stock of the newest things in Spring Millinery.

Among those who stopped to drop some coin in the editor's cash box last Saturday, was J. A. Keefer of Dickey's Mountain.

Merchant J. G. Reiser left last Saturday for the eastern cities to buy stock for their spring and summer trade.

Dennis Everts, who owns and operates the Hesse Mill in Thompson township, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Merchant J. K. Johnston is in the eastern cities this week purchasing goods to replenish the stock at his store in town.

Nora Fisher, Nettie Stoutearle, Alice Hays, and Bessie Irwin—all Shippensburg Normal students, are home for their Easter vacation.

Young Men

Who are fortunate in having a best girl, can give her a treat by taking her to the Play to be given in the Court House, on Thursday evening, March 4th. Just think of the pleasure of holding her little hand while the softest of music is playing, and while witnessing the funniest play out. After the curtain is rung down for the finale, he will have the delightful drive to Hustontown, Littleton, or Big Cove Tannery—and abundant time to rehearse the old sweet story en route.

Building A Child's Character.

Some interesting contrasts are being drawn between the parent's method and the school teacher's method of making a child good in a series of interviews with an expert teacher, now running in the New Idea Woman's Magazine. In the April number the subject of the interview is, "The Insolent Child," and Miss Farrell, the teacher, who is the Superintendent of Education among backward and unmanageable children in New York City, gave it as her opinion that insolence in a child arose as a rule from imitation. She brought out a nice point, however, in regard to rousing a child to disrespect and anger as follows:

"But may there not be cases where so called insolence arises from exasperation or bad temper on the part of the child? A mother might say, 'You must not do this,' and the child retort, 'I will, I will, I don't care what you say.'"

"Yes, but if the teacher knew that child, it she knew it would make that answer, she would not give it an opportunity to retort. The teacher avoids that whole side of his nature. She does not command. She requests. That is where many parents would differ from a teacher; and teachers of a past generation would differ from teachers of to-day. They would command, not ask. The teacher, however, by asking instead of commanding, gets the thing she wants, while the child is not liable to irritation."

"But is it good for the child to be treated so?"

"Well, there are many people who say it is not. You are just avoiding the problem," they say. But it builds up the habit of compliance, and this is what we want. And if we believe that life is a matter of habits, we are willing to build them up the best way we can. Habit is a tremendously strong thing. It is the habit of replying courteously, the habit of doing good things, that count. I think it is all habit boys."