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FILED UP HIS CLAIM.

J. Frank Martin, of Thompson, now a Citizen of New Mexico, on One of Uncle Sam's Farms.

TELLS OF HIS TRIP; SAW JOE PITTMAN

I took the 7 o'clock train at Hancock, March 17th, and reached Chicago Monday night. Chicago is a great city. I could stand on the steps at the station and count four buildings each fourteen stories in height. Of course, they looked some higher than Davv Little's hotel. Leaving Chicago Tuesday morning, the ride to Narissa, N. M., was through the most beautiful country I had ever seen. Not long after I left Chicago, until I became acquainted with several persons who were going through to take up government land. The company formed a small colony, and were composed of honest farmers from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio. I soon decided to join them, and have found them very pleasant people. We loaded at Naravissa, Thursday morning. We at once began to make preparation for a journey out on the plains. Securing three two horse teams, we made a drive of about twenty miles, and pulled up to a ranch house, in the evening. After having gotten our supper, and placed everything in safety, we prepared to retire for the night. Our company was divided into two groups, each group sleeping in a row on the ground with a canvas for a covering. The men with the guns taking the outside of the row. We were not entirely free from danger, for the country is infested with the Mexican lion, tarantulas, gray wolves and rattlesnakes.

It took me but about a half day, the first time I took a little reconnoitre, to shoot away all the ammunition I had at antelopes, prairie dogs, jack rabbits, etc.

The sunrise here is very attractive to one raised among the mountains. There is nothing of that dawn and twilight; the sun seems to pop up from the ground, and it is broad daylight all at once.

Well, we were anxious to "locate," and we soon broke camp and started out to hunt farms. It seemed like a slow process, for everything that looked good to us, had been staked by some other fellow. But we possessed our souls in patience, and went on, and on. Finally we struck a valley that was, indeed beautiful; to behold, and one that the "other fellow" had not gotten into. It took us only about an hour to select our homesteads, and we felt that we had been well repaid for our trouble in searching.

The ground is as level as a floor, and we are located four miles from a town site, and sixteen miles from a railroad town. The soil is a dark chocolate color, much like that of Illinois. The air is pure, the elevation being from 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the sea level.

The next morning we went back to Naravissa, and filed our claims, and are now part and parcel of the population of the rapidly growing far-west.

Since here, I have had a very pleasant visit with my young friend Joe Pittman, who lives in Canyon, Okla. He is doing well—owns a house and several town lots, and is happy as a June bug.

J. FRANK MARTIN.

Goes To Tennessee.

The Bedford Inquirer, says Professor D. C. Stunkard, who has been a resident of Bedford for sixteen years, the greater part of which time, he was principal of the public schools, has been elected co-principal of the Frank Hughes College at Clinton, Tennessee. Professor Stunkard after a visit to his old home in this county and in the west, will leave for his new field of labor. His family will follow later.

UNGER—PRICE NUPTIALS.

Miss Nettie Price Becomes Bride of C. Maynard Unger, of the Cove.

A pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Price, near Laidig, last Wednesday, when their daughter Nettie became the wife of C. Maynard Unger, of Ayr township, this county. The wedding took place at noon, Rev. Dr. West, of McConnellsburg, officiating, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. After the wedding, those present partook of a good dinner.

Besides the family of the bride's parents, there were present Mr. and Mrs. James Henry and daughter Laura, of McConnellsburg; Mrs. Samuel Clevenger, Mrs. Susan King, Mrs. John W. Laidig, Mrs. David A. Laidig and son Jesse, Mrs. Joseph Laidig and daughters; B. A. Deaver and wife, of Hustontown; John Trax, of Wells Tannery; Mrs. Margaret Stevens, Jane Price, Mrs. Eliza Hoover, Daisy Hoover, Pryor Witter, Ross King and wife.

The bride received a number of valuable presents. Early on Thursday morning, the bride and groom left for a trip to Pittsburg and Chicago. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy voyage on the sea of life.

Wells Tannery.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sprowl, Mr. and Mrs. George Sprowl and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stunkard, drove to Fannettsburg Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sprowl's niece, Miss Dora Jones, whose death was caused by her clothing catching fire while burning paper out of doors.

Earl Schenck purchased the complete huckster outfit from his father.

Six students from No. 1 school took the examination Saturday. We trust they all will be able to enter the high school next term.

Rev. J. W. Forest, the minister sent on the Three Springs charge preached to the Pine Grove people Sunday morning from I Cor. 15: 34. He advised his hearers not to be too hasty to judge him; but we can't help thinking he is an up to date man.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprowl, of Everett, are visiting friends here.

Miss Bertha Warsing who had been in Altoona for some time, has returned home. When they left the Valley for Cumberland last week his name was Alfred Stunkard and hers, Lizzie Sprowl. Since their return they write their names, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stunkard. The young people have lots of friends who join in wishing them a joyous voyage over life's sea.

Surprise Party.

Last Thursday morning as Mr. Lewis Kelso was busy fixing up the garden fence at his home near Knobsville, his attention was directed to the arrival of his friends and neighbors, each having a well filled basket. By noon there was hardly room to turn around in his house for the crowd and the big dining table which was laden with the most tempting dinner.

Of course, it did not take any coaxing to get the party seated at this table and for about three quarters of an hour, they were the most industrious people you ever saw.

The day was spent most pleasantly and Mr. Kelso was the recipient of many nice gifts, and appreciated the kindness of his friends in thus remembering the occasion of his thirty-sixth birthday. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McClain, Walter Anderson and wife, General Peddin and family, John Snyder and family, Charles Greis and two daughters, Mrs. John Glunt, Samuel Wilson and family, William Kelso and family, Miss Melvina Hershhey, Captain Dotterman, Mrs. Lizzie House and son, and George Kelso.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Skirts Caught Fire While Attempting to Burn Waste Paper.

On Wednesday last week Mabel, the fourteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones, of Metal, Franklin county, was helping her mother to clean house. While throwing some waste paper into a bonfire in the yard her skirts caught fire. She tried to smother the flames but was unable. Her mother hearing the agonized cries of her daughter, hurried to the rescue. She tore the burning garments with her bare hands and was terribly burned. Assistance came too late as the girl was fatally burned. In spite of the attention of Dr. Alexander she lapsed into unconsciousness and on Thursday she died. Mrs. Jones, although painfully burned, will recover.

The funeral occurred at the home of her parents last Saturday.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Home Talent Play Given in the Court House Last Thursday and Saturday Evenings, Great Success.

The play "What's Next," given by the Home Talent Dramatic Club, last Thursday evening and Saturday evening, drew large audiences, and was evidently the best thing of the kind ever given here. We have a just pride in the dramatic talent of our people, and hope it may not be their last effort at entertaining our people.

WOLF CO. BALKRUPT.

Receiver Appointed for One of Chambersburg's Big Corporations.

On petition of a number of its New York creditors, the Wolf Company, a corporation engaged in the manufacture of milling machinery, in Chambersburg, was adjudicated a bankrupt corporation, before Judge Archibald in the United States district court in Scranton, on Monday. Walter K. Sharpe, Esq., of Chambersburg, was appointed receiver, and the probabilities are that the works will proceed as heretofore, until the embarrassed financial condition of the company shall be satisfactorily adjusted.

Plant Trees Along the Roads.

Every person who owns land along public roads may secure an abatement of one fourth of their road tax by setting out shade trees or fruit trees along the roads. This law has been in force in this state since 1879, yet its provisions are little known. The act of May 2, 1879, says:

"Any person liable to road tax, who shall transplant to the side of the public highway, on his own premises, any fruit, shade or forest trees, of suitable size, shall be allowed by the supervisor of roads where the roads run through or adjoin cultivated fields, an abatement in his road tax, one dollar for every four trees set out, but no row of elms shall be placed nearer than 70 feet, or no row of maple or other forest trees nearer than 60 feet, except locust trees, which may be set 30 feet apart, and no allowance, as before mentioned, shall be made unless such trees shall have been set out the year previous to the demand for such abatement of tax, and are living and well protected from animals at the time of the demand. No person shall be allowed an abatement of his highway tax more than one fourth of his annual tax."

This law was enacted to promote the planting of trees along the public highways, yet very few people take advantage of its provisions by planting trees. There are hundreds of farmers in this county who could save one fourth of their road tax next year by placing trees this year along the public roads adjoining their lands.

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THE TOUR PARTY.

Sunday School Workers Here Monday Afternoon and Evening. Earnest Addresses. Local Organization Effected.

As had been previously announced in the News, the special Field Workers representing the State Sabbath School Association and the County Association, arrived here Monday forenoon, and the first session of their work was held in the Methodist church Monday afternoon, and the other in the evening. The president of the County Association, Mr. E. H. Kirk, was absent, but the work was very ably handled by Miss Baumgardner, Field Secretary of the County group, and Rev. Irwin, special Field worker with the State Organization.

This series of meetings held throughout the county ought to be productive of greatly awakened interest in the Sunday school work. These people who are giving their time to the work in this county have no other object than the helping of our people to increased activity along this, one of the most fruitful sources of Christian activity; and this series of meetings should bear fruit during the coming season in higher ideals, and more intelligent work in the Sunday schools. That the Sunday school, as an organization, has been a great power for good, must be apparent to every thoughtful person; and that there is room for great improvement in the methods of presenting the gospel truths, and in the lives of those who have the work in hand, is no less true.

When the tour shall have been completed, every district in the county will have a local organization; and it will be up to those who have been elected to manage these local organizations, to show just how much the organizations shall accomplish.

A CLOSE CALL.

Squire Frank M. Diehl of Whips Cove, Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury.

As is noted elsewhere in this paper, Frank M. Diehl, Esq., and his cousin George B. McJ. Diehl, of Whips Cove, were in town last Saturday. Reaching Webster Mills about five o'clock on their return home, they decided to stop and feed before continuing farther on their long drive.

During their stop they made an examination of the hoof of one of their horses that had shown some signs of lameness, and found in the frog a puncture. Knowing the tendency of such a wound to produce lockjaw, they, with the assistance of Ira Diehl, proceeded to make a more careful examination, and, if possible, remove the cause of the trouble. While Ira was closely examining the horse's foot, and Clell and the Squire were holding firmly by the bridle, the horse suddenly reared violently, throwing Ira through the stable door and striking Frank a heavy blow on the right side of the face cutting him above the eye and causing an ugly bruise on his cheek. At first it was thought that one of his eyes had been destroyed, but Dr. Sappington was called, and he, upon examination, found that no bones had been broken, and that the injured eye would probably be all right in a few days.

By unanimous consent Mr. Muehart, of Franklin, introduced a resolution in the House Monday night to have the Highway Department ascertain the cost of purchasing and converting into State highways all turnpikes in the State on which tolls are now charged, a report to be made to the next Legislature. The resolution was adopted.

Miss Cora Peck, of Meyersdale, and Miss Mays Stiver, of Bedford, are visiting in the home of their uncle, the editor of this News.

WHERE YOU'LL FIND 'EM.

New Homes of Many of Our Citizens Brought About by First of April Changes.

While there has been more or less changing of place of residence by people in this town and vicinity, there was not much "moving" done as in some former years. Owing to the number of new houses erected during the past year, there are now a number of vacant houses in town.

Thomas Johnson, having rented his farm, moved into the brick house at the west end of town that he purchased last summer from Miss Jennie Carson. Adam Grissinger moved into Billy Clevenger's brick house, from which Lewis Clevenger moved into the George Heibbaugh house up in the Extension. Linn Alexander moved from the Extension down to Springhouse Valley. Mrs. Sarah Suders moved from the Aunt Beckie Comer property, on First street down to one of those little houses the other side of the Bridge. Will Black moved from the Cooper house into one of T. J. Comerer's new houses near Frank Mason's. Dan Clevenger moved from one of the Catlett houses down to one of Mac Kendall's tenant houses in Ayr township, and C. P. Carmack moved to Chambersburg. Cyrus Kelly moved from Annie Irwin's house to the Henry Scott stone house on South First street, and Ed Grissinger moved from G. W. Hays's house to the Irwin house. Mrs. Sarah Pittman and daughter Miss Ella, moved from one of D. L. Grissinger's houses in the east end of town, into their new house south of the old Reformed church. R. M. Kendall moved from the farm in Ayr township into his new house next to Mrs. Pittman's. Charlie Bender is moving this week into his new house, built next to Hohman's meat market. Virgil Sipes moved into the Reuben Wible house purchased from S. K. Pittman in the Extension. Henry Shue moved from the Wible house across into the Jacob Benks house, and Lloyd Ray went up on the Dan Sheets farm which he recently purchased. Charlie Hammers who had been living in part of the Wible house moved into the Aunt Beckie Comer house. There are, perhaps, others, of which we do not think of just now.

BIG APRIL SNOW.

Tuesday Morning Found a Heavy Snow Storm on Hand. Made Work for Linemen.

The good people of McConnellsburg were not a little surprised when they awakened on Tuesday morning and looked out through the windows, to see the town in the throes of an old-fashioned April snow storm. The rain of the evening before had changed to snow, and it was coming down so thick and fast that one could scarcely see across the street. Then the dampness caused the snow to adhere to the branches of trees, the shrubbery, and the fences, while the telegraph wires looked like mammoth ropes of raw cotton, yet with a weight that caused the poles to tremble, and in many cases fall to the ground. The telegraph and telephone linemen were the busiest people Tuesday, and it took them until late in the afternoon to get the lines in working order.

The snow, which was about ten inches in depth when the storm abated just before noon, disappeared rapidly during the afternoon and evening, but by Wednesday morning the temperature had dropped to the freezing point.

Miss Emma Sloan, who during the past winter, taught very successfully in the graded schools at West Fairview, Pa., has completed her work there and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan, in this place.

OAK EXTRACT.

Takes The Place of Bark for Tanning Purposes. Large Plant at Mount Union.

The enterprising tanners, C. Greene & Sons, who, among other places, operate a large tannery at Saltillo, realizing the growing scarcity of rock oak bark, looked about for a substitute, and a year ago last October, began the erection of a plant at Mount Union for the manufacture of a wood extract which should take the place of bark. So great has been their success, that they have been compelled recently to greatly enlarge their facilities in order to keep pace with the demand for their production.

The extract manufactured at this plant is shipped to those parts of the country where bark is scarce. It is sent to New England, Canada and the North-West where hemlock and oak bark have largely become exhausted. This tannin extract, used as a substitute for bark makes just as good leather as the bark itself. It is shipped in barrels, also large steel tank cars, a liberal supply of which the company has already provided.

This extract is made from rock oak bark, chestnut wood and hemlock bark. These woods and bark are used because in them is found the largest percentage of tannin of any of our native barks and woods. All vegetable matter has more or less tannin, which amount varies with the species.

OUT OF THE RACE.

Rev. Thos. P. Garland, of Needmore, Has Decided That He Will Not Be a Candidate for County Treasurer.

In a letter from Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore, he desires us to say through the News that he has decided not to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer. Mr. Garland says, that owing to the number of calls he is receiving for evangelistic work, he prefers to be "faithful to the calling where he has been called," than to be mixed up in politics.

He wants to thank his many friends throughout the county, for the hearty encouragement given him to enter the race, but thinks there is "more in life than the seeking of gold."

GLAD HE'S LIVIN'.

It Was John Brant That Was Killed in Wreck, But Not "Our John."

It is only once in a while that a man lives to read his own obituary notice in the newspapers. A few days ago a gentleman in the far west picked up a copy of the News, and soon became interested in the story of the death of John Brant, recently killed in a railroad wreck in Washington. As he entered into the details of the story, and learned that the victim of the railroad disaster had soldiered with Mart Mathias, had on one occasion stolen an old hen off her nest in a straw stack, had scooped in sundry hams from citizens in the enemy's country, he began to grow dizzy. "I am the man that was killed, sure!" and he began pinching himself to be certain that he was living.

After assuring himself of the latter fact, he at once wrote a letter to Mr. Mathias, stating that his comrade of war times John Brant, was living and well—weighing 180 lbs., and eating three square meals a day.

He explained that the name of the man killed in the wreck was John Brant; but, that Jones who reported the facts to the News, was mistaken as to the particular John.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. Brant will be glad to learn "Our John" is O. K.

Prof. W. Don Morton having finished his term as principal of the schools at Salix, Pa., returned home Tuesday.

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

Miss Janet Zacharias, of Chambersburg, has been spending the past week the guest of Miss Catherine Cook.

Mrs. Jno. A. Woodcock is spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Sloan, of this place.

G. B. McClellan Diehl and Frank M. Diehl, both of Whips Cove, were in town last Saturday. "Ciehl" is having a sale on the 18th of this month.

"Uncle" John Hann, of Saluvia, and his brother Scott, of Webster Mills, were here last Saturday attending the monthly meeting of King Post.

Miss Jess Nace, of Chambersburg, has been spending the past week in the home of her brother, Cashier Merrill W. Nace, of the First National Bank of this place.

Abner Mellott, of Whips Cove, spent last Saturday night in the home of his brother-in-law, James Sipes, of this place. Mr. Mellott thinks it is about time for him to quit farming, and he will have a sale on the last day of April.

Mrs. L. I. Hill, who for several years, has been a resident of Adams county, has returned to Fulton, and has her home for the present with her sister, Mrs. Scott Tritle of the Cove. Mrs. Hill expects to make a trip to Iowa during the latter part of the summer.

Miss Elizabeth Bender left for York, Pa., early Monday morning in response to a telegram received Sunday conveying the information that her sister Miss Mary was seriously ill. She was accompanied as far as Marion by her niece Clara Bender who had been visiting her grandfather here several days.

Rev. Charles W. Bryner, who was assigned to the M. E. charge in this place by the late Conference, arrived last Sunday and preached his initial sermon in the church in this place, Sunday evening, and made a good impression on his people. Mr. Bryner comes here from a charge in Columbia county.

FROG HOLLOW.

Some very fine weather was followed by a regular January snow.

The farmers in this vicinity are busy with their spring work. Harper Barton, one of Fulton county's successful teachers, has closed his school at Gracey.

Harry Kesselring has employment at Daniel Rinehart's for the summer.

Rev. Reber closed his meeting at Mt. Tabor Thursday night.

Richard Madden is very poorly at this writing.

David Miller is remodeling his house this spring.

Oscar Fix was a pleasant caller at A. L. Shaw's.

D. B. Newman spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of E. O. Kesselring.

Army and Rosa Hess who have been employed in Altoona, are spending a two week's vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hess.

David Hershhey, wife and family, spent Sunday and Monday among the latter's relatives in McConnellsburg.

Emma Postlewait and daughter Cathryn, of Turtle Creek, spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

The Ladies Aid Society of Center, are progressing nicely with their name quilt. They have in the treasury now, about \$40.

William Fields and son Cleve have just finished Daniel Landner's new kitchen.

Myrtle Bergstrosser is employed at Martha Strall's.