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State Highway Commissioner Hunter Tells of Work Done by His Department Thus Far.

FULTON STILL STANDING OFF.

The report of State Highway Commissioner Hunter for 1906 has just been issued, and is decidedly interesting. Mr. Hunter says:

"The department has conducted 235.5 miles of roads, of which 158.2 miles were built during 1906, and has under contract or in readiness to be contracted for 216.5 miles. The department commenced during the year the survey of all the public highways of Pennsylvania, as authorized by Section 25, of the act approved May 1, 1905. Of the 97,940 miles of public roads in Pennsylvania, shown by the reports made to this department by the various boards of county commissioners, 2500 miles have already been surveyed.

The work already done is sufficient to show that the reports of mileage made by the county commissioners, are very far from accurate, and the total road mileage of the state, is consequently a purely unknown quantity. The work of making these road surveys was subject during the past year to the usual delays attendant upon a task of so great magnitude, but is now in shape to be pushed forward much more rapidly during the coming year.

"The department has experimented to a limited extent during the past season, with a tar treatment for road surfaces, the use of which is calculated to prevent the 'traveling' of the road material and the consequent rapid wear, and also to obviate the 'dust nuisance.' After the result of a winter's exposure has been ascertained, the department will be ready either to adopt such a method of treatment for all the roads which it builds, or if necessary, to experiment further.

"During the last few weeks of the year, the department lent its assistance to the organization of the township supervisors into county associations for the promotion of the cause of good roads. It is the idea for the supervisors in each county to hold conventions annually, or oftener, at which ideas can be exchanged and methods of building and repairing roads discussed. The county commissioners and the officials of boroughs and cities are to be included in the membership of these associations. Two such associations have been formed—in Erie and Columbia counties—and arrangements have been made for meetings of the supervisors in several other counties at which similar organizations will probably be formed."

THE PEOPLE WIN.

Western Roads Now To Two-Cent Fare Law.

Chicago, June 24.—Passenger rates on all railroads of the United States will be reduced to two cents a mile. The lowering of the price and complete abolition of the old three-cent rates will begin on July 1. This was the decision reached here yesterday after a long and heated discussion by the leading presidents of all the Western and trans-continental roads. It was not a formal agreement, but is equally binding, for two large roads doing a trans-continental business are said to have served an ultimatum to others that they would put the rate into effect immediately.

Following the meeting, officials of several of the roads admitted that they had been forced to bow to public opinion and anti-railroad legislation. They said that no further fight would be made on the two cent laws already passed and that the roads would accept the inevitable.

SHY OF McCONNELLSBURG.

Books of Local Registrar Show That One Visit of Stork to McConnellsburg in Six Months.

The records in the office of J. S. Harris, Local Registrar of Vital Statistics of the 524th Registration District of Pennsylvania, show that while the Stork has been liberal with favors in other parts of the District, the old bird has been guilty of practically ignoring the borough of McConnellsburg, having made but one visit to the town in six months.

While we have no disposition to be unduly officious, we would suggest to State Health Officer Dixon that if he has any old second hand storks about his office, he might send them up to Fulton county's capital.

THE FOURTH AT HUSTONTOWN.

Bands, Balloons, Fantastics, Speeches, Fireworks, and all Kinds of Races, Not Excluding the Human Race.

Hustontown has long been noted for its big days, and now that it is about to become an incorporated municipality, it is more than ever on its mettle. The celebration of the anniversary of the nation's birthday next Thursday promises to be one of the greatest of the many successes they have had heretofore. For weeks committees have been busy with the details of the arrangements, and they are now in a position to promise all who attend "the day of their lives."

The celebration will last all day, and there will be more fun than you can shake a stick at—the funniest of fantastics, foot races, egg races, barrel races, sack races, three-legged races, base ball, speeches by noted orators, and music galore. Take a day off and go to Hustontown.

It is War Herder.

It was in a country tavern, where a newly arrived commercial traveler was holding forth.

"I'll bet my case of samples," he said, "that I've got the hardest name of anybody in this room."

An old farmer in the background shifted his feet. "Ye will, will ye?" he drawled. "Waal, I'll have to take ye up. I'll bet \$10 against your samples that my name'll beat yourn."

"Done," cried the salesman. "I've got the hardest name. It is Stone."

"The old man was game."

"Mine," he said, "is Harder."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

Base Ball July 4th.

The McConnellsburg Athletic Association has arranged a game with the fast Mercersburg Tannery Team. This game will be the championship of Franklin and Fulton counties. McConnellsburg has put a fast team in the field this year, in fact, the strongest team since the days of the old "Blue Grass Team", the team that never met with defeat.

In Lesher, Jackson, and Wagner Bros., McConnellsburg has some of the fastest players in southern Pennsylvania, while Africa is a promising and clever young pitcher. Admission 10 cts. Game called at 10 o'clock sharp.

\$40,000 For Scotland School.

Governor Stuart has approved the bill appropriating \$40,000 for new buildings at the Scotland Industrial School. It is expected that within the next year, by reason of this action, the commission will be able to abandon the school at Uniontown and thus bring to Scotland between 100 and 150 pupils, increasing the number of orphans at Scotland to about 450. It is expected that when the Uniontown school is abandoned the State will be saved about \$20,000 per year for maintaining this school. The work at Scotland will go on as soon as practicable.

MONKEYED WITH BUZZ SAW

Huntingdon County Farmer Became Altogether Too Fond of His Neighbor's Better Half.

NOW SPORTS A BULLET IN HIS LEG.

If all reports are true the Huntingdon county courts are likely to have a case which for breeziness and tragic interest will discount the one laid down on our program for October.

Brinton Shoop and Grant Stahlman are farmers living in the vicinity of Shade Gap.

Shoop has been for some time, working on a small sawmill not far from his home. He had known that Stahlman was too intimate with his wife and felt that Stahlman would call during his absence on Thursday. He armed himself with a revolver and left the sawmill. As he approached his home in the woods he saw Stahlman and his wife. Stahlman had a shot gun and is reported as saying when he saw the woman's husband approaching: "Stay away or I will shoot you." This did not halt the wronged man and getting an aim on his enemy he fired. Stahlman got his gun in action about the same time and two shots disturbed the calm air of the mountain. Shoop's aim proved the better of the two and Stahlman sunk to the ground, wounded in the fleshy part of the leg. So great was the husband's indignation when his opponent in the duel had fallen on the ground that he (Shoop) rushed upon him and beat him with his revolver butt. When Stahlman was released he fled as well as his wound would permit him and Shoop fired several more shots in his direction.

After the affair Shoop went to the magistrate and told what he had done, at the same time preferring charges against Stahlman. When Stahlman is arrested the case will be tried in Huntingdon county.

Both participants in the exciting affray are well known citizens of the section and there was much excitement in the neighborhood, when the facts became noised about.

Snax.

Orville P. Dishong, step into the box.

Where do you live, Mr. Dishong? That is, upon what section of this terrestrial sphere are you located—your place of residence?—your home? where do you eat and sleep?

On the west side of Scrub Ridge mountain, which for convenience was dropped down upon the western hemisphere several years ago; and while it somewhat interferes with the location of a route for a railroad, no one has thought much about removing it.

Well, Mr. Dishong, you may state briefly what occurred recently as you were traveling along a lonely by-way on the side of Scrub Ridge mountain.

All right. I was traveling along the by-way as you call it, a few days ago, when suddenly a big blacksnake made its appearance and started right for me. I am not afraid of snakes, and I at once began to sling rocks at him. In less time than it takes to tell this, two more blacksnakes came to the assistance of the first one, and such a fight as they put up, would make your blood run cold to see. They squirmed at my feet, they tried to encircle my body and wrap themselves around my neck—wow! Don't you think I wasn't busy; but in less than five minutes, the three snakes lay silent upon the ground as stiff as a—shoe string.

The largest measured 9 feet 10 inches; the second, 6 feet 9 inches, and the third, 6 feet 2 inches.

A short distance farther on, I killed a coppersnake that measured 9 feet and 9 inches.

Yes, snakes seem to be very plentiful this summer. Clerk, call the next witness.

JIM HESS BACK IN JAIL.

Returned and Delivered Himself to Sheriff Alexander Last Thursday Night.

It will be recalled that James Hess was convicted at last October court of stealing ladies' wearing apparel from a carriage at Crystal Springs campmeeting last August, and sentenced by Judge Swope to pay the costs in the case and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months; that just before the March term of court last, when Hess had but six days of his sentence yet to serve, he took leave of the old bastille between two days, and has been outside the pale of the law since. Not entirely enjoying the liberty he had thus obtained, he at the June term, through his attorneys, asked permission of the Court to return to prison, and it was ordered that if James would return to the jail, serve out the period of his original sentence, pay his fine and costs—amounting in all to about \$143, he might have his freedom from jail by giving bond in the sum of \$250 for his appearance at October court next. Of course, it will then be up to James to give to the Court a justifiable reason for burrowing through the jail wall, and walking away leaving the hole open at night to the peril of the Sheriff's family from the possible entrance of stray dogs or nosy swine.

Normal Picnic.

It occurred to one of the girls boarding in the south extension to have a normal picnic.

She got the consent of the other girls and they accordingly proposed the plan to the boys, and the boys were glad to furnish the teams on Saturday.

Three wagons were secured, one a mule team, which opened the day's excitement by running off. It was halted at the bridge west of town. Luckily there were none of the girls on the wagon at the time or the town would have been roused by the heart rending screams, particularly if the Clear Ridge girls had been on that wagon.

Without any other accidents, a merry straw ride conveyed the party of about sixty to the top of Cove mountain, at Linton Rock.

A merry afternoon was spent in playing games and admiring the beautiful scenery of Fulton. A hazy atmosphere prevented from seeing into Maryland and Virginia. Towards evening the boys mysteriously became separated from the girls, but soon their attention was aroused by the beating on a tin pan. Not knowing whether it was a calithumpian band or an auto down on the pike summoning help, they went to investigate and found a fine supper prepared by the girls at which the boys were not long in finding seats.

The occasion was enlivened by Supt. Lamberson and Prof. Thomas driving to the grounds and joining in the fun. A neat little speech by Prof. Thomas was appreciated by all.

As the shadows were beginning to lengthen they all got on their respective wagons except one of the Ayr township students who refused to ride behind the mules, having had a thrilling experience with a mule three years ago.

The Normal yell from sixty throats aroused the town when the picnickers were coming home:

One, two, three Who are we? Normal Students, Yes, sir, Re! We're rough, We're tough, And that's no bluff; But the Normal Students are just the stuff! R. N.

Miss Blanche O. Peck, a former successful teacher of this county, and a graduate of the Pennsylvania Business College, has accepted a position as instructor in the Drake Business College in New York City.

JUNE MARINERS.

Daring Youngsters Who Have Recently Embarked for a Voyage on the Matrimonial Sea.

MAY THE WATERS EVER BE PLACID.

HOHMAN—GRISSENGER.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Grislinger, on East Water street, at 7 o'clock last Wednesday evening, Rev. Keeter of the Reformed church, Mercersburg, united in marriage Miss Olive Grissinger and Mr. Albert D. Hohman. About forty guests were present. After serving elaborate refreshments, the bride and groom were driven to Chambersburg, where they took a train for Niagara Falls and other places of interest.

For his bride, Mr. Hohman has taken from the profession one of Fulton county's best teachers, Miss Grissinger having taught the Primary school in this place with much success.

The groom conducts the Hohman meat market, and is a successful young business man.

Everything is in readiness for their going to housekeeping upon their return.

BLACK—SKINNER.

In Trinity Episcopal church, Chambersburg, last Wednesday evening, occurred the wedding of Henry V. Black and Miss Mary Hazel Skinner. The Rev. E. V. Collins officiated, using the Episcopal ring service, and there were about forty guests present.

While Dean George Clifford Vich, of Wilson College, played sweetly on the organ, Captain George W. Skinner entered the church, escorting Miss Skinner. They were met at the altar by the remainder of the party, and the beautiful ceremony was performed.

The guests were driven to the Philadelphia avenue home, where an informal reception was given. Mr. and Mrs. Black left on the evening train for a wedding trip, and returning, will go to housekeeping at once.

KELL—BRANDT.

Miss Mary Long Brandt, one of the most popular and highly esteemed young ladies, of Newport, Pa., and Mr. William Newton Kell, a well known young business man of Shippensburg, were very quietly married in the Presbyterian church, at the former place, at noon on Wednesday of last week. The wedding was devoid of all display owing to the recent death of the bride's brother-in-law the late Prof. Charles Emerson Barton. Those present were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Brandt, and the other members of their family, excepting Mrs. Barton; her aunt Miss Mae Long, and her cousin, Harry M. Kough.

Miss Brandt is well and favorably known here, having visited in the home of the late County Superintendent Barton, and her many friends here wish her a long and happy married life.

BERKSTRESSER—CRANEY.

Mr. Clarence Berkstresser and Miss Nora Maude Chaney were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, June 26th, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Trout, 1304 Fifth avenue, Altoona, in the presence of a number of friends, by Rev. Dr. George Murray Klepper, pastor of the Eighth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. The groom is formerly from this county, but is now employed as a clerk in Gable & Co's store in Altoona. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Chaney, of Manor Hill, Huntingdon county, and is a most estimable young lady. They will take up their residence in Altoona.

ANTONUCCI—SHEETS.

On Saturday evening, June 15th, in Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, a quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized, when Miss Nettie H. Sheets, of Lancaster, was married to Emile Antonucci, of Philadelphia, by the Rev. James Isenberg, of Trinity Reformed church. They were married in their new home with only relatives present. The ring ceremony was used. They went to Jamestown on their wedding trip.

The bride is a native of McConnellsburg, and a sister of our townsman John Sheets.

IN BIG AUTO.

Elsie Janis Passed Through Town Sunday Evening on Her Way to Pittsburg.

A big 60 horse-power automobile, capable of a clip of 70 miles an hour under favorable conditions, came slipping quietly down street Sunday evening. The big machine belonged to Elsie Janis, the star of the Vanderbilt Cup, who was accompanied by her mother and three or four other friends. They left Philadelphia about midnight after the close of the play Saturday evening, came up to Lancaster, where they stayed at a hotel for rest until nine o'clock Sunday morning, when they started across the mountains to Bedford Springs, where they expected to rest a few hours and go on to Pittsburg, being due there at noon Monday. Elsie is a little girl still in her "teens," and our reporter treated the story of her owning the big car and traveling in such style, with a little incredulity until he learned that Elsie was drawing a salary of three thousand dollars a week. That settled it.

The party found that our mountains have some advantages, even if the pike is full of little knolls, as Elsie's mother described the breakers; for at the top of Cove mountain, three and a half miles east of McConnellsburg, they found their supply of gasoline exhausted. Under other circumstances, this would have meant that the machine should "hang up" while some one of the party footed it to McConnellsburg, got a supply of gasoline, had some one haul it back to the machine—and altogether lose a lot of time. As it was, it was all down hill from that point to town, and the driver had nothing else to do but put his feet up on the "dash board," keep the machine in the road, and coast all the way into town, when he put his foot on the brake, and brought the machine to a standstill in front of J. K. Johnston's store, where they secured twenty gallons of gasoline, and started on across the mountains west of town "sailing."

HUNTERS OBJECT TO DEER LAW.

They Hate To Have To Wait To See Antlers Before Firing.

Deer hunters all over the state are considerably agitated over a bill recently approved by the governor, which prohibits the shooting of any except a male deer with horns that can be plainly seen. A doe, fawn or spike buck cannot be killed, but only those bucks whose horns are developed and which can plainly be seen by the hunter. The object of this is not so much to protect the game as it is to protect the hunter.

The statistics show that hundreds of men are killed by careless hunters, who see a bush waving or a movement in the underbrush, and blaze away at it, only to furnish a subject for the coroner. State Game Commissioner Kalbfus was instrumental in having the new law passed and says there will be very few accidental killings in Pennsylvania here after, if the hunters obey the law and hold back their fire until they are certain the target is a male deer with horns. Still, many of the hunters are up in arms concerning the new law.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Huston Johnston, of Pittsburg, who had been attending the Black-Skinner wedding in Chambersburg, came over to McConnellsburg last Friday and remained among their many friends on this side of the mountain until Monday.

On Monday, during the thunder storm which passed over this valley, the lightning struck a tree in the yard of Auctioneer Jacob Crouse, and from that tree jumped to another. A little child of Mr. Crouse was playing in the yard at the time and was badly stunned though. We are glad to say not badly injured.

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

M. R. Shaffner went to Lancaster on a business trip Tuesday.

Miss Ettie Evans and James Mellott, of Thompson spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

H. B. McNulty, wife and son, H. L. McNulty, of Chambersburg, came over to town on Wednesday in an automobile, and returning took Mr. David McNulty with them.

B. E. Stevens, of this place, is spending this week in Carlisle and Harrisburg, and will be accompanied home by his niece, Miss Zola Kraisbeck, of Erie, Pa.

Mrs. Murtie Harr, a compositor on the News office force, left last Saturday for a visit in the homes of her brothers, Howard and John Shimer, at McKees Rocks, Pa.

Clarence Knable, wife, and son Norman, and Albert Byers and family, all of whom had been visiting in the family of Elijah Knable, have returned to their respective homes in Orbisonia.

Miss Beatrice Sharpe, of Byrtimber, Montana, spent the time from Friday until Monday with her friends Miss Josephine Runyan and Miss Mazie Mellott in this place. Miss Sharp is a daughter of Emanuel Snarpe who removed from Needmore to Montana about three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Christwell and their little daughter Jean of Brookline, Mass., were registered at the Fulton House from Friday until Monday. Mrs. Christwell is, perhaps, better remembered as Nellie Skinner, formerly of Big Cove Tannery. They were accompanied by Mrs. Christwell's mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner.

John H. Reiser, of this place, left Monday for New Haven, Conn., to take the preliminary examination, with the view of entering Yale College this fall for a full college course at that famous old institution. John was a student during the past year in the Mercersburg Academy, and demonstrated his ability to share honors with the brightest and best students in the institution.

Mr. Austun Hill, a former successful teacher in this county, but who during the past year, has been a student in Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, has been visiting among his friends in this county during the past two weeks. He was in McConnellsburg over Sunday and on Monday left for Philadelphia where he expects to remain until September when he will return to the University.

Harbert Morgret, of Belfast township came over to the Cove Sunday and spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Logue. Monday he was in town while attending to business with the Commissioners. Mr. Morgret feels keenly the death of his wife on the first of June. For fifty-six years he and Mrs. Morgret had enjoyed the companionship of husband and wife, and those only who have been called to pass through the separation that comes by death, can realize the loneliness of the survivor. Mrs. Morgret was aged at the time of her death 75 years, 1 month and 2 days.

Stunned By Lightning.

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