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## THE BIG FOURTH.

Largest Crowd in McConnellsburg Last Thursday Since the Centennial in 1856.

DAY WAS FINE AND ORDER EXCELLENT

Last Thursday was a big day in McConnellsburg. Aside from the inborn impulse of the American citizen to celebrate the "Glorious Fourth," the weather was ideal, and the lateness of the season kept the harvest work entirely out of the way; hence everybody felt that this was an opportune time for a day off.

The McConnellsburg Band and the local order of Redmen assumed the responsibility of taking care of the people after they came to town, and the amusements were scattered through the day in such a way that there seemed to be something doing most of the time.

During the forenoon a baseball game of five innings was played between the home team, and the Mercersburg Tannery team. The game stood 2-2 at the end of the fourth inning, but in the fifth, the Franklin county boys got in their work and walked off with the belt. Owing to the fact that no suitable ground could be obtained near town, the game was played down at the second mill, and comparatively few persons got to see it.

While the ball game was in progress, the tournament was being pulled off on the Commons, back of the Lutheran church. Eight "Knights" entered the contest, namely, Doc Sappington, Walter Sappington, Cam Patterson, Ira Diehl, Dan and Hal Trout, Walter Reed Sloan, and Alex Patterson. Doc Sappington and Alex came out a tie—each having seven out of a possible nine rings. In riding off for the tie, Doc won and took the first prize—five dollars, and Alex the second—three dollars, while Cam came in for the third—two dollars.

In the afternoon was the parade of the Redmen, numbering about 150, made up of a local tribe, the Mercersburg Tribe, and representatives from tribes at Riddlesburg and Sixmile Run. A large number of them were on horseback in full uniform of the order, and this with the bands, made a very creditable display.

Fireworks and balloon ascensions during the evening, brought to a close a very successful "Fourth."

Not the least attractive feature of the occasion was the "roast ox." Benefiting from our experience at the Centennial, when the roasting of the ox in the open air over a pit was not a howling success, the managers this year, got Albert Stoner to make a roaster, and under the supervision of Bert Hohman, who furnished the ox, the meat was cooked as completely and daintily as though browned in the oven of a steel range, by the most skillful housewife. The roaster was made of galvanized iron, and was 8 feet in length, by 40 inches in width, and 36 inches in depth. Within this roaster was placed an 800-lb. ox nicely dressed—the ox being suspended on a heavy iron pipe, which extended through the ends of the roaster, and rested on outside supports. The roaster was placed over a shallow pit lined up with brick, in which the fire was placed, and it took just seven hours to cook the ox to a finish.

The Indian War Dance advertised, came off late in the evening, but owing to the fact that the local tribe had been disappointed in getting their costumes, it was not what the tribe had intended, and they promised to have their costumes in a few days, and in a week or two will show the people who may be present, just how it is done.

Notwithstanding, that occasionally during the day there appeared a man on the street with a comfortable jaeger, there was no attempt to create a disturbance, and it seldom happens that so large a crowd is assembled with a better showing of order.

## HEAVY ELECTRICAL STORM.

Johnnie Magsam's New Barn Struck by Lightning Saturday Evening. Feathers Did not Save Old Hen.

A very severe electrical storm passed over this part of the county last Saturday evening. During the early part of the evening the heaviest part passed across the Cove south of town, and the electrical display as seen from this place was most sublime. Later in the evening a storm arose in the west and came across, spending its fury in a line over McConnellsburg. Notwithstanding the almost constant illumination caused by the rapidly succeeding flashes of lightning and the almost deafening peals of thunder, but little damage was done to property. John Magsam's new barn, near the Mercersburg pike, about a mile and a half east of town, was struck. The bolt hit one of the ventilators, shattering the glass, when the current knocked a rafter to pieces, passed down through the hay in one of the mows, thence into the wall and off into the earth. A hen in the barn, that was doubtless congratulating herself on the fact that she was so well sheltered from the raging tempest overhead, happened to be in the path of the descending current, and notwithstanding that she was insulated with a coat of feathers, was knocked into the middle of next week.

Just now, Mr. Magsam is congratulating himself that he escaped with so light a loss. The same evening, lightning struck the chimney on the dwelling house on one of Andy Fore's farms just above Knobsville, now occupied by William Snyder. Aside from scattering the brick of the chimney above the roof, there was little damage done to the building.

One of the most violent little storms of the season came up suddenly about six o'clock, Monday evening. It did not last long, but during the time, rain fell in torrents, accompanied in many places by hail and furious wind. About one-fourth of the roof was blown from Albert Nesbit's barn in the Cove, and a patch about 15x18 feet of the roof of John F. Kendall's barn was wrenched loose, picked up high in the air, and carried away across a big orchard and dropped into a field quite a distance from the barn.

## Patterson—Cummings.

Mr. James Garfield Patterson, son of the late Thomas Patterson, was married at New Wilmington, Pa., on Wednesday, June 26th, to Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cummings, of that city. The bride is young, estimable, and pretty, and Jim has the congratulations of his many McConnellsburg friends. He is located at New Castle Pa., and has a nice position with the Standard Steel Company.

The bride and groom spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Thursday, while on their bridal tour.

## Family Reunion.

Tuesday, July 2nd, was a red letter day in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hann, west of town. That date marked the 54th anniversary of Mrs. Hann's birth, and the children felt that it would be pleasant to arrange for a family reunion at the old home. Consequently, without consulting mother, everything was planned and everything worked out most satisfactorily. All the six children, except Albert, and all the grandchildren except two, were present. Besides the members of the immediate family, several neighbors and friends were present, among whom were Judge Morton and wife, Daniel Fix and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Trille, and Jacob Knuffman, of Johnstown. Mrs. Hann was the recipient of many useful gifts.

## NO ANAESTHETIC FOR HIM

Aaron Clevenger, Seventy-Four Years of Age, Keeps Wide Awake While Surgeon Cuts.

PATIENT RAPIDLY RECOVERING.

For several months our townsman, Mr. Aaron Clevenger, has had a "growth" coming on the side of his neck. While the ordinary household remedies were applied, the growth seemed obstinate, and at last looked just a little bit cancerous. Whatever it might be, his physician thought it would be better for our friend to have it removed, and to this suggestion, Mr. Clevenger readily assented.

Early Tuesday morning of last week, he, in company with Dr. George M. Robinson, drove over to the office of Dr. Unger at Mercersburg, with whom arrangements had been made to do the cutting. Dr. Brubaker, of Mercersburg, was also present.

When Mr. Clevenger's neck was bared, the Doctors thought that the glittering steel of the sharp blades would take the old gentleman's nerve, for Mr. Clevenger is almost 74 years of age, and they began to prepare for the administering of an anaesthetic that would swing their patient off into the land of happy dreams while the carving act was going on. But Aaron caught a whiff of chloroform, and suspecting what was about to be done, he entered a very firm protest; in fact, he wanted to stay around and see how they did the job.

Astonished at the old gentleman's nerve, they proceeded with the operation, which meant the cutting in to the large muscle in the side of his neck, removing the "growth," scraping every vestige of the growth from the muscle, cleansing the wound, and placing the necessary bandages. After it was all over, Mr. Clevenger quietly lighted his pipe and smoked as calmly as though nothing unusual had happened.

Since his return home Tuesday evening, he has been going about attending to his usual light work, and the wound is coming along nicely.

## BEEES DOING WELL.

Hiram Clevenger Has Had Eight Swarms This Summer From Four Skeps.

West Dublin, July 11.—Hiram Clevenger, on the State Road, has four skeps of bees that have been remarkable for their swarming this summer, they having put forth eight swarms. Six of these swarms occurred within a period of five days, beginning on last Wednesday. On Friday, there were three swarms. On Thursday, Mr. Clevenger's family were at Hustontown, and a neighbor girl who was passing Mr. Clevenger's, said the bees were swarming that day. The writer of this was a witness of the last of these swarms, which occurred on Sunday.

One day, as the bees were swarming, there didn't seem to be anyone to hive them, when Mr. Clevenger's daughter Marjrie, a girl of fifteen, instead of going for help to the neighbors, didn't do a thing but hive them herself.

## Reformed Reunion.

The eighteenth annual Reformed Reunion at Pen Mar, on July 18, 1907, will have so many extra attractions that no member or friend of the church within the borders of the district can afford to miss it. All necessary arrangements with the railroads and trolley companies have been made. The park was never in as fine a condition as now. New cottages and other buildings have been erected, the grounds have been thoroughly cleaned of all rubbish, and workmen have made the place ideal. The pure mountain water, cool and sparkling, gushes from many spigots to slake the thirst and invigorate the health of all who may partake thereof. The railroad and trolley rates will be the same as last year.

## PURE VINEGAR.

Farmers Making Vinegar for Sale Should Familiarize Themselves With the Provisions of the Law.

MUST KEEP WATER AND DRUGS OUT.

Inasmuch as a farmer who sells cider vinegar that is not just the real thing, may get into about as serious trouble as the meat packer who places upon the market "doctored" meat, we publish for the protection of our farmer friends, the Act relating to vinegar and suggest that it be cut out and kept for ready reference.

The provisions of the law are plain. Under it the farmer can safely prepare and sell vinegar made from apple juice in which neither water, or other foreign substances, drugs or acids of any kind have been introduced. The law does not require any percentage of acetic acid in vinegar thus made; it only prohibits the use of water, or other foreign substances, drugs or acids, and requires that the same when sold shall be branded "fermented vinegar made from pure apple juice." If made and labeled in this way, the farmer has a perfect right to sell it to the trade and the jobber or merchant offering such product for sale, as referred to above, can do so with safety.

The Act is as follows: "Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That from and after the passage of this act no person, firm or corporate body, shall manufacture for sale, offer for sale or expose for sale, sell or deliver, any vinegar or have in his, her or their possession with intent to sell or deliver, any vinegar not in compliance with the provisions of this act. No vinegar shall be sold or exposed for sale as apple or cider vinegar which is not the legitimate product of pure apple juice, or vinegar not made exclusively of said apple cider, or vinegar in which foreign substances, drugs or acids shall have been introduced, as may appear upon proper test; no vinegar shall be branded fruit vinegar, unless the same be made wholly from grapes, apples, or other fruits.

"Section 2. All vinegar made by fermentation and oxidation, without the intervention of distillation, shall be branded "fermented vinegar," with the name of the fruit or substance from which the same is made. And all vinegars made wholly or a part from distilled liquor, shall be branded "distilled vinegar," and all such distilled vinegar shall be free from coloring matter, added before, during or after distillation, and from color other than that imparted to it by the process of distillation, and shall contain not less than four per centum, by weight, of absolute acetic acid. And all vinegar shall be made wholly from the fruit or grain from which it is represented to be made, and shall contain no foreign substance: Provided, That this shall not be construed to prohibit the use of such amount of spices as are necessary for flavoring, provided such spices do not color the vinegar.

"Approved—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1901."

## O Yes! O Yes!!

The Ladies' Aid Society of Pine Grove M. E. church will have a sale of fancy articles, handkerchiefs, aprons, sunbonnets, quilts, etc., at the Pine Grove Church in Wells Valley, Saturday evening July 20th, said to begin promptly at 7.30 p. m. The Epworth League will have refreshments for sale immediately after. Should the weather be inclement the sale will be conducted at the K. G. E. Hall at Wells Tannery.

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Fine Two-Story Brick, 32x67, Heat and Water, Thoroughly Up-To-Date.

TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY FALL.

In order to keep pace with the march of progress, and meet the demands of a prosperous and growing town, the electors of the borough of McConnellsburg, sanctioned the tearing down of the old school building and the erection of one more commodious, modern, and pretentious. The old building, which was erected in 1881 at a cost of about \$5,000, contained but three school rooms—all on the ground floor; and as it has been necessary for several years to have four schools in the Borough, an additional room had to be rented. This, of course, to a certain extent, isolated one of the schools.

The board having decided upon the erection of a new building, the old one was sold at public auction for \$210. Plans and specifications were made by a skilled architect, and steps were taken at once for the erection of a new brick structure 32x67 feet, two stories high, with basement for the heating plant, &c. The building will be constructed of fine brick, and besides the cloak rooms, there will be four school rooms on the lower floor, and the second floor will, for the present, be used as an auditorium for the holding of educational meetings.

To provide funds necessary for the payment of the building, five per cent. coupon bonds of the denomination of \$100, will be sold at public auction about the first of August. Sixty five of these bonds will thus be sold, and the interest will be paid semi-annually.

The rate of taxation will not be materially increased, as but \$500 of the bonds and the interest on the indebtedness, will be paid each year. The present tax rate is 10 mills—6 for building purposes and 4 for school. As the borough valuation is now about \$165,188, the tax realized will be about \$1,650 plus the dollar minimum.

The members of the present school board are—John Comer, L. H. Wible, C. B. Stevens, S. B. Woollett, M. W. Nace, and D. L. Grissinger.

The total cost of the building will not, probably, exceed \$7,500.

## New Cure For Snake Bites.

Probably there is no place in the world where the mortality from snake bites is as great as in India. This is partly because the population there is exceptionally dense, but also, in a measure, because there are so many poisonous serpents in India. Official returns show that at least 22,000 persons die in that country annually from this cause, and it is believed that the real number is twice as large, as many deaths are not reported to the authorities. As might be supposed, the matter of fighting the effects of snakebites has been studied very closely in India, and a number of remedies have been proposed. Among them is the bite of an animal, injected into the veins of the victim. One of the latest ideas is to make an incision in the flesh where the bite has been inflicted, and introduce a few crystals of permanganate of potash, a well known antiseptic drug, which is inexpensive. As there are a few snakes left in America, who-so bites are likely to prove fatal, the last mentioned remedy might prove useful here. It is worth a trial. The more prompt the treatment, of course, the more hopeful the outlook. For this reason, hunters who foresee danger, would do well to carry a little permanganate of potash with them, and also have a sharp pointed knife blade, which can be employed as a lancet on short notice.

Dick Fisher, was a Bedford visitor Saturday.

## EPHRAIM SKILES, DEAD.

Was a Veteran of the Civil War, and Totally Blind During Past Four Years.

Mr. Ephraim Skiles died at his home near Pleasant Ridge, Wednesday evening, June 13, 1907, aged 66 years, 10 months, and 10 days. Funeral on Friday 21st, conducted by Rev. J. R. Logue, assisted by Rev. A. G. B. Powers. Text, Psalms 23:4. Interment in cemetery at the Side Hill Christian church.

Mr. Skiles was a member of the Christian church a number of years. He had been in feeble health for a long time, but in his last sickness was only confined to his bed two weeks, during which time he bore his afflictions with great fortitude—never complaining—and everything seemed all right with him. Mr. Skiles was born and raised in Indiana county, Pa., and was united in marriage on Christmas Day, 1865, to Miss Martha Shives, of Pleasant Ridge, who survives him as do also the following children: Robert A., near Hustontown; Levi, of Pleasant Ridge; Frank D., at home; Olive, wife of M. L. Smith, of Iddo; Lizzie, wife of J. Tilden Hill, Dett; Ella, wife of G. C. Deshong, Pleasant Ridge.

Mr. Skiles was a veteran of the Civil War. He belonged to Company F, Second Battalion, P. V., and served in that capacity during the years of 1863 and '64, and contracted malaria and rheumatism while in service, which afflicted him the balance of his natural life time, and brought on a complication of diseases that led to total blindness for over four years, and during the last year of his life he could not walk. His was a most pitiable condition.

## THRILLING AFFAIR.

Miss Grace Hixson Made Narrow Escape from Losing Her Life at Shippensburg.

The Shippensburg Chronicle says that Miss Grace Hixson of this county who had been spending part of last week as the guest of Miss Lena Dunlap, at Hotel Sherman, made a narrow escape from being ground to death beneath the wheels of the early morning Cumberland Valley passenger train, north. She was eating breakfast when she heard the train whistle for the local station and ran down to the station as she left the dining room. She was going to ride out to the Normal to see some friends off. The train was moving when she reached the depot and she tried to board the car. She missed her footing and was thrown between the cars, her head resting on the coupling and still holding to the rail. Photographer Goodhart was standing near by and saw her perilous position, stepped in and grabbed her by the waist and rescued her from harm. Those who stood by and witnessed the affair held their breath. It was a miraculous escape, but Miss Hixson rode on to Normal.

## FIFTY-NINE THE NUMBER.

All Fourth Casualty Records of Nine Years Broken.

Chicago, July 6.—With the grim returns still coming in, the number of Fourth of July casualties for 1907 already at 3 o'clock this morning had eclipsed all records in the last nine years.

Total number of dead at that hour was fifty-nine. This figure was eight more than a year ago at the same hour, and was only equaled twice before in the nine years—in 1900 and 1905.

Total number of injured at midnight stood at 3807. This total eclipses all records in the nine years.

As usual, fireworks claimed the largest number of victims, 1724. The victims of cannon, gunpowder, fire arms and toy pistols, are in relative proportion.

The death roll promises to be greater. Already legislation is beginning its deadly work, the death of one victim being reported.

## 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

P. F. Mann and son Harold, spent Tuesday at Ardover, on business.

Miss Anna Mann, of Saluvia, spent a few days with friends in town last week.

Mr. Edgar Over, of Bedford, came down last Sunday to spend a few days among his many friends in this place.

Mrs. Jennie Hanks, of Chambersburg, is visiting the family of her brother, Geo. W. Hays and other friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder, of Chambersburg, were guests of Mr. Snyder's aunt, Mrs. James Rummel over the 4th.

Frank Connell, wife and two children, of Pittsburg, are visiting in the home of W. B. Anderson and wife in Tod township.

John Fisher, who had been visiting friends in this vicinity the past three weeks, returned to her home at Bedford, Saturday.

Mr. John Sigel and lady friend Lulu Karns of Everett, spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of John Ott in Tod township.

Misses Mabel Jackson and Blanche Morton students at Perce's Business College, Philadelphia, are home for a few weeks.

R. N. Greathead and family of Statton, Va., are visiting in the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. John W. Greathead of this place.

W. D. Myers and son Russell and daughter, Beatrice, and Miss Imogene Morgret drove up from Hancock and spent the Fourth in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Patterson, of Newville, and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Patterson, of New Castle, Pa., were an automobile party that spent the Fourth in McConnellsburg.

Martin Nelson and family, of Riddlesburg, and Frank Booher, wife and two children, were guests last week, in the homes of Rev. W. M. Hann, and William Fix, west of town.

Miss Mary Reeder who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeder and her sister Mrs. James Barnett in Taylor returned to her home in Chambersburg Monday.

Misses Mary and Anna Gillan, and Miss Dehl, W. W. McKinnie and Mr. Horner, of Greencastle, came over in a big auto, Wednesday and spent the day very pleasantly in this place.

Mrs. Frances Brant and sons Charles, Roy, and Harris, who came over on the Fourth and visited friends on this side of the mountain, returned to their home near Mercersburg, Monday.

J. J. Hann, Miss Ada Hocken-smith, and a lady friend, of Saltillo, who had been enjoying the 4th in this place, spent Thursday night at Big Cove Tannery, guests of Mr. Hann's brother S. S. Hann.

Last week we overlooked the names of Misses Zoe and Jessie Mason and Miss Sophie Hohman who were students at the Indiana State Normal last year and are now home for their summer vacation.

Brother George A. Fleming, editor and proprietor of the Mercersburg Journal, took his family on a little outing Monday, driving across the mountain and taking dinner at the Washington House McConnellsburg. Talk about editors being poor! Seeing the half dozen bright, happy, healthy looking children that compose the family of Editor and Mrs. Fleming, it takes but a moment to conclude that one editor, at least, has a possession that John D's millions could not purchase.