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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING

Miss Nellie Dickson Robinson Becomes Bride of Mr. Wilson Humbird Elder, of Morgantown, W. Va.

MANY OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS PRESENT

At the Presbyterian church in this place at seven o'clock last evening occurred one of the most pleasing social events of the season when Nellie Dickson, daughter of Editor and Mrs. S. M. Robinson was led to the altar by Mr. Wilson Humbird Elder, of Morgantown, W. Va. Popular interest in the event was manifested by the very large number of persons assembled to witness the ceremony.

While the church has been the scene of many beautiful weddings, at no time has it been more tastefully and artistically decorated. The choir and pulpit platform was converted into a lovely bower of potted plants, ferns, and flowers, while the ends of the pews were tufted with evergreens and bunches of hydrangea. From amid the palms at the right of the altar there issued strains of sweet music from a piano, rendered by Maria Dickson Alexander, cousin of the bride, assisted by Miss Emily V. Greathead, which lent a charm to the scene and added much to the enjoyment of the guests.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Horace Underwood Nace, sister of the bride, who just six years before had figured as the star actor in a performance similar to the one on this occasion, and she was gowned in her own wedding dress of silk muslin. The bridesmaids were Misses Alice Graham, of Baltimore; Mary Josephine Sloan, of Chambersburg; Elizabeth Fore Trout, of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Nell Nace, of Chambersburg. Miss Graham and Miss Trout were gowned in French batiste over white silk; Miss Sloan and Miss Nace wore point d'esprit over white silk.

The ushers were Dr. Geo. M. Robinson, brother; Walter Reid Sloan, cousin; Horace U. Nace, brother-in-law—of the bride, of Chambersburg, and Dr. John J. Eckels, of Chambersburg.

Promptly at seven o'clock, the bridal party made its appearance at the door of the auditorium at the rear of the auditorium. The first to enter was Miss Trout and Miss Graham—the former walked up the left aisle and the latter the right aisle; they were followed, in turn, by Miss Nace, and Miss Sloan. Meeting at the head of the main aisle, they marched down to the rear end of the room, where they separated to allow the ushers to advance up the aisle, when they followed, and the last to come in the procession was the bride leaning on the arm of her sister, the matron of honor. At the head of the main aisle, the bride was met by the groom who, with the best man, Mr. Elder Humbird, of Cumberland, Md., had left the anteroom and proceeded up the right side aisle just before the return of the bridesmaids to the rear of the church.

Gracefully the party swung into position before the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Wm. A. West, who pronounced the beautiful and impressive ceremony that made the happy pair husband and wife. The ceremony at the church was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents on West Water street, and here in the tastefully decorated parlors, the bridal party stood while nearly two hundred guests offered their best wishes to the bride and groom. Later an elegant repast was served in the dining room where the color scheme was green.

At 11 o'clock the young people were conveyed to Chambersburg in an automobile, from which place they started on their wedding tour.

The presents received by the bride were numerous and elegant consisting of cut glass, china, silverware, &c., in abundance. Among those from a distance were: Mrs. Clara Elder, and Miss Belle Elder, of Chambersburg; Jas.

From Noel L. Mathias.

The many former schoolmates and friends of Noel L. Mathias, will be glad to read the following extracts from a personal letter received recently by the Editor from Mr. Mathias. The unfortunate young man was a student in the Summer Normal schools at McConnellsburg several years ago, and was one of the brightest and most promising young men in the schools. He is a son of Mr. M. L. Mathias, of Hustontown, and is confined in the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg. The extracts follow:

"I have been here in this State Asylum since May 17, 1904, and am able to be up and do some work, as I with my companion and roommate, Lewis W. Rice, of Reading, Pa., did about a year's work. We began on the second or third week of August, 1904, and worked with the men upon the lawns and did other duties around the buildings during the summer, and assisted in the butcher's shop during the winter as well as to shovel snow, etc., around the buildings.

"I have been here now some time, and close to the Capital City of the State, but know very little of Harrisburg. One thing I know—it is this: I know what the P. S. L. A. is, and that it is conducted differently from what it was recommended or described to me before I was brought here.

"Mr. Peck, some time when you come to Harrisburg on business or some other occasion, please come across to this Asylum and give me a call, as it would rejoice me to meet you and have a good talk with you.

"I often see in the Fulton County News, familiar names, as well as names of acquaintances and schoolmates of mine, and see what they are doing and that they are meeting with success in education and employment, while I am confined in this Asylum.

"The special visiting days, or times when visitors are allowed to enter or come in to see friends, are Wednesday and Saturday of each week, from 2 until 5 o'clock p. m. All persons are required by Dr. H. L. Orth to have a written permission from the parents or some authority of the patient, before he will allow a visitor to enter to see a patient, who is not a relative.

"One thing I often think of: I was compelled to give up my studies, but I cannot be compelled to abandon my worship or service to the true and living God, as I and my roommate are trying to perform our duties and hold out true Christian Soldiers at all times and in all places.

"I was pleased to learn that Prof. B. C. Lamberson was elected County Superintendent of Public Schools. May he meet with success in his work and please the teachers and all."

Most respectfully, yours
N. L. MATHIAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Mellott, who removed from Licking Creek township to Desbler, Ohio, about six years ago are with their sons Herbert and Norman, visiting among their old friends and neighbors in this county. Mr. Mellott was in town Tuesday and speaks very highly of his western home. He says the yield of oats this season is about 30 bushels to the acre—about half a crop, and corn about 40 bushels of shelled, which is a two-thirds crop. The difference in price between this and former years will however, compensate for the shortage in bushels.

Elder, Elkins, W. Va., Mrs. Geo. D. Woodrow, Baltimore; Mrs. John Elder, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Speer, Miss Grace Speer, Chambersburg; Mrs. J. Wilson Humbird, of Cumberland, Md.; Dr. and Mrs. W. Duffield Robinson, Miss Nan Robinson and Miss Augusta Robinson, Philadelphia.

Sunday School Workers To Meet in Uniontown, October 9-11.

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, with headquarters in the city of Philadelphia, is one of the greatest, if not the greatest organization of Christian workers in the State. Its annual conventions bring together a larger number of delegates than any other religious organization. With auxiliary associations in all of the sixty-seven counties and these subdivided into district associations, it has a system of organization that carries its benefits to every local school no matter where it is located.

Pennsylvania is the largest Sunday School State in the Union. Within the borders of the State are eleven thousand and sixty-five schools enrolling 1,682,497 members, nearly one-fourth of the population. This vast organization will hold its forty-third Annual Convention in the city of Uniontown, Fayette county, October 9, 10 and 11, 1907.

Uniontown, therefore will be the mecca toward which the Sunday School workers, regardless of denominational creed or name, will journey from every county in the State.

A program of unusual strength has been provided. Melvia E. Trotter a rescue mission worker of national wide reputation will direct the spiritual and devotional part of the convention. Grant A. Tullar and Owen Meredith, of the firm Tullar and Meredith, New York music publishers will have charge of the music. The executive and business part will be looked after by Hon. John Wanamaker and Mr. H. J. Heinz, the former Honorary President of the State Association.

The program also contains the names of Dr. Martin C. Brumbaugh, Phila.; W. C. Pearce, Chicago; Mrs. M. C. Lamoreaux, Chicago, and many other workers of note and prominence.

Uniontown is preparing through a carefully selected committee to entertain this gathering in a manner never before equaled. For forty-three years this convention has annually held its meetings. All the important cities in the State have been visited; Uniontown, therefore, is endeavoring to do the thing just a little nicer and just a little better than all the rest.

The Fulton County Association is entitled to five delegates. Credential cards entitling holders to reduced rates on all railroads and special entertainment rates at Uniontown can be secured from Miss Maude E. Baumgardner, Wells Taverner, Pa., the County Corresponding Secretary, or from W. G. Lundes, General Secretary, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

Commission to Revise School Laws.

Governor Stuart has appointed the following members of the Commission to Revise, Collate and Digest the Public School Laws: Dr. M. C. Brumbaugh, of Philadelphia; State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer, of Lancaster; David B. Oliver, of Allegheny; William Lauder, of Riddelsburg, Bedford county; John S. Rilling, of Erie; Dr. G. M. Phillips, of West Chester; James M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre.

The commission is created by a resolution of May 8, 1907. The commission is to collate and reduce into one act all the acts and statutes, or parts thereof, relating to the public schools. The work is designed to facilitate reference to the school laws and the new act is to be systematically arranged. The commission has an appropriation of \$5,000.

The commission is to organize within thirty days, and the result of its work is to be reported to the Legislature before February 1, 1909.

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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Two of Fulton County's Oldest Residents Pass Beyond the Bourne of Time.

Mrs. ELIZABETH RUNION.
Mrs. Elizabeth, better known as "Aunt Lizzie" Runion, relict of the late Jacob Runion, died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Comer, East Water street, McConnellsburg, Pa., September 13, 1907, at the advanced age of 81 years, 9 months, and 14 days. Her funeral took place on the following Monday morning and her remains were laid to rest beside those of her late husband in the graveyard at the Lutheran Church. Her pastor, Rev. Fassold conducted preliminary services at the house, and preached the funeral sermon in the Lutheran church from Psalm 39:4, a text that had been selected for the occasion by "Aunt Lizzie" before her death.

Mrs. Runion, whose maiden name was Speece, was born in Shippensburg, and was married to Jacob Runion on the 21st of December, 1825, and spent their married life in McConnellsburg, the husband having died about 13 years ago.

"Aunt Lizzie" became a member of the Lutheran church at McConnellsburg more than sixty-three years ago, under the pastorate of Rev. David Smith, and was during all those years, a most devoted and faithful member.

Not having any children, Mrs. Runion, about fifty years ago persuaded her sister, Mrs. Eitemiller, to let her have her daughter Catherine, and the, then little girl, went into the home of her aunt Lizzie, grew to womanhood, was married to Henry Comer, and during "Aunt Lizzie's" latter days, she had in Mrs. Comer a most faithful and tender caretaker—for during the last two years of her life, Mrs. Runion was confined to her bed and demanded almost constant attention.

Her father's family consisted of four daughters, of which Mrs. Runion was the last survivor.

J. J. MELLOTT.

Again it is our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of our oldest and best known citizens—one whose life and work meant much in the settlement and prosperity of the county.

At his home, near Webster Mills, on Wednesday last, September 11th, occurred the death of J. J. Mellott, after an illness of a week's duration, although his health for several years had not been robust.

Mr. Mellott, the oldest son in the family of Elias and Parthenia Mellott, was born in Belfast township, and spent his entire life of 79 years in his native county—except for a short residence in Ohio during the War.

Fifty-three years ago, he was married to Miss Harriet Harr, who, with their entire family of eleven children, survive him. Eight sons and three daughters, who represent our most prosperous and enterprising farmers and stock-growers, live to recall his words of wise advice, and patient fatherly care.

Death, for the first time, has invaded this family; and, besides the mother, the following named children sorrow for a tender and loving father: George F., Samuel, William, James, Rowland, Dayton, Jacob, Joseph, Julia, Lucy, and Emma—all married and living in Fulton and Franklin counties except Dayton, who lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Miss Emma at home.

By his modest and unobtrusive manner, Mr. Mellott won the love and respect of all men. He was an honest and upright citizen, an accommodating and kind hearted neighbor, and for thirty years was a consistent member of the German Baptist faith. He lived in the fear of God, at peace with his fellowmen, and died in the blissful hope of a triumphant resurrection.

Only one son Dayton, was absent from the funeral—six of

A Quiet Wedding.

On Sunday morning September 8, 1907, at 6 o'clock at Hancock Md. Mr. Davey Nelson Stevens of Woodrow, W. Va. and Miss Lela Maude Clark of McKibben, this county, were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. D. M. Doble of the M. E. church of Hancock, Md. The wedding march played by Miss Fannie Ried daughter of Mr. J. W. Ried of Hancock.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white China silk with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore the old time black.

The happy couple took the early Sunday morning excursion for Washington D. C. on their wedding tour, and returned on Monday.

They both are well-to-do people and have the best wishes of their many friends.

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Miss Lizzie Lafferty and nephew Rexie Hess have returned after spending some time at Atlantic City and other points in New Jersey.

Mrs. Aaron Hess and children spent a day recently with the family of Reuben Layton.

Frank Rauck, of Warfordsburg, spent a Sunday recently the guest of Mrs. Maria Spencer.

Misses Jessie Lewis and Mayme Golden, of Franklin Mills, spent a Sunday recently with the family of Charles Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fisher spent a day recently in Washington D. C.

Mrs. Mary C. Winter spent Sunday with the family of Job L. Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Sharpe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Truax near Pleasant Grove.

Messrs Archie and Gayle Fisher spent a day recently with Mr. Alfred Mellott.

Geo. F. B. Hill is improving the appearance of his property by painting his house and barn.

We are glad to welcome Miss Sadie Kirk as teacher of Mount Airy school this year. Wish you success Miss Sadie.

Mrs. Elliott Akers visited her son-in-law Charles Golden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKee, of Kansas are visiting relatives and friends here.

Teachers' Meeting.

The teachers' preliminary meeting for Brush Creek, Licking Creek, Belfast and Ayr townships, was held at Needmore, Thursday, September 5th.

The meeting was called to order by Supt. Lamberson. S. L. Wink was elected president.

The questions—Preliminary Work, First Day's Work, The Program, Teaching of Algebra, and many other important subjects were discussed by the teachers present.

Arrangements were made for Local Institutes in townships represented—except Ayr, after which Prof. Lamberson gave a closing talk, which was very instructive.

The meeting then closed, and the teachers returned home greatly benefited by having been present.

MARGARET DANIELS,
Secretary.

The pure food law does not permit the outside display of perishable goods especially those displayed in front of grocery stores unless they are enclosed in a case which will not permit flies, dust, etc., getting on them. Products that have to be peeled or pared before cooking can be put outside, but must be 18 inches above the sidewalk and out of reach of dogs.

them serving as pall bearers at the interment in Union Cemetery on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Farewell, old neighbor and friend! To you, death is only transition and promotion. Our loss is your eternal gain.

S. M. C.

THE DODDER PEST.

An Exceedingly Mischievous Plant That Has Made Its Appearance in This County.

It would certainly be the part of wisdom for our farmer friends to look well to their young clover this fall, as an exceedingly mischievous pest by name of Dodder has come into many of the fields of this community. It is generally introduced by sowing cheap and inferior clover seed, infested with the Dodder seed, which looks very much like genuine clover seed. The plant is a yellow vine, which twines around the clover plant and becomes a parasite, sucking the juice through feelers on the vine until the clover is dead when the Dodder ripens an immense crop of seed and waits to continue its destruction the following year.

Prof. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist of the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg, says of it, that it should be cut with a scythe, and burned, or the spots will be much larger and her year.

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Farming: A Laggard Industry.

It may be reasonably asked: Why is it that new knowledge, demanding new capital for gainful uses, has not created that capital in needed volume? The answer is that economy on the farm, in factories and mills, has not kept pace with economy in the modern mine, smeltery, blast furnace, or railroad. First of all, to take an extreme case, when the railroad engineer takes up light rails and lays heavy ones, he reduces the cost of haulage one-half. No such prize may be so readily grasped by the wheat grower or the dairy man. Then, too, a great trunk line, such as the Pennsylvania, has a property worth hundreds of millions, on which the utmost possible net income is to be earned, despite rising wages, advancing prices for coal, steel and ties. Such a corporation, both in its finances and engineering, is directed by men of the highest ability; part of their daily work is to examine complete and accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures, of profit or loss in each department, in every new path of experiment. A salesman with a new form of rail, or switch, signal, car, brake, engine, or dynamo, goes first to such buyers, because their business is best worth while. Compare that business with the sale of new windmills, or pumps, to thousands of scattered farmers, whose cash surpluses, for the most part, are small. It would undoubtedly pay well thoroughly to improve the common roads of America, so as to bring all to the excellence of the best. But who is to educate and persuade the thousands of municipal boards concerned, the millions of taxpayers, jealously guarding county funds?

Selected seed in planting wheat or corn means 25 per cent., or so, more harvest; and yet selected seed is planted much less generally than it should be. In the Northern States and Canada crop rotation, on the best lines, returns about one fourth more than the average crop, and yet the lesson makes converts but slowly. It is because a basic production, such as farming, hangs behind the quality of a derived industry, such as transportation, that new capital is asked for by railroads faster than it is created in the grain field.—From "Why is Interest High?" by George H. S. in the American Review of Reviews for September.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Comer desire to thank their many kind friends for the assistance rendered during the illness and death of their aunt, Elizabeth Runyan.

W. W. Hoover, of Hustontown, was in town Tuesday on his way returning for another year's work as student in the Mercersburg Academy.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

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

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITS

Mrs. D. C. Fleck, of Fort Littleton, spent Friday in this place the guest of friends.

Frank Hess, of Pleasant Ridge, was an early Monday morning McConnellsburg business visitor.

George W. Hixson and his brother Jerry spent a few hours in town Monday attending to business.

Dennis Sipes, of Saxton, was visiting his brother, Ex-Sheriff D. V. Sipes, west of town, last week.

Misses Emma Ray and Ethel Freeman of this place left Tuesday morning for a trip to Philadelphia.

David E. Strait and James Chesnut, of Hustontown, made a business visit to McConnellsburg Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Nelson left Monday morning for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Pittsburg.

George B. Mock and family left Monday morning for a week's visit among relatives in Allentown and Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Snyder, of Chambersburg, is spending the week a guest in the home of James Rummel, South Second street.

Miss Florence Hamill, who has been visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Nelson, has returned to her home in Zanesville, Ohio.

John Spangler, who has been spending his summer vacation with his parents here, left for another year's work at the State College yesterday.

Mrs. P. P. Mann and children, of this place, are spending the week with Mrs. Mann's mother, Mrs. Emaline Daniels, and other friends in Licking Creek township.

Mr. Cyrus Gordon, who has charge of the Law Library at Chambersburg, and his daughter Mrs. H. W. Karper, are spending this week at the Washington House.

Miss Jessie Wishart and brother Nat, who had been spending a short vacation with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, this place, have returned to Pittsburg where they are employed.

Charles McDonald, wife, daughter, and two sons, who had been visiting Mrs. McDonald's brother and sisters and other friends in Huntingdon county and Fulton, and in Mercersburg, have returned to their home in Illinois.

T. Eddie Johnston and wife; O. R. Dunlap, wife and son Harold; and Mr. and Mrs. Craig McCutcheon and daughter May—all of whom had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Kezia Johnston and other friends in the Cove for several weeks, left from their respective homes Monday morning.

Miss Lizze Nelson and her cousin Florence Hamill, accompanied the party as far as Pittsburg. On their way home Eddie and wife expected to visit the Jamestown Exposition, and the rest of the folks, were going to see the Gettysburg battle field. Prof. Oscar S. Johnston and family who had planned to be here with the other brothers and sisters for this family reunion, were unfortunately detained at Newport News, Va., on the account an attack of typhoid fever which sent Mrs. Johnston to a hospital. A late letter from Oscar says she is convalescing and that they hope to reach here in about a month.

Another Festival.

At the request of a number of citizens there will be another festival at the Spring in the rear of Geo. W. Smith's store, on Saturday evening next. Ice Cream, Cake, &c., will be served.