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BOON TO CONSUMPTIVES.

Free Medical Treatment and Advice, and Even Food, to the Poor.

DISPENSARY IN McCONNELLSBURG.

The State Department of Health's Fulton County Dispensary for Tuberculosis, which was opened recently at McConnellsburg will play an important part in stamping out consumption in our district.

The Dispensary is open every Tuesday from 1 to 4 P. M. at the office of Dr. J. W. Mosser who is the State Department of Health's efficient Medical Inspector for this county. Dr. Mosser has been tireless in his work to get the dispensary under way.

The Dispensary furnishes free medical treatment and advice to the victims of tuberculosis among the poor of Fulton County. Where necessary, indigent patients are supplied with fresh eggs and milk daily. The Dispensary officials however will guard themselves against being imposed upon to furnish provisions to other members of the family. Patients are also supplied with paper sputum cups and tissue paper napkins.

The opening of the Fulton County Dispensary is in line with the work that State Health Commissioner is doing throughout the entire State, over forty such dispensaries having already been opened in as many counties. There are many victims of tuberculosis who are not able to go to the State Sanatoria, in many cases because they are the wage earners of their families, and these people must be taken care of. They especially need instruction as to the precautions they must take in their homes and in the work shop so that they may not spread the disease. To give such instruction and follow it up and see that the precautionary measures are carried out is the great object of the dispensary work. For this reason it will be a mighty factor in stamping out tuberculosis in this county.

Patients visiting the Dispensary are carefully examined by the physicians in charge of the clinic. Such medicine as is needed is given, but the principal reliance will be upon drilling into every tuberculosis sufferer the necessity of plenty of fresh air, proper diet and careful regulation of habits of life. Every patient is urged, of course, to sleep with windows wide open—in a hammock swung out of doors if possible.

The wage earner who is obliged to spend a number of hours each day indoors, is made to understand that if it is impossible for him to change his occupation, life can only be spared by spending all his leisure hours in the open air. Plenty of rest is also necessary for his recovery, and so those in charge of the dispensary are helping the patient solve the problem of how to continue to earn his daily wages and yet secure the necessary amount of rest and fresh air.

The question of diet is receiving especial attention. It is easy to tell a tuberculosis patient to eat plenty of fresh eggs and drink a large amount of pure milk, but to get the patient to do this is another thing, as few of them will consume sufficient eggs without constant urging.

Usually consumptives are too warmly clad—heavy flannel underwear supplemented by thick chest pads, is very often worn even in warm summer weather. The evil effects of this continual over clothing are so often apparent, that great care must be taken to give proper advice. Clothing should conform to the weather. All this is covered in the advice given to those patients who visit the dispensary.

As soon as the number of patients warrant it, a trained nurse

FOR THE WIDOWS.

New Act Likely to Pass Will Give \$12 a Month to Every Soldier's Relict.

Washington, Feb. 4.—It is predicted with an air of assurance, that congress at this session will pass a bill introduced by Representative Sulloway of New Hampshire, and which passed the House yesterday, which provides for a pension of \$12 a month for every widow of a soldier who served 90 days or more in the civil war, and who was married to such veteran before the passage of the pension act of 1890, which further raises the pension of every soldier's widow from \$8 to \$12 a month, and which also eliminates the existing provision that no widow who enjoys an income in excess of \$250 a year shall be pensioned. Mr. Sulloway's bill will, it is estimated, add \$9,000,000 to national expenditures.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mr. V. D. Schenck, who has been quite ill for three weeks, is now able to walk to the post-office with the aid of a wooden horse. (cane) His sister, Mrs. Charles Wertz, and her husband of Bedford, and Mr. and Mrs. John Schenck, of Enid visited him last Wednesday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Horton were surprised last week, when a nice looking young man, called, and informed them that he was Ben's eldest son whom they had carried in their arms to Akron, Ohio, twenty years ago. Since then both parents died leaving four children. This boy is working himself through a college in Valparaisa, Indiana.

Mrs. G. W. Swope was called to Pittsburg a few days ago to see her daughter Mrs. Sadie Grim who is seriously ill.

Wells K. G. E. Castle gave their annual banquet Saturday night. Though one of the stormiest nights of the season, it was largely attended.

Maud Baumgardner is visiting friends at Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Figart, of Rays Cove, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sprowl.

Reese Greenland spent a few days last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Greenland.

The Irwin Store will close out all Books at reduced prices.

will be appointed on the Dispensary staff to visit the home of every tuberculosis patient who registers at the Dispensary. Inside the home the visiting nurse will find out what seem to be the trifling precautions that are unheeded, but the non observance of which is the principal cause of the spread of the infection. Is the tooth brush used by the patient kept by the side of the others in that home? Is a common towel used? Does the consumptive use the same bed with any other person? Is there any disinfection of clothing, bedding, eating utensils, and of all other articles used by the patient? All these things will be carefully investigated by the visiting nurse, who will also ascertain if the patient is using the sputum cups and paper napkins given out at the dispensary. The whole life of the household will be carefully studied by the nurse and every member will receive thorough instruction as to what is necessary to prevent them from being infected by the consumptive patient. In many cases the nurse will find a brother or a sister in which tuberculosis is suspected. This member of the family will be urged to come to the dispensary for examination, and many a case will thus be found and placed under treatment at a time that will insure recovery if proper care is taken.

Every effort is being made to have the work of the dispensary known throughout the entire county so that as many as possible may take advantage of it.

LAWS AND TAXES.

Bethel Township Citizen Gives His Views on Matters of Local Interest.

SUGGEST CHANGES IN LEGISLATION.

There seems to be a general complaint among the taxpayers in this county about the exorbitantly high taxes, and about the laws that impose those taxes upon us. The truth is, that the farmer is almost paying a high rent upon the land for which he has a deed and the land paid for, and receiving very little benefit from the expenditure.

In the first place, our roads are simply abominable. In many places in this township, they are next to impassable. The tax is higher than ever, and the roads are worse than I have ever seen them. There is now a talk of all cash tax for the roads. The trouble seems to be, that they cannot get hands to work the roads. One reason for this is the wages allowed per day. A farmer is expected to leave his work on the farm and go on the road for a dollar a day and board himself, while at the same time, he must pay \$1.25 or \$1.50 for a hand to do the work he is leaving on the farm. Very few farmers feel willing to do this.

If we are to have an all-cash tax, why not have contract roads—each contractor giving bond to keep his portion of the road in good condition—no man taking more road than he can keep up. A farmer, thus having a contract, could take his shovel after a heavy rain, go over his road, open the breakers, and keep the road in good condition for half what it costs now—as he would not have to wait for the Road Boss to get ready to work the road, but could work it to suit himself—or whenever the road needed it.

We now have two elections a year, costing the county nearly eight hundred dollars each, and to this may be added the additional expense of nominating the candidates under the new law, and we have a total expenditure of about two thousand dollars a year. Why not elect all officers at the fall election and do away with the expense of the spring election? This plan, and the old way of nominating the candidates, would save the county about twelve hundred dollars a year. If a delegate had a good show for spending thirty days in jail for violating his instructions, there would be very few instances where the penalty would be inflicted.

But—the most obnoxious of all the laws is the health law, which requires a certificate from the attending physician—which may be right—but to be obliged to go to a Registrar and get permission before you can bury your dead—is all wrong. Why not let the same physician that gives the certificate, give the burial permit—if any one can see why a permit should be given at all? This would save the friends of the deceased much trouble; for first they must hunt up the doctor, and then, perhaps, travel a distance of twenty-five miles—in perhaps the worst kind of weather—to find the Registrar, then away to the undertaker, which may add another score of miles. Surely the sooner this law is amended or repealed the better. It might do in towns or cities, but it does not fit in sparsely settled communities.

We now have four tax collectors—some getting as much as seven per cent. for handling the money passing through their hands. If one collector handled it all, he could do it for two per cent. and the rest could stay in the pockets of the already overburdened taxpayer.

Will not some other taxpayer give his views?

A. J. REMSHUR, M. D.

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HE GOT SEVEN YEARS.

Fortunate Escape from Matrimonial Alliance with Strangers. Franklin County Woman Now Congratulating Herself.

SEEMED TO BE AN ALL-ROUND CROOK.

One of the sensations in the court being held in Chambersburg this week, says the Repository, was the confession to District Attorney Long, of Isaac Franklin Bigler, charged with false pretence, forgery, and perjury.

Bigler went to Chambersburg on the 13th of January, and the next day went into the Clerk's office and obtained a license to marry Miss Hulda Renfrew, a daughter of a reputable Franklin county farmer. This license was obtained under the name of Isaac H. Franklin.

The following Tuesday the man was arrested on the allegation that he was J. Fred Bigler and that two years before he had, while located temporarily induct. d. Landlord George Zullinger, of Hotel National, to endorse a note of \$100 for him, on the transfer of a note of \$1200 purporting to have been given to Bigler by W. A. and M. J. Herman. Bigler skipped, Mr. Zullinger paid the \$100 note and the other note for \$1200 was found to be a rank forgery.

The dejected bridegroom to be was arrested, protesting his innocence and vowing all kinds of revenge for false arrest.

His case was settled when Louis Poulain, a Clarion, Pa., music dealer came on and recognized the man as Isaac Franklin Bigler, a near do-well, whose mother is Mrs. Mary J. Harman, of Mazepa, whose name he forged to the Zullinger note and to one Poulain had. He swindled other people Poulain said and had a wife and two children living in Lewisburg, although the deserted woman on Jan. 18th got a divorce from him.

Despite the identification by Poulain the man in jail kept up his bluff.

Last Friday Bigler sent for District Attorney D. Edward Long, who went to the jail, and the prisoner there and then made a full confession covering his career. He confessed to about all that has been charged against him and told the District Attorney he would plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

On Monday he was called in court and through the District Attorney, pleaded guilty.

Bigler was ordered to stand up. He did so and the Judge told him of the charge of forgery, explained it, and asked if he wanted counsel. Bigler said he did not. He had the perjury charge (for false swearing in getting the marriage license) explained to him by His Honor. He plead guilty there and said he did not want counsel in that case.

District Attorney Long called no witness but stated the case to the Judge.

Bigler said he had nothing to say, when asked by the Court, but then, when asked, said that he had been advised that his wife had been granted a divorce from him.

Judge Gillan said under the law he could send him to prison for 17 years but would not. On the charge of forgery the sentence was 5 years and for perjury 2 years, to commence at the expiration of the first sentence, a total of 7 years in the penitentiary. Bigler smiled calmly and sat down.

Will Not Uge Dog Law.

Secretary Kalbfus, of the State Game Commission, has declared that while the Commission has received numerous letters asking that a law be enacted to prohibit the use of dogs in woods by hunters, there is no intention of urging such a law upon the legislature.

DEATH RECORD.

Persons Well Known to Our Readers Who Have Joined the Great Majority.

WM. McELHANEY, CIVIL WAR VETERAN.

LUTHER E. CHICOOTE

Luther E. Chicoote died at his home near Coles Summit, Huntingdon county, Tuesday, January 28, 1908, aged 31 years, 8 months, and 11 days.

We have no further information concerning the circumstances attending his death or funeral.

MRS. WILLIAM MELLOTT.

Mrs. William Mellott died at her home at Riddlesburg, Pa., on Thursday of last week, aged 60 years, 11 months, and 9 days. Funeral last Sunday, and interment made at Hopewell. She is survived by her husband and nine children.

Mrs. Mellott's maiden name was Clevenger, and was a sister of Geo. W. and Hiram, of Taylor township; Frank, Palestine, Tex.; Jacob A., Washington, D. C.; David M., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. Geo. F. Metzler, Harrisonville, Pa.; Mrs. Amos Palmer, McKibbin, and Mrs. Peter Morton, McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Mellott was a consistent member of the Christian church, she having identified herself with that denomination when a girl.

WILLIAM McELHANEY.

William McElhaney, for many years a prominent citizen of Dublin township, this county, died at his home near Hustontown, January 30, 1908. He was born in Franklin county, Pa., May 30, 1833, and was, at the time of his death, aged 74 years and 8 months.

September 9, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Spicer, who died one year ago last November. To this union were born four sons and three daughters—all of whom survive him, and were present at his memorial services, which were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church, Hustontown, by his pastor, Rev. Harry A. Daniels, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, a. m., after which his body was laid by the side of his wife, in the cemetery near-by.

In 1869, under the ministry of the Rev. R. H. Wharton, he gave his heart and life to the service of God, and he never turned his face backward, but constantly pressed toward the prize of his high calling in Christ Jesus. Although for about four years, he was a constant sufferer, he bore it with remarkable courage until death relieved him of his sufferings, to dwell forever where sickness and suffering are unknown.

He was a soldier of the Civil War and experienced many hardships while engaged in the defense of his country.

Schools Fire Drills.

In commenting on the importance of having occasional fire drills in schools and factories in order to train those in the buildings to avoid becoming panicky in case of any alarming occurrence, the Allentown Morning Call makes a good suggestion as an aid in that direction, in these words: "In the case of schools or other rooms in which there is a musical instrument the latter can be made to play an important part in the matter of inducing the people not to lose their heads. We recall one instance which happened in Philadelphia several years ago. A fire broke out in a school building and a panic among the children was threatened, when a young woman who was wise in her generation opened the piano and began playing "Oh, the Mick that Threw the Brick," with the result that it served to restore order and the children marched out to the strains of the melody in surprisingly short time. Loss of life was probably averted by the young woman's thoughtfulness."

McCONNELLSBURG BAND.

New Officers Elected, and Everything in Good Shape for Work.

Saturday evening, January 25, 1908, the members of the McConnellsburg Cornet Band met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, N. H. Roettger; vice president, Hiram Clevenger; secretary, Joseph Dryle; asst. secretary, Benjamin Shimer; treasurer, D. E. Little; janitor, William Black; leader, C. C. Rotz; asst. leader, William Black; trustees, S. B. Woollet, M. R. Shaffner, and W. Scott Alexander.

The band, having received a folio of marches, overtures, serenades, etc., will be prepared in the near future to furnish the public in general with street or concert work, such as never before has been given in this community. Thanking the public for past favors, we remain the servants of the town on all occasions.

By order of the band,

JOSEPH DOYLE,
Secretary.

TO DISFRANCHISE NEGROES.

Amendment to Maryland Constitution Introduced in Legislature.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 4.—A suffrage amendment to the constitution designed to eliminate as far as possible the negro vote in Maryland was introduced in the legislature. The measure which is expected to pass without material change provides for a property qualification and an educational test, while voters of either foreign or native birth are admitted to suffrage without restraint through special provisions. A majority vote at the polls is necessary before it becomes part of the constitution.

Annual Meeting of the Big Cove Agricultural Society.

There will be a meeting of the above named society on the afternoon of Saturday, February 8th, at two o'clock. A program on agricultural topics is provided for the occasion. At the same time there will be a discussion of the State Road question. Subject as follows: "Shall Ayr township, at this time, ask for State aid in the construction of her roads?"

The annual election of the society's officers will take place at this meeting. The meeting will be held at McNaughton's school house.

W. C. PATTERSON,
Secretary.

Stinson—Shaw.

At high noon on Thursday, January 29, 1908, at Patterson's Run, by H. S. Daniels, Esq., Mr. Charles Bernard Stinson, of Broadtop City, and Miss Edna Blanche Shaw, of Taylor township, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. The bride is the daughter of Leslie Shaw, near Gracey, this county.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Miss Jessie Henry was home over Sunday with her parents.

Ephraim Nead, who was on the sick list, is improving.

While crossing the creek between here and Three Springs the horse which Bert Wingardner was driving became unbitched, and before the "critter" was righted, Bert needed some dry clothing.

The quilting at the home of Mrs. Emma Carmack's was well attended by the women of the Ridge, namely: Mrs. John A. Henry, Mrs. J. N. Grove, Mrs. Bell Henry, Mrs. Alley Kerlin, Mrs. Hannah Fields, Mrs. Louisa Kerlin, Mrs. Sally Taylor, Mrs. Bert Wingardner, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Mrs. Sela Anderson, Mrs. J. N. Mowers, Mrs. N. B. Henry.

Mr. Levi P. Morton has changed his boarding place to James Carmack's.

Mrs. Salue Fields is very poorly at this writing.

The roads are very badly drifted.

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

Mrs. S. B. Woollet has been away on a little trip to Lancaster and Philadelphia during the past week.

William Everhart and wife, of Hillsdale City, Michigan, spent last week with the former's brother, George Everhart, near town.

Mrs. Erwin Collins and son Ray, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, spent the past week with Mr. John Ott's family north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wible, of Seale, Huntingdon county, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Wible's brother, Geo. Everhart.

Ex-Commissioner Albert Peasinger, who is making a canvass for the Democratic nomination for Associate Judge, spent last Wednesday night in town.

Mrs. M. B. Trout and daughter Irene, who had been spending several days in Philadelphia, returned home last Friday evening in time to miss the big snow storm.

AGED 120 YEARS.

Remembers Seeing Washington, Jefferson and Others.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey Wood a native of East Tennessee, is dead at the age of 120 years. In her youth Mrs. Wood saw George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and others of the early statesmen. It is said her best recollection of public men was that of Andrew Jackson, with whom she frequently danced when a girl.

The age of Mrs. Wood is authenticated by the record of her family bible. She was probably the oldest woman in the United States. She was opposed to having her body conveyed to the cemetery in a hearse, preferring a simple vehicle, or, as she expressed it, a "democratic wagon."

Old-Fashioned Blizzard.

Last Friday night there fell a deep snow accompanied by high wind that continued all day Saturday and Sunday, completely blocking all the public highways, and seriously interfering with travel. The mail from the east which usually arrives here about nine o'clock Saturday evening did not reach McConnellsburg until four o'clock Sunday afternoon, and no mail from the east reached here Monday until late Monday night. There was no through mail from the west from Friday until Tuesday evening. The Cove Road between McConnellsburg and Webster Mills was drifted full—in many places as high as the fences on either side of the road. Twenty-two men completed the opening of the road Tuesday, and now travel is being resumed.

COVALT.

Mr. Earl Adlesperger has treated himself to a new engine and sawmill. He is now sawing out a house and barn bill for Howard Martia.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Howard Bernhart's the other day.

J. F. George, of Sterling, Ill., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hatfield.

Wm. Sugei is going to build a new house on the Pittman farm, for his son in law, Alonzo Bernhart. Jacob Powel is doing his sawing.

Squire Daniel Covalt does not improve very fast. He has been ill, in the home of E. L. Peck, for several weeks.

Mrs. David Powell, we are sorry to say, does not improve any.

Mr. John Yeakle is on the sick list.

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