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DEATH OF JOS. H. BAKER.

Believed to Have Resulted from Kick of Horse in Hotel Stable at Fort Littleton Last Friday.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CLEAR RIDGE.

Cut down in the prime of life by the Grim Reaper Death at a most unexpected moment, by which a wife suddenly becomes a widow, and five young children fatherless—is the sad story of Joseph Baker, a highly esteemed citizen of Clear Ridge, this county.

Mr. Baker's nephew, Charles S. Wilson, recently purchased the hotel property at Fort Littleton from M. S. Witt, and on the first day of this month, took possession of the same. Last Friday the Witts had a sale of personal property, and among others who attended was Joseph H. Baker.

About 1 o'clock, Mr. Baker was invited by his nephew, the land lord, to go in and get his dinner. Mr. Baker accepted the invitation but remarked that he would go to the stable a minute before going in to dinner. One of his friends who had been invited to dinner, went into the dining room, and had scarcely begun their dinner, when John Anderson, a Huntingdon county man, came rushing in and said "Joe Baker is killed!"

Upon going to the stable, they found Mr. Baker lying directly behind a horse, which stood in one of the stalls. Mr. Baker was unconscious, and a terrible wound on the face over the nose and right eye and on the left temple, gave evidence that Mr. Baker had been kicked by the horse. Mr. Baker was tenderly carried into the hotel, Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, was summoned, but it was found that the injury was such as to make it beyond the power of human agency to save his life, and at five o'clock, the unfortunate man expired.

His remains were removed to his late home at Clear Ridge Friday evening, and at ten o'clock Sunday the funeral conducted by Rev. Sollenberger, of the U. B. church, assisted by the Orders of which Mr. Baker was a member, was held, and his body interred in the cemetery at Clear Ridge.

Mr. Baker was an industrious citizen and enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends.

He was a member of Council, No. 940 J. O. U. A. M., Master of Grange, No. 1366, and has been a member of the Mechanics Band since its organization. In all these organizations he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Fannie, a daughter of the late James Wible, of Maddensville, and by five small children, namely, Bilda, James, Mammie Julia, and the baby. He leaves two sisters: Mrs. J. P. Kerlin, of Clear Ridge, and Mrs. Rev. Scott Stevens, of Kansas; two half brothers, Benj. Baker, of Mapleton, and Calvin Baker, of Clear Ridge.

The funeral was the most largely attended of any ever held on Clear Ridge.

Birthday Party.

A very pleasant surprise birthday party was held at the home of G. W. Fisher, on Monday evening, March 23, 1908, in honor of Miss Pearl's fifteenth birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wink, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Deacon and daughter Ora; Clara and Ethel Powell, Nettie Yeakle, Caroline and Alice Brewer, Olive Vantz, Rose Weaver, Julia, Bertha and Mary Sensesl; Beatrice McCullough, Mabel Chesnut, Bertha Shaw, Virgie Eider, Mary Peck, Lucy Myers, Jessie Wink, James Peck, Thule Powell, Hurst Brewer, Albert Wink, Job Hill, Alvah Shaw, Charley Sensesl, Gaylan Shaw, Jake Eider, Jud Wink, Clinton Peck, George Weaver, and Russell Shaw. Ice cream and cake were served, and everyone present had a most delightful time.

THE C. & O. CANAL.

Brief Historic Sketch of This Famous Old Waterway. Cost Lots of Money.

More than one Fulton county boy remembers the first time he went with father to Hancock, Md. How he was impressed with the greatness of the world as he looked across the river and saw a train moving along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, or noticed a lazily moving boat on the canal drawn by two or three mules. He came home impressed with the idea that things were "doin'" down at Hancock. The following clipped from last week's Hancock Star, tells something about the development of the old canal, and will be read with interest by a great many people who in boyhood days were attracted by its greatness.

"The opening of navigation on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal naturally recalls the history of this waterway. It was George Washington's idea to unite the West to the East by a waterway along the Potomac river. It took shape in 1823 by an act of the Maryland Legislature incorporating the Potomac Canal Company. From Georgetown to Harper's Ferry the canal was constructed 60 feet wide at top, 42 feet at bottom and 6 feet deep, thence to Dam No. 5, 40 feet at top, 32 feet at bottom, 6 feet deep, thence to Cumberland, 54 feet at top, 32 feet at bottom and 6 feet deep. In 1826 it was planned to extend the canal to Pittsburg and the company duly incorporated in Pennsylvania.

In 1828 the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company succeeded the Potomac Canal Company, taking over all rights to the waterway. Capital stock \$3,000,000. The first spadeful of earth in the construction of the canal was removed by John Quincy Adams, then President of the United States. General Mercer was the first president of the canal and handed the shovel to President Adams. This took place on July 4, 1828, in the presence of a great crowd at Georgetown. On the same day at the same hour ground was broken for the B. & O. Railroad, thirty miles away. When General Mercer handed the spade to President Adams, he made a neat little speech and proceeded to sink the spade into the earth, but it struck a root and he had to try again with no better success. Perceiving the ground hard he took off his coat and vest and went to work right—while the multitude cheered lustily. The canal is 184 miles long, 77 miles of which is in Washington county.

The entire canal cost \$11,071,176 or \$59,618 per mile. On June 11, 1850, the water was first turned into the canal at Cumberland, and a new boat called "Cumberland" floated in.

Forty Years On One Farm.

Believing that moss never grows on a rolling stone, A. J. Fraker, forty years ago, purchased the Tommy Huston farm in Taylor township, and with his wife settled down upon it, where they resided continuously until a few days ago, when he sold the farm and bought the store property at Clear Ridge from the Huston heirs, great-grand children of the first mentioned "Tommy Huston." Mr. and Mrs. Fraker have moved into the latter property, which is a pleasant home, and will in all probability, spend the remainder of their days in it.

Mr. Fraker sold his farm to Charley Knepper, of Robertsdale, who took possession of it a few days ago.

Hann—Newman.

Mr. Edgar Hann, of Salvia and Miss Bertha Newman, of Harrisonville, were united in marriage by the Rev. S. J. Pittenger, in the Green Hill Methodist Episcopal church at 8:30 o'clock, Sunday evening, March 15.

Miss Cora Strait spent Sunday evening with Miss Gladie Deshong.

ANNITA SHAVER.

Sad Death of a Beautiful and Promising Young Girl in Taylor Township. Was Ill but a Few Days.

On Thursday, March 26th, Charles Knepper moved from Robertsdale to the farm in Taylor township, which he had recently purchased from A. J. Fraker. They were accompanied to their new home by Mrs. Knepper's sister Annita, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Shaver, of Robertsdale. Mrs. Knepper being in delicate health, and her sister Annita full of life, health and spirits, the latter took great pleasure in assisting in getting things in rights in the new home. Whether or not she overtaxed her strength in doing this may never be known but on the following Saturday evening Annita became very ill and suffered intensely until the following Wednesday morning, when death seemed, in mercy, to relieve her from her dreadful suffering.

Although much of the time in the throes of intense bodily suffering, Annita was calm and brave in the face of death; she seemed fully to realize the change that was about to take place, and calmly bade those about her, "good-bye."

Her remains were conveyed to the home of her parents on Thursday, and the funeral took place on the following Sunday.

Annita was a charming young girl, and her sudden taking away was a terrible shock to her family.

About a year ago her sister Olive, grown to young womanhood, died of cerebro-spinal meningitis, which was, in all probability, the cause of Annita's death.

So grief-stricken was her sister, Mrs. Knepper, over the sad event, that she could not be prevailed upon to return to the Fraker property, and we understand that Mr. Knepper has since given up the farm and removed his goods from the house.

Kent County, Md.

March 30.—March has been very warm all through, and grass and grain are looking fine. Lots of sheep are being pastured on the wheat now to keep it back. The roads are in fine shape. The roadmasters were over them last week and harrowed down the "bumpers." Fruit trees are coming in bloom, and farmers are busy with their plowing and planting. The truckers are putting out plants by the hundreds, and all hope for a better spring than last year.

Sam Brown has been confined to his home for quite a while with inflammatory rheumatism, and at present is suffering a relapse.

Mrs. Charles Woods has been an invalid all winter with asthmatic affection.

Mrs. Jane Mellott and E. A. Hoepengardner spent a pleasant week looking over Kent county recently, and visited the former's daughter, and the other Fulton county Marylanders.

Miss Lizzie Baker and Mrs. Walter Trew went to Baltimore by Monday's boat, to visit their brothers at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood and T. R. Starr and family last Sunday. Mr. Harold and Miss Jennie Wink were also callers at the Starr home.

Will F. Wink and Dan Esta spent a day at Simon Deshong's recently.

Master Halbert McCoy is kept at home with a serious cold. Neal Hadaway was a pleasant caller at Sam Brown's Sunday.

Mrs. Will Edwards spent part of last week at her daughter's.

We had only about fifteen inches of snow this winter, and had no sleighing that amounted to anything. Mrs. T. R. Starr.

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DESERVED PROMOTION.

Mr. Albert W. Clevenger Transferred from the Pittsburg Office to Tacoma, Washington.

Friends of Albert W. Clevenger, son of Hiram Clevenger, of Taylor township, will learn with pleasure that he has been advanced to a much better position with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Newark N. J., which concern he has represented in Pittsburg and Wilkesburg during the past twelve years. The Company has sent him to Tacoma, Washington, where he will take charge of the local office as assistant superintendent.

Of Mr. Clevenger, the Pittsburg Herald says: "With his wife and daughter, Mr. Clevenger left the East End on Monday for Tacoma. For the past twelve years he has had his office in the Vinsack building, Penn avenue, East End, and his leaving for the West although much regretted by the many agents, is commendable to him for good service in this field. The agents will present the 12 year man with a handsome gift as a token of their esteem."

The best wishes for success go with him to his new field of labor.

A Sensible View.

With the late ruling of the Postoffice Department which prohibits newspaper publishers sending their papers to subscribers who are more than twelve months in arrears, much extra work has been entailed upon the publishers, and much experience that is anything but pleasant. Attention to the ruling was given through the papers, and notices of the amount of indebtedness sent through the mails, and yet there were those who did not appreciate the work of the publisher. Occasionally a fellow got mad and wrote a "sassy" letter to the editor. Others paid up to date and told the editor to stop his paper and go to grass. But, a large majority of the delinquents belong to a more sensible class, who enclosed the amount of their indebtedness—added a dollar for another year, and apologized for being so negligent. Among the many letters showing appreciation of the situation is this from Sam Martin, a former teacher of this county, but now a member of the firm of Gager & Martin, Furniture and Funeral Directors, Crestline, O. Sam says: "I received your notice of the amount I owe on your paper. With the date printed plainly on the label of each paper, it should not be necessary for the editor to be put to the trouble of sending out statements. But since it has seemed to be necessary in my case, I feel very grateful to him for doing so, and herewith enclose amount called for in the statement, and a stamp to cover the expense of mailing the notice to me. Wishing you continued success, I am, very truly, Sam'l R. Martin."

Mrs. Laura J. Reagle, of San Bernardino, California, who was two years in arrears, and is now paid up well into the year 1910, writes: "Enclosed find postoffice order for four dollars. I, for one, am glad for this new ruling of the postoffice department. It will keep careless folks from getting into debt. I am real sorry I have been one of the careless. I have thought of it many times, but have just as often put it off. We like the News, and through it to hear from Fulton—even if we do live in the nicest country in the world."

While this whole business will mean much loss and annoyance to the newspaper people, in the end it will be a good thing for both publishers and their subscribers. Publishers will have their money when they need it, and subscribers will not get behind and then have a large bill to pay—at a time, perhaps, when it does not very well suit. The most satisfactory way for both publisher and subscriber is to pay one year at a time, and that in advance. Then the money is never missed.

FROM MINNESOTA TO MAINE.

Itinerary Planned by the International Sunday School Association.

During the months of July and August, 1908, Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, Superintendent of Teacher Training and Organized Adult Bible Class, International Sunday School Association, will conduct a series of conferences, in a number of states, beginning in Minnesota and going as far east as Maine.

As yet, the points to be touched by this itinerary are not all definitely itinerated upon; but the most convenient point for this section of Pennsylvania at which a conference will be held is Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.

This will be a two-days conference, August 5th and 6th, of three sessions each—forenoon, afternoon and evening. One day will be given to the question of Teacher Training and the other to the question of Organized Adult Bible Class.

A great and rare opportunity is here offered to those who are seeking light on two of the most vital and far reaching subjects concerning the present day Sunday School work.

Mr. Pearce is a man of large and varied experience in these lines of work, and is a pleasing and forceful speaker. Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh says: "Mr. Pearce is a master in his line."

No tuition will be charged. This is one of the means by which the International Association gives to the Sunday schools of the North American continent the latest and best things in Sunday School activities.

For particulars concerning this conference, address Mr. Wm. Beery, Huntingdon, Pa., State Field Worker.

Ruling is Made About Ballots.

In response to requests for information the State Department at Harrisburg has issued this statement: "Letters and opinions indicate that it is generally believed that, at the primary election, votes cast by the voters of one party for a candidate of another party will be consolidated and returned in the total vote for such candidate. An instance might be had by taking a district overwhelmingly Republican. The Democrats might ignore their own candidates, of whose election they have no hope, and write on the Democratic ballot the name of a Republican candidate, expecting such votes to be added to the total he received as a Republican. This cannot be. To allow this to be done would be to defeat the principal purpose of the primary act, which aims to prevent the voters of one party from participating in the nomination of the candidates of another party. Any names written in a Democratic ballot must be counted only as votes for Democrats and be listed on the returns as Democratic and votes, and vice versa. This matter should be brought to the attention of all election officers so that the votes cast may be properly computed and returned; otherwise these officers, laboring under a misapprehension, may assist in defeating the will of the party majority."

We clip the following from the Altoona Gazette: Our townsman Hon. William L. Woodcock, has just returned from York, Pa., where he was honored by being elected a delegate to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is the law making body of the church and meets in Baltimore in May next and will remain in session a full month. The body will consist of about 800 delegates and will be held in the Lyric theatre of that city. Mr. Woodcock is a native of Wells Valley; he represented his conference in the general conference eight years ago, and his friends congratulate him on being so highly honored.

GEORGE W. HILES.

An Aged Civil War Veteran Dies at His Home in Bethel Township, on Wednesday of Last Week.

George W. Hiles died at his late home near Warfordsburg, Wednesday morning of last week, aged 67 years, 7 months, and 15 days. Mr. Hiles had been in poor health all winter; but during the three weeks prior to his death, he seemed to be improving in health, when on Tuesday, he began to grow worse and sank rapidly until the end came Wednesday morning.

Mr. Hiles was married about forty five years ago to Miss Delilah Hendershot, and to this union three children were born, namely, Malinda Jane (Mrs. Wilson Wigfield); George William, with whom Mr. Hiles had his home, and Martha Ellen (Mrs. Wm. Divilbiss), all of whom survive him, together with fourteen grandchildren. About twenty-five year ago, he was married to a Mrs. Miller, who lived only about a year after the marriage.

Mr. Hiles served about nine months in the 158th regiment, Co. H, Penna. Vol. infantry.

About thirty years ago, he united with the Cedar Grove Christian church, was baptized by Rev. Richardson, and lived a faithful member during the remainder of his life.

Funeral Friday at Mayes Chapel, conducted by Rev. Logue, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that church. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends.

MAYS CHAPEL.

Mrs. P. O. Crist is improving slowly. Our schools will soon close. We are sorry to see Miss Kirk leave us. The school has been fine all winter. Geo. W. Fisher and wife spent Friday with S. O. Deenen's family and attended the funeral of Mr. Hiles. Joseph Faith and wife of Hancock visited the family of Mr. Wm. Hiles and attended his father's funeral. Miss Olive Bishop is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bishop. Alvah B. Gordon and Aura Fisher visited the family of S. O. Deenen recently. The Sabbath school began at this place April 5th, with the following officers: Supt. J. E. Powell; Asst. Supt. Mrs. T. R. Bishop; Sec. and Treas. Mrs. S. O. Deenen. We hope there will be a large attendance all summer. Mr. P. O. Crist recently purchased a fine horse from Howard Deenen. Mr. Bundy Crist and Miss Katharine Golden was recently married at Berkeley Springs. May their life be crowned with happiness. U. N. O.

GRACEY.

March 28.—Mack Kerlin and wife have moved upon their farm which he bought from the Wilter's this spring. An Oyster supper was held at Gracey last Saturday evening by the U. B. church people. Charley Knepper and family moved down last Wednesday from Robertsdale to his farm near Clear Ridge which he purchased from Mr. A. J. Fraker. Mrs. Mary McNeal, of Johnston, spent a few days last week the guest of her sister Mrs. George Heefner. Quite a number of our people attended the sale at Mr. George Taylor's last Saturday. A few of the ladies of Centre M. E. church gathered last Thursday and cleaned the church. Jesse B. Heefner, wife, and daughter Olive, spent last Wednesday at Clear Ridge helping Mrs. Heefner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fraker to move. Miss Tillie Stuckard and Miss Foster of Wells Valley were guests of Miss Lillian Gracey last Saturday and Sunday. The New Grenada and McConnellsburg Telephone Line Company held a meeting at Sheridan Strait's last Saturday night. The line is on fair way for being built. [These items were intended for last week's News, but were received too late, Editor.]

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

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

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Mary Bishop, of Thompson, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Kelly, at this place.

T. J. Wiener, of Hancock, spent last week in the City selecting his spring stock of millinery & dress goods.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaMaster of Marks Franklin county are spending a few days with Mrs. LaMasters' father, Daniel E. Fore E. q.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston went over to Chambersburg Tuesday in their auto and were accompanied on their return by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis L. Lynch.

George Alexander and his nephew Mr. Hawbecker, of Chambersburg, were recent visitors in the home of the former's brother-in-law, W. J. Cline of Burnt Cabins.

L. W. Funk was in town a day or two last week and sold a nice upright piano to R. N. Fryman for his daughter Meta. We are glad to learn that Mr. Funk's trade in pianos and organs is constantly increasing.

Miss Mary Houston and Mr. Russell Nelson, two of Ayr township's progressive teachers, left for Shippensburg Monday to take the Spring Term in the Cumberland Valley State Normal. Each of these teachers had a few days of school yet to complete the winter term, but Miss Olive Kendall is completing Miss Houston's school, and Pat Fisher, Mr. Nelson's.

Harry E. Huston and wife, of Saltito, spent the time from Saturday until Monday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin, of this place. They had been in the eastern cities last week, where Harry bought a large stock of goods for his spring trade in Saltito. Harry is one of Fulton's successful young men, and went to Saltito about three years ago. With a somewhat modest beginning, he now has one of the largest stores in Huntingdon county, requiring over five thousand feet of floor space to conduct the business. While he is selling granulated sugar by the sled load at five cents a pound, he says he has plenty left that will go at the same price.

NEW GRENADA.

Mrs. Jacob Crider has been suffering with asthma during the past few days.

Mrs. Ellen Thomas and Joseph Truax are no better at this writing.

Newton Stains sold his farm, known as Dr. R. I. Hunter place, to his brother, Samuel Stains of Woodvale. Consideration \$1500.

Mrs. Mary S. Edwards of Philadelphia, Pa. is visiting friends in the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bolinger, of Mt. Union, attended the funeral of Daniel Bolinger's little boy last Saturday and called on friends Saturday evening. Scott's face was visible in hall of 778, 1 O. O. F., Saturday night. He has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

The sad intelligence reached us on Friday that Joanna, wife of F. Cunningham of Kansas, died on Sunday 29th of March, (F. Cunningham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cunningham of New Grenada.) She leaves a husband and five sons to mourn her loss.

On Thursday, April 2nd, Daniel Paul Bolinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bolinger, of Oak Grove, died very suddenly. He was able at noon to be about, rather playful, but took bad suddenly and expired before any help could be secured. Dr. Campbell was phoned, but the child was dead before he reached the house. Cause supposed to be croup of some form. This is a hard stroke on the parents, and so unexpected. Funeral on Saturday at Bethel church, New Grenada. Services by M. E. pastor of Tasso Springs. The child's age was 4 years, 6 months and 22 days.