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COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting to Be Held at Warfordsburg Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11.

EFFORTS TO MAKE IT THE BEST YET.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Fulton County Sunday School Association, will be held at Warfordsburg, Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th and 11th. Every effort is being put forth by the officers of the association to make this the very best of the many good conventions held in this county since the beginning of the organization's work. The growth of the Sunday School movement in this county—the increase in the number of schools—the advance in methods of instruction—the awakening of popular interest—and the almost total disappearance of the opposition to Sunday school work—is a matter of much gratification, to those who have been identified with the work during these twenty-eight years.

While there were two or three county conventions at irregular intervals in this county prior to 1880, it was on Tuesday, September 14th of that year that representatives of the various schools in the county met in McConnellsburg and the present association was formed by making Rev. B. F. Kautz, of the Lutheran church, McConnellsburg, chairman; John W. Greathead, of the M. E. church, McConnellsburg, secretary, and Rowland Austin, of the Greenhill Presbyterian church, treasurer.

The opening address to the delegates was made by Wm. B. Skinner, Esq.

Of the twenty-five schools then in the county, the following were superintendents: M. E. Sunday school, Knobsville, Adam Vallance; Greenhill Presbyterian, Rowland Austin; U. B. at Forest Dale, Nathan T. Bishop; Pine Grove in Wells Valley, J. Wesley Johnson; Wells Valley Presbyterian, Geo. A. Stewart; M. E. church at Akersville, H. C. Akers; M. E. Church at Emmaville (McKendree), G. M. Truax; M. E. Church at Oakley, A. J. Pittman; Warfordsburg, Stephen G. Andrews; Ebenezer, Jas. H. Akers; Lutheran church, McConnellsburg, Henry A. Comer; Reformed church, McConnellsburg, George Hoke; Presbyterian church, McConnellsburg, Wm. B. Skinner; M. E. church, McConnellsburg, D. B. Nace; M. E. church, Hustontown, Thomas Kirk; M. E. church, Clear Ridge, S. F. Stevens; Fairview, Jos. H. Lohr; Center, Geo. S. Newman; Fort Littleton, J. Wesley Fraker; Back Run, J. W. Lathero; Dublin Mills, T. C. Peterson; New Grenada, S. H. McClain; Big Cove Tannery Lutheran, John Bechtel; and Burnt Cabins, D. H. Mathias.

If there were any other Sunday schools in the county at that time the records of the association do not show it.

The first four conventions were held in McConnellsburg; the next (1884) was held in Wells Valley; in 1885, at Greenhill; 1886 at McConnellsburg; 1887, at Warfordsburg; 1888 at Fort Littleton; 1889 at Burnt Cabins—and, so on.

The object of an annual convention of the Sunday school workers of the County is to bring them into closer touch with each other; to exchange methods, to hear the instruction of specialists, and to confer with a view to accomplish most speedily and effectually the great end for which the Sunday school was brought into existence. What the teachers' institute is to the public schools, the Convention should be to the Sunday schools. The results to be obtained therefrom, will depend largely upon the general interest taken. If each school in the county show sufficient interest to elect delegates that are active, earnest Sunday school workers, that will

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

George K. Martin, of Bethel Township, the Victim of a Thunder Bolt During a Storm on the 10th Inst.

OCCURRED AT JAMES BISHOP'S.

George Randolph Martin, aged 32 years, 2 months, and 24 days, was struck by lightning, Sunday afternoon, the tenth instant, and instantly killed.

The unfortunate man was a son of the late Denton Martin, was unmarried, and had his home with his mother and sister Mollie who reside on the Jimmy Slayman farm about two miles south of Franklin Mills.

Sunday afternoon, the 10th inst., George walked from his home over to James Bishop's, about a half mile distant. At Mr. Bishop's that afternoon, was another neighbor, a Mr. Blankley. The three men were sitting out on the woodpile about five o'clock talking, when they noticed a storm breaking over the top of Siding Hill mountain. As it came nearer, Mr. Bishop arose and said, "Come into the house."

"No," said Mr. Martin, "I must go back home; my sister is afraid of lightning." Mr. Martin started home, and the others went into the house. Mr. Martin had not yet passed out of the yard, and while passing an apple tree, a blinding flash of lightning, simultaneous with a deafening crash of thunder, bore down upon the tree, and at the same moment struck Mr. Martin on the head following downward, and killing him instantly.

His remains were tenderly cared for. Squire W. P. Gordon was notified, who summoned a jury and an inquest was held. Of course, there was no question about the manner in which he came to his death.

The funeral was held from his home at ten o'clock Monday, and his remains interred in the cemetery at Mays Chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. A. G. B. Powers of Needmore, assisted by Rev. T. P. Garland.

attend the convention for the sole purpose of helping to make the convention better, and of carrying from the convention that which will make their home school more active and efficient—then the convention will have accomplished the end for which it was established. No one should accept the office of delegate, who has no higher purpose than to take an outing that offers free entertainment, and a good time. The Sunday school convention is not a picnic—it is a conference of earnest Christian men and women assembled for the purpose of furthering the cause of Christ through the medium of the Sunday school.

One feature of especial interest this year will be the supply exhibit, that is, the various helps to the Sunday School in all the different grades of the work. This ought to prove beneficial to superintendents and teachers.

Still another feature will be the alumni banquet. A meeting of all the graduates of the teachers' training department and others, who will be invited guests. This will be a delightful semi-religious, semi-social event in connection with the convention. Fulton county stands near the top of the list in the number of teachers' training classes organized, and has a surprisingly large number of graduates.

Among the instructors will be Mr. Reed, of Lebanon. He is a State field worker and a most interesting instructor.

Prof. Beery, another State field worker whom many of our people know, will also be present. He is an excellent vocal instructor, and will have charge of the music.

The program will be published later.

Let all friends of the good cause begin now to plan to attend.

District Convention.

Sunday School Workers Making Their Annual Tour of the County. Good Work Being Done.

The annual series of District Sunday School Conventions are being held in this county at this time. The first of the series was held at Center Church in Taylor township on Tuesday of last week. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, about seventy-five persons were present, and fine interest prevailed. Prof. Beery, one of the State Workers was present, and a very successful meeting was held. On Wednesday, the convention was held at Clear Ridge; and while the meeting was good, the attendance was limited on account of the inclemency of the weather. At Knobsville on Thursday, the attendance was much better; in fact, about 125 people were there, and an enthusiastic meeting was held. The meeting at the Associate Church on Friday was not so largely attended, but the meeting was among the most pleasant of the week. The County Capital was reached Saturday, and in the afternoon the people turned out by a score, for the services in the Methodist Episcopal church.

In order to avoid the necessity of providing a place for an overflow meeting, the Presbyterian church was selected for the evening session. The committee had made no mistake; the church hall the crowd all right, and there was, really, room for more.

The principal address of the evening was made by Mrs. S. M. Cook, Teacher Training Superintendent, of the County Force. The subject discussed was "Teacher Training." Several talks were made in addition to Mrs. Cook's address, and as a result of the conference, several Teachers' Training Classes may be formed in town.

Of the meetings that have been held since that time we have no report, but as the weather is so fine this week, the meetings will likely be largely attended, and the interest grow.

The Sunday School is a great work, and it is unfortunate, that there is such a marked apathy among even those of whom more should be expected.

An Opportunity For Sunday School Workers.

Everybody needs a vacation, a few days at least, in the heat of the summer, for recreation or change of work. For those who want to take just a little time off from their daily routine of work, with slight expense, and at the same time spend a few days to some profit, here is an opportunity. This is especially for Sunday School workers.

On August 5th and 6th, 1908, Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, Superintendent of Teacher Training and Organized Adult Bible Class Movement, in the International Sunday School Association, will conduct a two-days conference, giving one day to each of these two subjects, at Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa. There will be no charge for tuition. This is a gratuitous service under the auspices of the International Sunday School Association.

Huntingdon is easy of access from all parts of Middle Pennsylvania. The surrounding scenery is nowhere in the state finer, and College Hill is beautiful for situation, and is blessed with beautiful shade trees and cool breezes. "Mr. Pearce is a master in his line," says Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh.

Come, enjoy a few days away from your daily round of work and at the same time reap the benefits to be derived from the conference.

Address Wm. Beery, State Field Worker, Huntingdon, Pa.

Elliot Smith, of Riddlesburg, is taking advantage of the slack times, and is spending a few days visiting among his Fulton county friends.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers Who Have Answered Final Summons.

BE YE, THEREFORE, ALSO READY.

PHILIP B. McCLAIN.

Philip B. McClain died at the family residence in Lagrange, Ill., Monday night, May 11th, 1908, aged 61 years and 4 months. Besides his widow, he is survived by his three sons, namely, Burton, Murton, and Forest; also, by five brothers and two sisters, namely, Lemuel, residing in Zion City, Ill., Samuel, in Wilberding, Pa., William, in Robertsdale, Huntingdon County, Lee and Isaac, Sarah Rinehart and Jane Berkstresser, in this county.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when a young man, lived a true Christian life, and death had no terrors for him when the end came.

Less than one year ago, Philip was visiting among his relatives in the East.

MRS. MARY STOUTEAGLE.

Mrs. Mary Stouteagle, wife of Vandal Stouteagle, died Thursday, 14th inst, at the home of her daughter Mrs. George Ott, with whom she has made her home for the past three years. She was aged 86 years, 6 months. She is survived by four children, namely: Edward and George Stouteagle of Fulton county, Mrs. Anna Willis, of Orrstown, this county and Mrs. George Ott of Mercersburg. There are also 16 grand children and 9 great grand children. Mrs. Stouteagle was a life-long member of the Lutheran church of McConnellsburg where she lived until the death of her husband about fifteen years ago; but of recent years, she was not able to attend the church services on account of the infirmities of old age. A short service was held at the Ott home on Sabbath morning, by Rev. Kieffer, of the Reformed church at this place, after which the remains were taken to McConnellsburg and laid to rest by the side of her husband. A large number of relatives and friends met the funeral at the grave, where a short service was conducted by Rev. Fassold of the Lutheran church of that place. She has gone to her heavenly home, where she longed so much to go, and her death was a beautiful example of the faith of the Christian.—Mercersburg Journal.

Memorial Day Program.

Memorial Day exercises will be held in the Court House, on Saturday, May 30, at 2 o'clock, p. m., when the following program will be rendered:

Invocation—Rev. Grove.
Singing—America.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
Witz Mason.
Music—Band.
Recitation—Josephine Runyar.
Music—Band.
Recitation—Rose Fisher.
Memorial Service—By Children.
Music.
Flag-drill—By sixteen young ladies.

Oration—Prof Gordonier, of C. V. S. N. S.
Music.

Let all business houses be closed—let labor cease—that their may be a general tribute of respect given to these veterans of the grand army, and the part they played in making a brilliant page in American history.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and children desire to express through the News their sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for help and sympathy during the illness and death of their dear son and brother John W. Taylor.

LARGEST CLOCK STARTED.

Time-Piece in Jersey City Has 20 Foot Minute Hand.

The largest clock in the world, which faces the Hudson river from the top of the Jersey City factory of Colgate & Company, was started at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Mayor Wittgen.

Heretofore "Big Ben," on the Parliament buildings, London, has held the foreign record, with a diameter of 22½ feet. In this country the dial on the Philadelphia City Hall were the largest, measuring 25 feet across.

The Colgate clock is 38 feet across. The minute hand is 20 feet long and weighs nearly a third of a ton, and the whole clock approximates six tons. The hands will be outlined with incandescent lights. The tip end of the minute hand travels twenty-four inches every minute.

One More Head Mark for Fort Littleton.

Our boys thought it nothing more than neighborly and right to take off last Saturday afternoon and go out to Knobsville to play a sociable game of base ball with the Knobsville boys.

The game was called at 2 15 p. m., and this time found Uncle Fan in the box to push a few of those back-breakers across the home plate. The Knobsville boys are certainly fine young men, and the game was the nicest probably ever played in the county. Everything went along well and the ending of the second inning found Knobsville at our heels with a score something like this: 10 to 11 in favor of Littleton, although they were gaining, Mr. Conley our respectable umpire, and a man who was there to give a square deal for both sides, performed his duty very honorably, and stood firmly by his decisions and every thing went on nicely.

About the third inning both pitchers thought it advisable to stop kidding and pitch in a few. This foresight of theirs changed things altogether. The next four innings Uncle Fan gave Knobsville four straight nice sized goose eggs, and Mr. Kelso of Knobsville, pitcher for that team, gave Fort Littleton three of the same kind of eggs. So they could sell out to one or the other and make the nice little setting of seven in all.

At the beginning of the eighth the little school boys from Littleton put on their thinking cap, and got after these strikers of Mr. Kelso's and for about 23 minutes business was brisk. This decided turn raised the score like corn coming up—two and three runs at a clip, and they wet Mr. Kelso's shirt considerably before he could succeed in getting three outs placed on the score sheet. The ninth inning ended in a score which reads like this:

Fort Littleton, 21; Knobsville, 11; William Conley, Umpire.

The boys at Knobsville, and all so the citizens, treated us with the highest respect, and as soon as we can find it convenient we will have the boys come out to Littleton and return us a game. Bases on balls by Fraker 4, by Kelso 2; Strikeouts by Fraker 11, by Kelso 3; Home run hits by Littleton 1, by Knobsville 1.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

New Postal Ruling.

Stringent orders have been issued by the post office department to all postmasters not to divulge the name or addresses of any of the patrons of the office. Heretofore post offices have been considered local directories and wanted an address or a list of names it was understood that the postmaster was in duty bound to supply this information, together with the habits of character and fitness of each individual who comes in contact with the postmaster or office. The guardians of Uncle Sam's postal affairs are requested to keep the affairs of the office as inviolate as the business of a bank.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Peter Baith, Near New Grenada, Fell Down Stairs in Night and Killed Himself.

STUMBLED OVER TRUNK IN DARK.

On Thursday night of last week death came to Mr. Peter Baith, a citizen well known in the upper end of the county, in a most unexpected way. Mr. Baith had for some time been making his home with his son Frank at Coles Summit, Huntingdon county. Thursday morning he went over to New Grenada and spent the day in Bethel cemetery fixing up the graves of his departed friends and relatives, and in the evening, went to the home of his son-in-law, Samuel Wagner, who lives on the old homestead—in the house that Peter Baith had, himself, built, and in which he had lived most of his lifetime.

At bedtime he went upstairs and went to bed. About one o'clock, he arose with the purpose of going down stairs, and, of course, being entirely familiar with the house, did not think it worth while to make a light. Just at the head of the stairs he stumbled over a trunk that had been placed there to keep the small children from falling down the stairs, and Mr. Baith pitched headlong, falling heavily at the foot of the stairs, a distance of perhaps ten feet. The noise woke the family, who arose quickly to investigate, and when the scene was reached, found the unfortunate man at the foot of the stairway unconscious and bleeding. A messenger was sent for Dr. Campbell immediately, but before the Doctor could reach the place, death had done its work.

Mr. Baith was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Company H, 22nd Cavalry, and served nearly two years. His funeral, which took place Sunday afternoon, was conducted by Rev. Sollenberger, of the Church of God, and interment was made in Bethel cemetery, where he had spent the last day of his life in keeping green the graves of his friends. His remains were borne to their last resting place by his army comrades—Jesse O. McClain, M. W. Houck, A. M. Corbin, Josiah Witter, and William Alloway—assisted by G. W. Dunlap.

His age was 67 years, 5 months and 27 days. He is survived by his widow, one brother—Jackson of Minersville; three daughters—Mary Wagner, on the home place; Alice Livingstone, in Virginia; Jennie Fleck, Coles Summit; and three sons—Frank, of Coles Summit; Jesse, Saitillo; and Emery, just married.

Mr. Baith was an indulgent and loving husband and father—honest and upright—and his untimely death was a shock to his many friends.

New Dairy.

Andrew Rotz, who lives east of town, has started a new dairy. He began delivering milk Monday morning to his customers in town, and makes two deliveries—one early in the morning—in time for breakfast, and the other in the evening before supper. He respectfully solicits a share of the custom, and desires to assure the public that the dairy will be conducted with the utmost care for cleanliness.

Big Trees.

In taking a little walk a few days ago, M. F. Doyle, foreman of the News office, in passing through James Henry's farm north of town was attracted by two large trees, and to satisfy his curiosity, measured the girth of the trees four feet from the ground. The one, a Sugar Maple, measured 15 feet and 9 inches, and the other, an Elm, measured 15 feet and 6 inches. Thus, according to a rule we learned in arithmetic several years ago, would indicate a diameter of more than five feet.

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 Emma Ray spent a few days in Everett during the past week.

Misses Tena, May, and Rickett Sipes—all of Harrisonville were in town last Saturday and called at the News office.

Jere Mason, of Hancock, spent Monday night in McConnellsburg. Jerry has gone into business in Hancock again.

George Feckler, of Johnstown, Pa., passed through here with a brand new Jackson auto, which he had purchased in Philadelphia.

Miss Murnie Ruppel went to Gettysburg last Friday, where she will spend about two weeks with relatives and friends, and then return to Chambersburg for a visit in that city.

Mrs. Sabina E. Mellott and son Webster Mellott, of Needmore, were very pleasant visitors at Judge Peter Morton's above town, on last Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Murdock, Johnstown, passed through this place early Monday morning on his trans-continental trip in his auto. He left the Pacific Coast on the fifteenth of April. He made a brief stop here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Peck, of Needmore, spent last Saturday night in the home of the former's brother Jonathan P. Peck at Knobsville. They stayed a few hours with friends in town Sunday on their return from Knobsville.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., arrived home Thursday evening, with a brand new Ford auto. The Editor had the pleasure of accompanying Mr. Shaffner on his initial run from Philadelphia to McConnellsburg. The machine is a bird to climb hills.

Mr. S. E. Peck, of Meyersdale, and his daughter, Miss Cora, who had been spending several months in Washington, D. C., spent the time from Thursday until Monday in this place with the former's brother, the editor of the News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston and Mr. J. Lind Patterson and his sister Miss Bess, left here Monday morning in Mr. Johnston's auto for Chambersburg, from which place they went by rail to Pittsburg to attend the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church which is being held in that city this week.

John Hoopengardner and a neighbor of his at Riddlesburg, is spending a few days here. His friend is a practical miner and prospector, and John brought him along to the Cove to see our coal lands. We hope he may be able to see the real thing, and in the near future we may be getting a fine quality of semi-bituminous coal put into our coal bins at a dollar a ton.

After having spent four weeks among relatives and her many other friends here, Miss Lab V. Bess left Tuesday noon to visit her sister Mrs. L. I. Hill in Gettysburg. After staying a few days with Mrs. Hill, she will return to her home in Reinbeck, Iowa. Miss Lab was accompanied to Gettysburg by her niece Miss Rebecca Tritle, who will spend some time with her aunt Mrs. Hill.

Miss Blanche Morton who graduated from the Paice Business College, Philadelphia, last July, has returned to her work in the office of the Philadelphia Press after having spent a few days in the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Peter Morton near town. Miss Blanche has been in the Press office about ten months and likes her place and work very much.