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## BOLD BURGLARY.

The Home of Miss Rebecca Gordon, of Bethel Township Entered Last Thursday Night.

### DOOR BROKEN DOWN BY CORDWOOD.

Miss Rebecca Gordon, aged about 78 years, a sister of Wm. P. Gordon, esq., of Warfordsburg, owns and lives upon the old Gordon homestead in Pigeon Cove, Bethel township, a splendid limestone farm which came down to her as one of the heirs of the late Philip Gordon. In this fine old mansion house, Miss Gordon lives entirely alone—the house in which her tenant farmer lives being situated about a half mile distant.

On account of advanced age and the fact that she is somewhat crippled up with rheumatism, she occupies as a sleeping apartment a large front room on the first floor, and a door opens from the porch directly into this room.

About 11 o'clock on Thursday night of last week, she was awakened by a terrible crash at the door, and in a moment more, the door gave way and in stepped a great bad burglar. The uninvited guest had provided himself with a heavy stick of cordwood, and battered the door down to effect an entrance.

Without any formality he commanded Miss Gordon to arise and deliver to him the money about the house, emphasizing his requests with blood curdling oaths and firing his revolver at Miss Gordon. The shooting business was a bluff, however, for he had his revolver loaded with blank cartridges, yet Miss Gordon was not supposed to know this. She told him that she had no money of any consequence about the house. This he did not believe, and continued his profanity and shooting at the same time threatening to build a fire in the stove and roast her alive. As she is a lady that weighs about two hundred pounds, the humorous side of this threat led her to remark to him that she thought he would have something of a job on his hands if he undertook to carry out that threat.

The burglar then proceeded to search the house, and emptied out bureau drawers, tore up the beds, and ransacked the premises generally, and for his pains, was rewarded by finding about five or six dollars in change.

The truth is, and it was generally known, that Miss Gordon kept about her house a considerable sum of money; but after the attempt to rob the Gaie family a few weeks ago, an account of which was published in the News, her brother William went up to her home, and carried her money to the bank, which secured her against the loss of it on this occasion.

After having spent about half an hour in search, the bad man gave it up and left the premises. No steps have yet been taken for his apprehension but there is a strong suspicion as to his identity.

### Sunflower Philosophy.

The only way to win a law suit is to keep out.

No boy is thoroughly satisfied unless he owns a shepherd dog.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who put on his "thinking cap" when confronted with a problem?

"A woman's faults may not be as bad as a man's," we heard a man say to day, "but they are quite as trying to him as his are to her."

Some men are naturally meddlesome, and do not know it. Look yourself over. Do you butt in and make yourself unnecessary enemies.

Staying up late is not what it is cracked up to be. You are having more fun than anybody in the world if you can go to bed at nine o'clock and fall asleep the moment your head strikes the pillow.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

## CHURCH DEDICATION.

A Neat Little Church Has Been Built For The A. M. E. People in Ayr Township, Near Cito.

For a long time the colored people of this section of the county, and, especially, in Ayr township, have felt like having a church of their own, and it was not until about five years ago, when Rev. Wallace Spriggs, a conscientious minister of the A. M. E. church was sent to the Cove by the Conference of that body as a District Missionary, that the matter of a new church building began to take practical shape. Besides being an earnest spiritual worker among his people, Rev. Spriggs was a first class mechanic, and could handle a trowel or jack plane with equal facility. Hence when the material began to arrive on the ground, Mr. Spriggs rolled up his sleeves and led the way, doing much of the mason work himself, as well as much of the carpenter work. The result was that after a steady pull covering a period of more than three years, last Sunday witnessed the culmination of their dreams, and the new building was formally dedicated. It stands on the Juxt-town road about three-quarters of a mile north of Springhouse Valley schoolhouse, and is 25x30 feet, with a tower entrance 6x8—the tower being about 40 feet in height. There is an annex for the pulpit, 7x10, and altogether it is a very creditable building.

The total cost of the structure is about \$500, which is provided for with the exception of about a hundred and fifty dollars. Samuel Mellott, a prominent farmer of the Cove has consented to act as treasurer, and any one feeling disposed to assist in liquidating the debt, may pay their contribution to Mr. Mellott, who will see that the funds are properly applied.

The colored people feel very grateful for the interest their white friends have taken in the new church, and for the financial assistance given them in this enterprise.

### Names of Those Attending the Normal School at McConnellsburg this Summer.

Ayr.—Mabel Thomas, Ethel Logue, Orpha Kendall, Maurice Sherman, Harry Bivens, Mary Stenger, Irene Truax, Hollis Maun, Russell Runyan.

Belfast.—Pearl Mellott, Pearl Garland.

Bethel.—Lula Slusher.

Brush Creek.—Albert C. Garland, Grace A. Lodge, Fred G. Lodge.

Dublin.—Irwin Cook, Myrtle M. Stevens, Esther Naugle, Lillian Flemming, Elsie Baker, Robert Cromer, Ethel Cisney, Maude Fields.

Licking Creek.—Raleigh H. Lawyer, Maude Deshong, Katherine M. Hoop, A. E. Deshong, James D. Hoop, Harry A. Deshong, Ida M. Decker, Mary Mellott, Daisy M. Strat.

McConnellsburg.—Robert Alexander, Elizabeth Harris, Catherine Comer, Oram Wible, H. Scott Alexander, Andrew Fisher, S. Max Irwin, Ruth Roettger, Reed Grissinger, Earl Taylor, Witz Mason.

Taylor.—Bessie E. Fields, George Barnett, Russell Gracey, Harper Barton, Estelle Laidig, Zarna Laidig.

Thompson.—Anna Comer, Wilson Zimmerman, Benj. F. Keefer.

Todd.—Mary M. Ott, Nell M. Barnott, Blanche E. Brant, Russell Stevens, Cloyd S. Everhart, Amba D. Peightel, Russell E. Mock, Pearl Gress.

Union.—Maude May Ritz.

Franklin County.—Beckie Rotz.

### New Mail Routes.

The contract for carrying the mail between here and Hustontown has been let to Harry Dawney, and the contract between here and Burnt Cabins was let to Blaine Hertzler. The new contracts went into effect yesterday.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

### JOSEPH TRUAX VICTIM OF CANCER.

#### JOSEPH TRUAX.

Joseph Truax died at his home in Wells Valley, June 1, 1908, aged 57 years, 7 months and 25 days. Funeral on the 3rd, conducted by his pastor, Rev. John P. Strayer, of the United Brethren church, and interment in the U. B. cemetery in Wells Valley.

About last harvest, Mr. Truax began to feel symptoms of what later developed into cancer and after having suffered until last March, he was taken to the Medico-Chi Hospital, Philadelphia. Dr. LaPlace of that institution, made an incision into the body of Mr. Truax, and soon found that Mr. Truax was a victim of multiple cancerous growth, and that he was affected to such an extent as to make it impossible to save his life by an operation, and consequently, sent him home. During the last three months of his life he was a great sufferer.

About eight years ago, he was married to Ella Shope, of Huntington county, who survives him, together with four children, the youngest being a baby. He has five brothers and two sisters living, namely, Geo. E. Levi, Henry, and Richard of Wells Valley; James, of Tioga county; and Mrs. Thornton Foster and Mrs. L. L. Cunningham also of the Valley.

Mr. Truax was an excellent citizen, and his bereft family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

#### MRS. JOSEPH H. MELIUS.

Mrs. Viola Melius, wife of Jos. H. Melius, died of tuberculosis at her home at 316 Indiana St., Punxsutawney, Sunday, May 31, 1908, after an illness of seventeen weeks, aged only 26 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her sad death a mother, four brothers, three sisters and a large circle of other friends.

Funeral services were held at her late home Tuesday, June 2, at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Madets of the First Baptist church. Interment at Pine church cemetery near Locust Lane, Indiana county.

She was a member of Pukeesheno Council, No. 56, Degree of Pocahontas of the Improved Order of Red Men, which lodge had charge of the funeral, assisted by the Improved Order of Red Men and Order of United American Mechanics all of which orders her husband is an active member.

#### New Ritual For Odd Fellows.

Local Odd Fellows will be interested in the announcement that during this month new rituals to all subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be distributed by the various grand secretaries in their respective jurisdictions.

The extent of this work will be appreciated when it is known that all told there will be some 50,000 rituals to distribute in this manner. The new rituals which are much larger and more complete in every way than those now in use are spoken of as being very fine by Odd Fellows who have seen them.

There are numerous changes in the opening and closing of the lodges and also affecting the degree work. Some of the degree work will be, it is stated, made decidedly more impressive than at present. The new rituals develop the work more comprehensively than the old ones, giving explicit directions in regard to the manner in which certain parts of the work is to be carried through. This attention to the detail will have the effect of improving the manner in which the degree teams perform their duties.

## MAKING GOOD ROADS.

Roadmaster George F. B. Hill of Bethel Townships Uses Traction Engine To Advantage.

### HITCHES IT TO TOWNSHIP ROAD PLOW.

George F. B. Hill, of Bethel township, one of the practical roadmasters in the county recently conceived the idea that he could save his men much hard labor; and at the same time secure very much better results at less cost, by bringing a traction engine into requisition and hitching it to the Township Road Plow, or Scraper.

On roads that are in a manner free from rocks, he has the necessary power to make the road plow do the work originally intended to be done by it. At one sweep he is able to round up the middle of the road, place nice side drains, and remove from the road all loose stones and other obstruction. The Supervisors in this county have been very slow in the past to make advance in the art of roadmaking, and it gives us pleasure to note any effort to make a step forward in this most important work. Next to that of throwing loose dirt in the road to become mud when the first rain comes along, is the abominable practice, in some townships, of covering the road with big stones and expect them to be broken, in time, by the buggies and wagons that will be forced to drive over them. They will be broken, but not until more vehicles have been broken or damaged than would pay a dozen times for having the stones crushed and properly placed on the roads in the first place. Hard stone is the proper thing to put on the roads; but they should, at least, have a top dressing of finely crushed or broken stones.

#### NEEDMORE.

Our little town is again enlivened by the return of some former students and a number of new ones to attend the Normal, conducted by Prof. Morton. We gladly give them a welcome. The attendance now is 43.

Surprise parties have become very popular. There were two last week—one on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Cora Kershner, and one Saturday evening in honor of Miss Enza Wink. They were both well attended. The girls were recipients of many presents and all report a good time.

Prof. B. N. Palmer has returned to his home after several months work in superintending and teaching in the schools of Cambria and Indiana counties.

Mrs. A. Runyan, who has been confined to her bed for several days, is reported better.

Charles Kershner has improved the appearance of his mill by the application of a coat of whitewash.

John Hess wears a smile: It is a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Snyder accompanied by Miss Moore, attended the dedication of the church at Spring House Valley last Sunday.

Children's Day Services will be held in the Hall on the third Sunday of this month.

#### SALUVIA.

W. W. McDaniel has closed down his lumber operations in this vicinity for the present.

D. E. Mellott has had six young cattle to die for him lately.

Jefferson Wible lost a horse last Wednesday. Everybody that got some of the electric shock at Greenhill Decoration Day, has gotten all right again. It might have been worse.

Anna Mann attended church in McConnellsburg last Sunday.

Mr. Stetler is singing that good old song—A Charge to Keep, &c.

Aunt Lida Munnich was called to Hyndman last week on account of the death of the wife of her son John.

## JUNE WEDDINGS.

Month of Roses and Brides Adds Usual Number of Happy Nuptials to List.

### QUIET WEDDINGS FOR HOT WEATHER.

#### STRAIT—DECKER.

Miss Lula Mae Decker and Grover Cleveland Strait quietly slipped a wax from their friends and were united in marriage at the Harrisonville Methodist Episcopal parsonage Wednesday evening May 27th by Rev. Luther W. McGarvey.

The bride was handsomely gowned in a light blue tailor made suit with hat to match and an exceptionally pretty white Swiss waist, the costume harmonizing beautifully with the simplicity of manner and easy grace of the accomplished young lady, whom all her friends have learned to love because of these beautiful traits of character. The groom is a highly respected young man of Patterson Run, and is well liked by his numerous friends who say "He is a jolly good fellow."

The newly wedded couple then drove to Mr. David Strait's, father of groom, but some little bird had told the secret and soon a great calithumpian band led by "Judge" Hoop gathered around the house and gave them a rousing serenade.

The young couple expect to reside near Harrisonville. A host of friends join in wishing them a safe happy and prosperous journey through life.

#### PECK—FORE.

Mr. Walter C. Peck, of Pittsburg and Miss Helen M. Fore, of McConnellsburg, were married at the home of Mrs. M. B. Trout in this place, at eleven o'clock last Monday morning, by Rev. Dr. Pomeroy, of Harrisonburg. After congratulations and the serving of refreshments, the bride and groom were conveyed to Everett, and after spending a few days in Bedford county among relatives, they will go to Pittsburg, where the groom is an operator in the W. U. telegraph office.

#### WIBLE—MOCK.

Harvey O. Wible and Miss Blanche Mock, both of Knobsville, were married Wednesday evening, June 3, 1908, at the bride's home by Rev. C. H. Bryner of the Methodist church. The young couple are among the best people of the community and have the well wishes of their many friends for their future conjugal happiness.

#### WILKINS—DESHONG.

At the office of the officiating Justice, L. H. Wible, esq., in McConnellsburg, on Tuesday, June 9, 1908, Arthur J. Wilkins, of Breezewood, Bedford county, was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca B. Dishong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dishong, of Belfast township.

#### SOWERS—SOUDEERS.

Miss Bessie Souders and Hays Sowers, both of this county, were married on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the residence of, and by the Rev. A. M. Evers, of Hagerstown, Md.

#### PECK—CLARK.

On Sunday May 31, 1908, at Needmore by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, Isaac Cleveland Peck, son of Isaac Peck, and Miss May Clark, daughter of Allen Clark, were united in marriage.

A. S. Welsh and wife, Chas. H. Welsh, Miss Esther Fuller, and R. O. Johnson—all of Mount Union, drove over to McConnellsburg in Editor Welsh's Jackson automobile last Tuesday morning and went on to Gettysburg. Charlie has been in poor health for a while, and thinks the outing will do him a whole lot of good.

W. Don Morton started his school at Needmore last week with an attendance of nearly fifty students.

## JUNE COURT.

Summary of Proceedings of the Midsummer Term. Brought Very Few People to Town.

Had it not been for the ringing of the Court House bell at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, very few of the citizens of McConnellsburg would have thought about its being court week. The court officers and the few people that had any business assembled, President Judge, S. Mc. Swope and Associate Judge Humbert went on the bench, and the crier announced that court was in session.

In the estate of Mrs. Rachel Hill, late of Bethel township, deceased, commission of Hon. W. Scott Alexander was continued, report to be confirmed, unless exceptions be filed.

In the estate of Samuel Spicer late of Dublin township, deceased, return of sale of real estate confirmed.

Petition of Blair Fohner asking for an appointment of a guardian George H. Mellott appointed, he to give bond in the sum of \$100, same to be approved by the associate judges.

Estate of Joseph A. Shaw, late of Taylor township, deceased. Return of real estate confirmed.

Estate of John G. Stinson, late of Dublin township, deceased. Rules on heirs called, and in default, Court appointed John Henry, trustee, bond to be given in the sum of \$650 to be approved by the associate judges.

Petition of C. B. Stevens guardian of minor child of Martin W. Lake late of Licking Creek township, deceased, asking permission to invest funds of the ward at a rate of interest not less than five per cent. Permission granted.

Petition of Rhoda B., Cora, Russell, and Effie Gordon, minors under 14 years of age for the appointment of a guardian. Dr. W. F. Sappington appointed guardian to give bond in sum of \$200 to be approved by the associate judges.

Estate of Philip S. Ott deceased. Return of sale of real estate confirmed. In the same estate inventory and appraisement filed, and to be approved unless exceptions be filed within ten days.

First and final account of George W. Fisher, administrator of the estate of C. W. Peck, late of Thompson township, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of Lorraine Madden, executor of the last will of Richard Madden, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of Hon. S. L. Buckley, executor in estate of Annie E. Cline, late of Dublin township, deceased, confirmed.

First account of J. F. Kendall, J. H. Johnston, and Charles H. Johnston, executors in the estate of J. Walker Johnston, late of Ayr township, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of J. L. Kesselring, administrator of the estate of W. H. Witter, late of Taylor township, deceased, confirmed.

Account of Hon. Jno. P. Sipes, trustee to sell the real estate of Samuel Spicer, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of Wm. Sigel, executor in the estate of Sophia Peck, late of Thompson township, deceased, confirmed.

Second and final account of Mayo S. Lake, administratrix of the estate of Martin W. Lake, deceased, confirmed.

Account of David M. Kendall, guardian of Ruth Kendall, presented to the Court and the same was confirmed.

Account of W. H. Nelson, esq., guardian of Helen Fore, presented to the Court, and the same was confirmed.

Estate of Mrs. Laura McGehee, late of Burnt Cabins, deceased. Return of sale of real estate confirmed.

Petition of Blanche Gordon, a minor over the age of 14 years, (Continued on page four.)

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

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

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Mel-lott of Sipes Mill were in town on business Monday.

W. R. Palmer and daughter Nellie of Sipes Mill, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Samuel C. Scott and son Walter spent a few days in Chambersburg during the past week.

Miss Flora Shives, of Laurel Ridge spent a few days last week with Mrs. Mary A. Kelley of this place.

Dr. A. K. Davis, of Hustontown, was circulating among his McConnellsburg friends one day last week.

Mrs. R. W. Mellott and babe, and son Master Quay, of Laurel Ridge were in McConnellsburg, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cook, of Taylor township, and their little daughter, Orlena, were among the shoppers in town Tuesday.

Mr. Abraham Wagner of Knobsville, called at the News office on business last Friday morning. Mr. Wagner is enjoying pretty good health again.

Miss Ada Rexroth, returned home last Saturday evening after having completed another term of teaching at Newtown, Bucks county.

Mr. Clarence L. Sipes who is reputed as having one of the prettiest and most up-to-date drug stores in Pittsburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

L. L. Cunningham, of New Grenada who is touring the county assisting Treasurer Stevens collecting taxes, was in town from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

#### WEST DUBLIN.

W. W. Hoover, Walter Taylor, and J. H. Kirk, of Hustontown, spent Sunday afternoon with friends near Fairview.

Ernest Deaver and George Latche, of Williamsport, are spending a few days at the home of Ernest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Deaver.

Jerre and Frank Knepper, of Dublin Mills, attended Children's Day service at Fairview last Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Sipes and daughter, Lily and Mrs. Eliza Hoover, spent Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Sarah Shaw's.

Ned Mellott, of Saluvia, was at J. K. Reeder's on Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Laidig and daughter Verna, of Minersville, spent a few days last week at their farm on the State Road.

Children's Day Service at Fairview on Sunday, June 7, was well attended. Clouds in the morning betokened inclement weather, but as they passed away the day became such as Lowell described when he wrote:

And what is so rare as a day in June?  
Then I'll even some perfect days;  
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,  
And over it wags her soft ear-lays.

The program consisting of songs, exercises, and recitations was well rendered.

The church had been neatly and tastefully decorated.

The collection was liberal. In the absence of the pastor, E. H. Kirk gave the closing address in well-chosen words and good advice to the children.

Ernest Gress Goes to Pittsburg.

Prof. E. M. Gress a former principal of the McConnellsburg High School, and who during the past year has had charge of the department of chemistry and physics in the High School at Steelton, Pa., has declined an offer of increase of salary at Steelton for the ensuing year and accepted a similar position in one of the High Schools in Pittsburg at a salary of \$135 a month. We congratulate Prof. Gress, in this deserved work of advancement.