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TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

John D. H. Davis, Near Harrisonville, Shot Himself Last Saturday Morning.

DESPONDENT FROM ILL. HEALTH.

The many friends of John D. H. Davis, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Licking Creek township, were greatly startled last Saturday upon learning that Mr. Davis had taken his own life that morning.

Mr. Davis was aged about 61 years. In 1895 he was married to Miss Nellie Mumma, a daughter of the late Thomas Mumma, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Davis, with their two children lived happily two miles north of Harrisonville, on what is known as the old Garver farm. Within the last few years, affliction began to fall on Mr. Davis. His sight failed until he was almost blind. Disease fastened itself upon him in such a way as to make him a great sufferer much of the time; and, in spite of the fact that he had been a good Christian man all his life—a class leader in the Methodist church, and an active worker in everything that promoted the welfare of his church and the good of his neighbors—he grew despondent, and possessed of the idea that there was nothing in life worth living for, and often thus expressed himself to his family, yet it never entered their minds that he seriously thought of taking his own life.

Last Saturday morning the rest of the family arose, leaving Mr. Davis in bed. The other members went about their work—Mrs. Davis going into the garden. About eight o'clock, she heard the report of a gun, but thinking it came from the woods, she gave it no further attention, and it was not for nearly half an hour that she went to the house, when upon entering the gate, she was horrified to see her husband lying in the yard in a pool of blood, a short Marlin repeating rifle lying at his side.

Word was immediately sent to the near neighbors, and Dr. McClain was summoned from Hustontown, who in turn summoned the coroner, Dr. Geo. M. Robinson, of McConnellsburg.

Upon viewing the body, the coroner did not feel that the circumstances warranted the empanelling of a jury, and that formality and expense was dispensed with.

The unfortunate man had evidently committed the deed deliberately; for having examined the gun, he made sure that the shells were all right. He then walked into the yard, pushed his shirt up around his neck, placed the muzzle of the gun close to his breast over his heart and fired—the shot entering the apex of the heart and passing out through the body, thus producing practically instantaneous death.

The funeral was held from his home on Sunday. The remains were taken to the Hartman Chapel church at Hustontown, where services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Chue, after which interment was made in the Davis graveyard near Hustontown.

The deceased was a son of the late Hon. A. C. Davis, who represented this county in the Legislature several years ago, and a brother of County Commissioner, W. C. Davis, and of Dr. A. K. Davis, of Hustontown.

WEST DUBLIN.

George Thomas and son Joseph, of McConnellsburg, spent an hour in this place on Sunday. D. A. Laidig has improved his property by building a new kitchen, W. F. Laidig and D. R. Mumma, of Hustontown, did the work. Grant Hoover has nearly recovered from an attack of lymphadenitis.

Ira Lake is helping J. E. Lyon to harvest.

ANOTHER REUNION.

Fulton County People in Ohio Spent Day Pleasantly.

It has been said that Fulton county is a good enough place to be born in, but you do not want to stay there too long after you are born. Whether or not this is true, many people born in Fulton have left their native county and found homes elsewhere. A large colony of Fulton county people live in the Northern part of Ohio, and every year they assemble and have a big dinner, suitable addresses, and a fine time generally. Those present this year were:

Calvin Keefer and wife, A. N. Peck and family, Geo. Garland and family, D. O. Garland and family, F. W. Neikirk and family, D. L. Mason and family, James Funk and family, John Savill and family, Neil Keefer and daughter, Wm. Funk and daughter, Roy Decker and son, Charles Funk and wife, Wm. Weaver and wife, Lewis Lehart and wife, Ross Hixon, Chester Palmer, J. P. Eader, Raymond Peck, Frank Mason, Thomas Wink, Ira Mellott.

Others than Fulton county people who were present on this occasion were:

James Smith, Lewis Westerhouse, Miss Emma Westerhouse, Mrs. Henry Hoppie, Loran Hoppie, Mrs. Daniel Baker, Charles Shawberry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Determan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Determan, Mrs. Wm. Henninger, Mrs. A. L. Henninger, Miss Leah Henninger, Miss Ester Moyer.

F. W. NEIKIRK, Sec'y.

Bryan Sure.

That William Jennings Bryan will be made the nominee of the Democratic Party at the convention to be held at Denver during the week beginning July 6th is now practically certain. He has more than enough delegates pledged now to nominate him on the first ballot, with the unconstructed ones to hear from who will run for shelter as soon as possible. Under the Democratic two-thirds rule it will require almost 700 votes to nominate Mr. Bryan has pledged to him already about 800. It now looks as though his nomination might be made by acclamation, although there are some delegates who declare they will never support him. This does not make any difference as he will not require them.

Teachers Re-elected.

At a meeting of the Borough school board last Saturday evening, the last year's corps of teachers were elected, namely, Prof. Emory Thomas, Principal; Miss Fauna Greathhead, Grammar; Miss Gertrude Hoke, Intermediate, and Miss Nora Fisher, Primary. The salaries are the same as last year; the principal \$55, and the others \$50 each per month.

The term will consist of eight months, beginning September 7th, with a winter vacation running from December 24th to January 4th, and the schools to be closed on Thanksgiving and the Twenty-second of February.

The tax levied for school purposes is 5 mills, and that for building purposes, the same.

Farmers' Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the last Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This Board is composed of the Local Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of County Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Clouser of lower Ayr, were in town doing some shopping Tuesday.

IMMENSE HAY CROP.

"Pennsylvania's Output Will be the Largest Known in Ten Years. Wheat Harvest Heavy."

APPLE YIELD WILL BE GOOD.

Harrisburg, June 21.—"Pennsylvania's hay crop will be the most abundant known in ten years," said Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Martin today in speaking of the crop outlook of this State as indicated by the State crop reports which were sent to him from the agents of the department throughout the State. "From every county there come reports showing that the farmers have large fields in grass and that there has been wonderful growth. This crop is one of the most profitable and I think that it will mean many dollars in the pocket of the farmers."

"Another crop which will be very good this year, despite some discouraging conditions in the Spring, is the apple yield. The snow which froze on the trees and the late frosts caused grave fears for the crop in the western part of the State, but I am happy to say that my reports show that there will be good bearing. Unless all signs fail the Western crop will run considerably ahead of recent years and the farmers will make up for last year's failure. The eastern and southern counties make excellent reports on the apples."

"There are prospects of a magnificent wheat harvest in Pennsylvania, and the corn outlook is fine. The corn is a little late but is growing well, and the farmers report that its germination has been unusual. This is due beyond all doubt to the instruction the Commonwealth has been able to give its great farming community in selection of grains. Most of the farmers now make tests of the seed corn and some of them are very discriminating in their purchases. The wisdom of their precautions is shown by the excellent percentage of grains which sprouted."

Birthday Surprise.

Last Saturday will long be remembered by Mrs. Ezra Peck of near Covatt. In the evening, about a hundred of her neighbors and friends called to remind her that another birthday had arrived. The presents she received were both numerous and useful. Her dining-room table was spread, and each unloaded the presents, until it very much resembled a counter in a dry goods store. Among the gifts was a most beautiful roll arm and back reed rocker, presented by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adlesperger.

The long table was soon spread and Oh! Oh! cakes, beautiful cakes, ice-cream—too good to mention and lemonade a plenty. All ate and drank to their hearts content.

After supper, the old and middle aged sat down and had a good social chat with host and hostess; while out on the threshing floor, the young folks were having a jolly good time to the music of the violin in the hands of competent musicians. About eleven o'clock they all wished Mrs. Peck many more happy birthdays, said "good night" and went home feeling that it was good to be there.

ONE OF THE NUMBER.

Miss Inogene Kidwell, of Everett, spent the time from Saturday until Monday the guest of Miss Bess Irwin, in this place. Miss Kidwell and Miss Irwin were classmates at the C. V. S. N. S., and graduated together. They left Monday morning for Shippensburg to attend the Commencement exercises at the Normal this week, and from there, Miss Bess is going to Altoona to visit her uncle, Will Irwin, and family.

SOLDIERS' REUNION.

To Be Held on The Grounds at J. W. Hoop's on Friday, September 4th. Outline of Arrangements.

At a meeting of the Committee at the residence of J. W. Hoop on the 10th inst., the following arrangements for the holding of the annual reunion of the veterans of Fulton county were made. It was decided that the reunion should be held on the 4th day of September, on the same grounds as last year, namely, those near J. W. Hoop's.

A table will be erected the same as last year, where the soldiers can eat their dinners. The proper committee will be on the grounds on Saturday, August 15th, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of selling out the special privileges for reunion day.

The following committees were appointed:

On Speakers—Rev. S. B. Houston, J. W. Hoop, Dr. W. L. McKibbin.

On Music—D. A. Washbaugh, Geo. A. Comer, C. B. Stevens.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Ayr—S. S. Hann, A. V. B. Souders, J. L. Richards, A. W. Johnston, Jr.

Belfast—J. T. Laley, John Wink, D. P. Deshong, J. W. Lake.

Bethel—John Fisher, J. H. H. Lewis, Wesley Hill, Frank Ranck.

Brush Creek—Amos Hixson, W. H. Walters, G. M. Truax, Ross Walters.

Dublin—John Keebaugh, D. F. Fraiker, S. C. Burkhardt, Chas. McGehee.

Licking Creek—J. W. Hoop, G. W. Decker, C. T. Dixon, H. S. Daniels.

McConnellsburg—T. N. Hamill, D. T. Fields, W. H. Greathead, Mrs. S. M. Cook.

Taylor—M. D. Mathias, A. J. Fraiker, Wm. Miller, Harry Bergstresser.

Thompson—Jacob Hess, David Gordon, Richard Hollenshead, Isaac Culler.

Tod—Henry Wolf, Jacob Clevenger, D. H. Myers, A. L. Wible.

Union—Wm. Lee, Dr. W. L. McKibbin, John C. Parlett.

Wells—S. P. Wishart, A. F. Baker, John Duvall, Amos Edwards.

The Committee of Arrangements in each township is requested to appoint a sub-committee of three ladies from the township to assist them in carrying on the work.

CHARLTON—QUARRY.

At the Lutheran parsonage in Newry, Blair county, by the pastor Rev. C. F. Gephart officiating, Mr. Samuel H. Charlton, of Altoona, and Miss Carrie E. Quarry, of Brooks Mills, near Hollidaysburg, were united in marriage on the 18th inst.

Mr. Charlton has been a contract carpenter in Altoona for several years, and was brought up in Fulton county. The bride has been a successful teacher for four years. She holds a permanent certificate, which indicates a degree of intelligence and accomplishments possessed by this lady of pleasing demeanor. They may reside in Altoona by fall. Their many friends say: "Bon Voyage" on the ocean of life together.

Doctor Chambers.

Yes, that's what you may call our Gaily Chambers raised down in Ayr township; for last Wednesday, when the sheepskins were handed around down at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, there was one of "Doctor of Philosophy" for Gaily Chambers; and it was not a degree by "dispensation"—the "complimentary" kind that you see sometimes. Gaily had delivered the goods—the course of study that entitled him to this mark of distinction. Congratulations, Gaily! Fulton County is proud of her boys that do things.

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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

WILMER C. SOUDERS.

At three o'clock last Monday morning, Wilmer C., son of Wilson and Susan Gingery Souders, died at their home near Jugtown in Ayr township, aged 12 years, 5 months, and 21 days. Funeral Tuesday morning, services being conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church, McConnellsburg and interment in the Union cemetery.

The primary cause of Wilmer's death was appendicitis, and while Dr. Mosser was doing everything that could be done to overcome the attack of that much to be dreaded disease, Dr. Greenawalt was brought over from Chambersburg in consultation but all to no avail. Keenly alive to the fact that he would not recover, Wilmer did not shrink from the thought of death, and when asked if he was ready to die replied quietly, "I have always been ready."

While it is a crushing blow to the parents, it should be most comforting to them to feel that their son is now safe at home with the Father "in whose house are many mansions."

MRS. ELIZABETH HULL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hull, widow of the late Harrison Hull, died at the home of her nephew, George W. Sipes, in Haysville, Ohio, June 12, 1908, aged 78 years. The funeral took place June 14th, and interment was made in Haysville cemetery. Mrs. Hull was born in Belfast township, Fulton county, Pa., and was a daughter of Obadiah and Amy Mellott. She married Harrison Hull and went to housekeeping in Belfast township about 39 years ago, then moved to Ohio, where they lived until the death of Mr. Hull. She still kept house until about two years ago, when she came back to Fulton to renew old friends and acquaintances, she spent almost a year with friends here and then returned to Ohio, and had been in poor health up to the time of her death. She is survived by three brothers and one sister, namely, Baltzer W. Mellott, of Belfast township; Joseph F. Mellott, of Tulare, South Dakota; W. W. Mellott, of Salina, Kansas; and Mrs. Mary M. Stover, of Shelby, Ohio; also by three children living—J. D. Hull, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; and two daughters, Mrs. Kate Young and Mrs. Amy Jackson. Mrs. Hull was highly respected by all who knew her, making friends everywhere she went.

END.

Mr. James Edwards and family of Osceola Mills are spending some time with relatives in the Valley.

Ex-Commissioner Cunningham expects to raise his barn in a few days.

Marjan C. Edwards, who has been a student at the Millerville State Normal School, is spending her vacation at her home in this place.

Mrs. Bess Niccols nee Sipe, of North Dakota, is visiting her sister Mrs. N. S. Edwards and other relatives in the Valley.

Mrs. Catharine Lockard and Mrs. Catharine Tice still continue poorly.

John M. Schenck had the banner crop of strawberries. He sold over twenty-five hundred baskets or quarts.

From the appearance of the grain fields now, harvest will soon be here.

Della Foster spent a few days last week at Round Knob and Findlayville.

E. W. McClain had the misfortune to lose a horse and a cow last week. He found the cow dead in the field.

ECLIPSE OF SUN.

It Will Be Visible in This County Next Sunday Morning.

An annular eclipse of the sun will occur next Sunday and will be visible here and in fact all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America. The eclipse will begin at 9:27 o'clock in the morning and end at 12:47 o'clock.

The path of the annular eclipse passes over Mexico City, Tampa, Fla., and the Bermudas, thence crosses the Atlantic and terminates in Western Africa. The duration of the entire eclipse is a little over six hours and of the annular eclipse three hours and fifty minutes.

The first eclipse of the sun occurred this year on January 3. It was a total eclipse and was not visible in this part of the country. On December 23 there will be a central eclipse of the sun, but it is invisible in North America.

NEEDMORE.

Our Summer Normal has been in progress for two weeks, and is going nicely with a daily attendance of forty-five. The following townships are represented:—Belfast, Brush Creek, Licking Creek, Taylor, Wells, Todd, Union, Bethel, Thompson, and Bedford County. The names of the students in attendance are:—

Retha Mellott, Katherine Kirk, M. D. Funk, Elmer Hill, Oscar C. Garland, Blair Garland, Floyd Hart, A. W. Spade, V. H. Akers, Chester Spade, Walter Palmer, Earl Schenk, Lewis Stahl, Sherman Bernherd, Eva Bedford, Esta Hart, Belva Akers, Cora Hull, Opal Sharpe, Pearl Hill, Joanne Mcrton, Dotte Deshong, Ella Barton, Maude Mellott, Ethel Peck, Altie Hill, Jessie Truax, Lucy Myers, Pearl Moore, Maude Strait, Edith Sipes, Katharyn Yonker, Blanche Smith, Thurman Sharpe, Lydia Mills, Otte Hill, Webster Mellott, Carrie Hill, Esther Peck, Thomas Truax, Harvey Hill, Ida Lake, Nelie Morton, Admiral Smith, Tolbert Shank.

On Friday evening last, the quietness of our village was disturbed by great cheering. Upon inquiry, it was discovered that the students were helping Prof. Morton to celebrate another anniversary. The boys say that for once they had him "up in the air."

The Children's Day services of the Needmore Sunday School, June 21st, was largely attended and was a success in every detail. Much credit is due Mrs. Dr. Palmer for her untiring efforts in behalf of the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little, of McConnellsburg, spent Sunday with Rev. T. P. Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Runyan, of McConnellsburg, were visiting the former's parents who have been in ill health for some time past.

Prof. Palmer left last Tuesday to visit friends in the western part of the State.

Two of the Township's old teachers who have been absent for a number of years, returned a few days ago for a visit to their former home. Being in ill health as the writer supposes, they wandered toward the office of a former physician; but upon arriving at the door, they were met by two of Eve's fair daughters, who being kindly disposed, took them in where they spent a pleasant evening with the exception of a little water being administered in more profuse quantities than one cares to admit. Boys, return the cup.

There was great excitement in our town last Monday morning, when the teacher of the Summer Normal did not appear for work as usual. The busy whisper circled round that he had gone to commit matrimonial suicide. We are, as yet, unable to assert the veracity of this report.

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.

Mr. J. W. Gibson and daughter Zola, of Wells Valley, made a trip to McConnellsburg, Tuesday.

Cashier W. H. Nelson, of the Fulton County Bank, made a trip to Chambersburg on business Monday.

Our veteran friend A. V. B. Souders, spent a few hours in town Tuesday, and paid his respects to the News office.

Mrs. J. G. Alexander and Mrs. R. N. Shimer visited among friends in Thompson township, from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Logan Sloan and their little daughter Elizabeth and baby son John Reed arrived here Tuesday for a few weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Ed. Grissinger, of this place, spent a couple of days last week with the family of her brother-in-law Samuel Glass, of Chambersburg.

Miss Fannie Kendall left for Philadelphia Tuesday morning where she went to visit her sister Ella and other friends and relatives there.

Miss Edith Kendall, who had been spending several weeks with friends in Harrisburg and Red Lion, Pa., returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. Leslie Snyder and family, of Chambersburg, spent the time from Friday until Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rummel, of this place.

Dr. R. B. Campbell, one of New Grenada's square men was in town over night last week. The Doctor has a lot of warm friends about the county capital.

Mrs. S. M. Cook is spending this week attending the commencement exercises at the Scotland Industrial School, and visiting friends in Chambersburg.

Mrs. A. J. Crooks, of Warnock, O., better known among her many McConnellsburg friends as Mary Grove, is visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Grove, of West Water street. Mrs. Grove who has been in poor health for a long time, has not been so well for a few weeks.

Miss Jess Henry, of Clear Ridge, returned from the Shippensburg State Normal last Thursday, and spent from that time until Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. G. B. Eivey, of this place. During her stay here she had the pleasure of visiting the McConnellsburg Normal, and joining the students in their picnic at Buchanan's Birthplace last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reisner left last Saturday morning for New Haven, Conn., to be present at the Commencement exercises at Yale College, in which institution they have two sons, Edward and John as students—Edward graduating this week. Mrs. Reisner has been in poor health for some time, and it is hoped that this trip may prove beneficial to her.

Miss Sarah Michaels, who for several years has been the very efficient teacher of the Primary school in Everett, was a guest in the family of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays several days. On Monday morning she and her sister Mrs. Hays left for Shippensburg to be present at the Commencement exercises at the Cumberland Valley state normal school, from which institution two of Mrs. Hays' daughters—Ethel Alice—are graduating. From Shippensburg Miss Michaels will go on to Woodmont, Conn., to visit her niece, Mrs. Norman Metcalf. She received notice while here of her re-election to her old position in Everett for another year.