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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.

MRS. J. CAL FOSTER.

Mrs. Mary A. Foster, wife of Constable J. Cal Foster, of Wells Valley, died suddenly last Friday morning at the home of her son Cook at Finleyville, a small mining town up on Broadtop. Her remains were taken to her home in the Valley Friday afternoon, and the funeral took place Sunday forenoon, services being conducted by Rev. Strayer, and interment was made in the cemetery at the U. B. church.

On Wednesday Mrs. Foster went to the home of her son Cook, for a little visit, and on Friday morning arose in her accustomed health. Shortly after breakfast she took a fainting spell which would have fallen had she not been caught by her son, and in a few minutes later she was dead.

Mollie, as she was more familiarly known, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, and was born in Dublin township April 30, 1854, and was aged 54 years, 3 months, and 1 day. She was married to J. Cal Foster on the 26th of January, 1875, and to this union were born 3 sons and 2 daughters—Lum, the oldest son, died several years ago; Cook, married to Maggie Stunkard, resides at Finleyville, and Maude (now Chamberlain), Della and Samuel—all live at home.

Mollie was one of those endearing souls beloved by everybody—kind, mild, motherly and affectionate to all about her. She will be sadly missed in the community, and especially in the church, to which she had been a most devoted member for thirty-eight years. The large number of sorrowing friends who attended her funeral, attest the esteem in which she was held in the community in which she had lived so long.

EMMA WOLF.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Emma Wolf, better known as Em Spriggs, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Spriggs, at the foot of the Ridge, west of town. Her funeral took place at 6 o'clock, Monday evening, and the services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church. Interment was made in the family burying ground on the home premises. Her age was about 34 years. Emma was a colored woman, of amiable disposition, and possessed the physical strength and intelligence that made her services sought continually in homes where faithful domestic help was needed. Many a good housewife in McConnellsburg will miss her services when housecleaning time comes.

TRUAX ROW.

Mr. Ferguson Barton and children of Warfordsburg were visiting relatives near Pleasant Grove. Mr. P. S. Deshong and two daughters of Pleasant Ridge spent Sunday with Samuel Truax and family.

Mrs. Denton Peck and daughter Letitia were visiting at Job Truax's Sunday.

Miss Mae Peck of Hancock, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peck.

Mrs. Sarah E. Deshong of Pleasant Ridge is visiting her daughter Mrs. Samuel Truax.

Mr. Russel Truax and lady friends Miss Clyde Smith attended Camp meeting near Cito Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Church and Jennie Truax spent Sunday evening with Miss Bertha Truax.

Miss Olive Peck, of Needmore, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Ethel Peck.

Mr. Samuel Truax is the happiest man in the row. As twin girls came to live with him.

Mr. Amos Plessinger lost a valuable horse.

## THE MONTHS DEVELOPMENT.

In Sunday School Work in This County as Reported by the Field Secretary.

During July the following departments have been organized: Cradle Roll, Department.—Mrs. J. J. Palmer, Needmore, Superintendent. Mays Chapel, Christian—Bethel District; Eoid, United Brethren—Wells District. Home Department.—Mrs. C. B. Stevens, McConnellsburg, Superintendent. Mays Chapel, Christian—Bethel District; Eoid, United Brethren—Wells District. Teacher Training Department.—Prof. H. M. Griffith, Wells Tannery, Superintendent. Ebenezer, M. E.—Belfast District.

It is encouraging to note that some of our schools with the fewest workers and smallest funds are taking up the forward movement. Look out for them in the Banner list. They are sure to make it, and before many months have passed.

The large standard cards will soon be ready to hang in your Sunday School room. See that a Banner Certificate takes its place before January 1, 1909.

We are putting forth every effort to become a Front Line county before September first. We yet need eight cradle rolls and three home departments.

Where are the people who, down at Warfordsburg promised to organize these departments in their schools? Don't wait till the summer-work on the farm is over; that will be too late to make our County Front Line before the convention at Shamokin. Do it now.

MAUDE E. BAUMGARDNER, Field Secretary.

## WOODEN WEDDING AND SURPRISE PARTY.

Wednesday, July 29th, a number of friends gathered at the Harrisonville M. E. parsonage to help their pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McGarvey, celebrate their wooden wedding. It was a great surprise to Mrs. McGarvey when her friends arrived bearing baskets and boxes filled with good things to eat. At high noon, a sumptuous dinner was served to about forty guests. Mrs. Sadie Sipes had a special ear of corn for dinner, and, of course, it was the largest ear on the table. Misses Della Decker and Ethel Schooley, thinking they wouldn't get their share of roasting ears, took the dish from the table before the preacher got enough; but, in order to be even with the girls, he slipped back to the table and ate half of a pie, and still wasn't satisfied, and went back into the pantry and ate half of a cake, which proved to be the cake Mrs. McGarvey had baked for company.

Mrs. McGarvey received a number of very beautiful presents.

Mrs. Stella Hollinshead and Mrs. Fanny Mumma came near getting left at the last table; so they placed a board across a chair, and sat on each end of it; but Mrs. Mumma seemed to eat the most, as the board went down on her side, baptizing Mrs. Hollinshead with the contents of a cup Mrs. Mumma was holding at the time. Everybody seemed to have an enjoyable time, and departed, wishing their pastor and wife many more such happy anniversaries.

The following persons were present: Rev. and Mrs. McGarvey and son Albert, Mrs. Mary Deshong, Mrs. Clara Decker and daughter Della, Mrs. Katie Schooley and daughter Ethel, Mrs. Bertha Pix and sons Robert, Orlan and Russel; Miss Sallie Hoop, Mrs. Sadie Sipes and son Glenn, Mrs. Fanny Mumma and daughter Julia, Mrs. Beckie Batdorf and son Edward, Mrs. Elsie Sipes and daughter Myrtle, and sons Wilber and Emil; Mrs. Hatie Sipes and daughters Carrie and Clara, Mrs. Stella Hollinshead and daughter Lena, Mrs. Baltzer Cutchall and daughters Pearl and Alice, Mrs. Elizabeth McClure and daughter, Orzella.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

## CUT HIS THROAT.

Thomas Lawson, Near Mercersburg, Took His Own Life Last Sunday Afternoon.

Thomas Lawson, a farmer living in the Corner near Mercersburg, committed suicide last Sunday afternoon or evening by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Lawson was aged about 60 years and was unmarried. No motive for the crime is known. It is believed however, that he had contemplated ending his life for some time, as in his effects were found a memorandum containing arrangements for his funeral and names of pall bearers.

On Sunday morning he made an attempt to take his life by taking an overdose of laudanum, but this did not prove fatal. Later in the day he left his home and went out. In the evening about bedtime his nephew became alarmed about him and seemed to think something was wrong. He first made a search for the razor used by Lawson, and when he could not find it, in company with Clem Rhodes, started in search of the missing man. They found him along a line fence, not far distant from his home with a gash in his throat from ear to ear and three more cuts on his left arm. While it is not believed that the man was insane, for some time he had been rather despondent and it is said talked of ending his life, though his friends did not believe that he intended it.

## Play Ball.

Nearly every week during the base ball season we are obliged to consign to the waste basket lengthy write-ups of base ball games. We do not do this that we are opposed to the popular game, for no one enjoys a good game of ball more than the editor. But the trouble is, that a game is played or attempted to be played, and a fuss is kicked up, and then both sides frequently write the game up—each from his respective stand point giving the other side Hall Columbia, and want the thing aired through the newspapers. This is not a good thing. In the first place, the general public is not interested in these little scraps, and secondly, if they were published, it would not be likely to make the contesting teams better friends. The player who cannot go on the field and play a fair game—even though his side is losing the game—is not worthy of a place at the bat. The player who will cheat in a ball game will cheat in any transaction outside of a ball game. In engaging in a contest, select as umpire a man who understands the game, and who will render decisions in all fairness, as he understands the circumstances, and then has the backbone to stand by his decisions. Then, it is the duty of every player to stand by the decisions of the umpire, and not undertake to run him. If the umpire should happen to be weak or dishonest, the spectators will find him out more quickly than even the players, and what he will get from them will be a plenty.

Play ball, boys, but don't scrap.

## Golden Wedding.

There was a brilliant gathering on Wednesday July 22d at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Souders of Timber Ridge, the occasion being the celebration of their golden wedding. The day was spent most enjoyably by all. The young people present indulged in social conversation, songs and games.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Souders' children were present except Mrs. Arthur Willet and Mrs. John L. Moudy, who were absent on account of sickness, and Messrs. George and John Souders, who could not attend on account of urgent business.

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## CALIFORNIA LETTER.

Written by Mrs. Belle Markley, Formerly of Wells Valley, to Her Brother James.

I have thought so often since I came to California that I would write and tell you about the country as I saw it from the car window, or try to tell you something about it. I left Altoona at 11 p. m. the 21st of October. We passed Columbus, Ohio, just after daylight on Tuesday morning. It was a nice clear day, and I enjoyed it so much. There are many nice homes just west of Columbus—no mountains, but lots of lumber. At 10:30 we passed through Bradford, a lovely place, the buildings not high, out large, and a good distance apart, and so many nice shade trees around the buildings. From Union City on through Indiana, the country is fine, seemingly as level as a floor, and corn as far as I could see—hundreds of acres of it. Hartford City is a beautiful place, 176 miles from Chicago. I reached Chicago at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, and left there three hours later. When I got awake on Wednesday morning all I could see was corn, corn—miles of it, and a cattle ranch now and then. We were in Iowa—fences low and looked like smooth wire. At 10 o'clock we passed Boone, Iowa. We crossed the Des Moines river. The bridge is so long and high—length of bridge 2,655 feet and 185 feet high, 5,600 tons of steel used in building it. The river was low when I crossed it. At 10:30, we passed Ogden, Iowa. From there to Grand Junction, the country is fine—such nice farming lands. The farmers use the sulky plows and the ground looked so mellow—not like Pennsylvania, but not many apple orchards like we have in Pennsylvania. I think Iowa was the nicest state I came through. At Fremont, large grain elevators. I saw several after leaving Omaha. Thursday morning, 9:30, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. I came through nearly all of Nebraska at night. The Bluffs are covered with shorts scrubby pines. At noon we were passing through a great hay country. They were baling it. At 3 o'clock, Thursday, we passed Laramie two hours late. Then we came to the snow brakes. They are something like a board fence about ten feet high, but in a leaning position—sometimes three or four, fifty yards apart, and half a mile long. They are to break the snow from drifting on the railroad. We were several hours passing the snow-brakes.

Friday, at 8 o'clock, we reached Ogden, Utah. The city looked grand on toward the lake. The ground seemed to be covered with a dry salt crust. The bridge over Salt Lake is six miles long, just a few feet above the water. Before we got across, they stopped the train to give the passengers a chance to see the lake. I stood on the end of the car crossing. I thought it was grand. After we left the lake for 25 miles it was the dry salt crust, and at 65 miles from the lake was just a low sage brush ten or fifteen inches high, and the dry crust ash color. We reached Moulton at 2 o'clock. From there to Carlin, sage brush and Buffalo grass, horse and sheep ranches. From Carlin, on across the Sierra Nevada mountains, is a lonely, dangerous place. At 3 o'clock on Saturday we were on top of the Sierra Nevada mountains—snow on the top rocks. There are twelve miles of snow sheds. They cover two tracks and overhead. In winter there are as much as 30 feet of snow—makes it like a tunnel. The sheds keep the smoke of the engines in and makes it very disagreeable. There are seven tunnels—the long east one three quarters of a mile. It was dark before we were over the mountains. We passed Sac-

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## CHANGE IN POSTAL ROUTE.

Gives Much Better Mail Facilities for New Grenada. Goes into Effect Next Monday.

The Postoffice Department at Washington, has recognized the need of a change in mail service at New Grenada, and have ordered that after next Monday, the carrier from Saluvia shall go on from Waterfall to New Grenada, and thus give the latter place direct communication with the County Seat. A letter mailed at New Grenada so as to leave that place at 12:10 o'clock noon, will reach McConnellsburg about 8 o'clock the same evening. And mail leaving McConnellsburg at 3 o'clock p. m., will reach New Grenada at 11:30 next forenoon. Our readers will recall an article in the News a few weeks ago about the condition of the mail service at New Grenada, and Mr. L. L. Cunningham sent a marked copy of the News to the Department, and accompanied the same with a letter of explanation, when the matter was immediately taken up with the result above stated. Uncle Sam will do the right thing, if he has a fair show. Our esteemed Uncle has just one job to do yet in Fulton county, and that is, to make good the rotten service between Mercersburg and McConnellsburg. If the old gentleman fully realized the fact that all our letter and newspaper mail came to Mercersburg at 8 o'clock in the morning, and did not reach McConnellsburg until 2 o'clock in the afternoon—taking six hours to convey the mail ten miles, he would get busy and have our mail here by 10:30 a. m. at most.

## NEW GRENADA.

Ruth Cunningham is visiting friends in Mount Union.

Prof. E. M. Gress and father from Dane, visited Harry Gaster's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galbreath, of South Fork, are visiting Frank Thomas' and Grandmother Duval's.

Jennie Bridenstine and children, of Plumville, Pa., who were visiting friends through the Valley, left on Friday.

Alice McClain, of Edgewood Park, Pa., and Vaughn, her son, of Williamson Industrial School, are home spending their vacation, both look well and hearty.

Queen Houck and Edith Snaffer, spent Sunday with Oscar Houck's in the Valley.

Geo. Bohinger, of Clay township, Huntington county, informs us that in harvest on his farm he found a land turtle, and looking it over carefully, found Uncle Lewis Bergstresser's initials carved on shell, in year, 1867.

Ritner Black and Robert M. Early—both teachers from Wells, were elected teachers on Friday evening to Primary and Advanced schools in Robertsdale, Pa.

Frank Pogue, of Pogue, Pa., Florence Neal, of Altoona; Ellis Neal of Orbisonia, and Charlotte Wall of Manor Hill, visited friends here last Sunday.

Susan McClain, of Robertsdale, visited friends here last Sunday. The game of base ball between New Grenada and Saltillo teams, was a very interesting quiet game, resulting in score of 5 and 6 in favor of Saltillo, on Saltillo grounds.

Mrs. Harry Gaster is spending this week with her parents near Bethlehem church.

L. H. Wible, Esq., of McConnellsburg, stopped over night in our village last week.

## LADIES.

Mrs. Margaret Stevens spent Sunday at W. L. Stevens.

Hiram Ladig and family spent Sunday afternoon at Daniel Ladig.

James Foreman and wife attended meeting at the Sideling Hill Baptist church on Sunday.

Andrew Ladig spent Sunday at home.

## STRAW-RIDE.

Party of McConnellsburg Young Folks Had a Very Enjoyable Time Monday Evening.

On Monday afternoon, while the thermometer registered 90 deg. Fahr., twelve young people of this city, owing to the heat, became sort of mentally deranged, and while in this condition, decided to take a straw-ride to Fort Littleton. The road was very smooth, and the ride was very much like "Bumping the Bumps" at Coney Island; but from latest bulletins there are no dying or injured. At the hotel they enjoyed a very pleasant meal, but the supper was marred by their chaperons becoming lost while on a stroll, and when they were found they had wandered to 52nd St. The ride home was delightful and the evening seemed to have been made to order.

Those in the party were: Maria Dickson Alexander, Samuel Max Irwin, Josephine Runyan, Jane McElway, Russell Runyan, Alice Hays, Mabel Trout, Walter Reed Sloan, Annie Reiser, Harry Moore Johnston, Hatie Sloan and John Spangler.

## Recent Weddings.

GEINGER—HEBNER.

On Wednesday July 22nd Chas. Geinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Geinger of Buck Valley, and Miss Jessie Hebner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hebner of the same place, were married at Berkeley Springs, W. Va. They are two of Union township's most promising young people and their many friends join in wishing them a happy married life.

HANN—BARBER.

On Monday evening of last week at the residence of the officiating Justice of the Peace, O. E. Hann, Chester Hann and Myrtle Barber were united in marriage. These young people reside in Licking Creek township, the groom being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hann and the bride the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Barber.

## Fulton County Teachers.

Beginning with Monday of last week the directors of the school districts in this county, in the order given below, have selected teachers for the ensuing school year. The length of the term outside the borough of McConnellsburg, is seven months. Teachers holding provisional certificates get \$40 a month, and all others, \$50. Following is a list of the teachers elected and the schools they will teach:

Tod—Summers, Mary Ott; McGovern, C. C. Rotz; Knobsville, Blanche O. Peck; Woodburn, Amos Peightel; Scott's, Nellie Barmont.

Dublin—Burnt Cabins, Nellie Harris; Fort Littleton, A. E. Deshong; Mud Level, Jessie Hepry; Clear Ridge, L. P. Morton; Chesnut's, Ethel Naugle; Battle Ridge, Lillian Fleming; Glunt's, Elsie Baker.

Taylor—No. 1, Myrtle Stevens; No. 2, D. K. Chesnut; No. 3, Zanna Ladig; No. 4, Russel Gracey; No. 5, H. P. Barton; No. 6, W. H. Rank; No. 7, W. G. Wink, No. 8; Boss Fields.

Wells—Wells Tannery, Advanced, Frank Guillard; Primary, Lillian Burkett; High School, Prof. Morgan, of Lackawanna county; Eoid, Murrill Foreman; New Grenada, Grace Lodge.

Licking Creek—Harrisonville, Maude Deshong; Vallance, Raleigh Lawyer; Saluvia, H. O. Wible; Forest Dale, V. L. Hollenshead; Siloam, Margaret Daniels; Compulsion, Catharine Hoop; Shane's, Mary Mellott; Daniels', C. W. Mellott.

## Arm Broken.

On Tuesday of last week while Mrs. Wilber Grissinger and her little son Carl were visiting the family of Mr. Delmar McCune, in Mercersburg, Carl while playing around the porch slipped and fell breaking his right arm.

## 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.

Geo. W. Clevenger, of Hustontown, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Judge Mortor.

Mr. Merrill Nace, of this place, rode to Chambersburg and back on Sunday on his motorcycle.

Mrs. W. B. Barton and son Will of Baltimore spent the last ten days visiting in the family of Mr. Frank Mason.

Mrs. Thomas Clyde and little daughter Helen, of Philadelphia, are visiting the former's brother and sisters in the Cove.

Prof. W. Don Morton left Tuesday to visit various places of interest in the West, prior to beginning his school work in September.

Miss Jennie Scheidelman who has been living in Pittsburg, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scheidelman near Knobsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaz Runyan, of Needmore, spent a day or two last week in the home of their son, John B. Runyan, in this place.

Anderson Mellott and Hayes Morgret, two of Belfast township's representative citizens, spent a few hours at the County Seat, Tuesday.

J. P. Wible, of Maddensville, and J. M. Anderson, of Three Springs, spent Tuesday night in town and were pleasant callers at the News office.

Mr. R. F. Trotter, who had been visiting Professors Palmer and Morton during the past two weeks, returned to his home at Salix, Pa., Tuesday.

Miss Augusta L. Robinson who has been spending several weeks at the Washington House in this place left for her home in Philadelphia on Monday last.

Miss Marguerite Fendrick, of Mercersburg, returned to her home yesterday after spending a week with Miss Maria Dickson Alexander, of this place.

Rev. W. M. Hann, of Clarington, Pa., is spending his summer vacation, among his Fulton county friends. Mrs. Hann has been here for several weeks.

Mrs. Emma Kendall Henderson, and four children, of Richmond, Kansas, are visiting in the home of Emma's mother, Mrs. Margaret Kendall, in the Cove.

Miss Maye McEldowney, of Hagerstown, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. A. McEldowney, near Gem. Maye and her sister Edith spent a few hours in town on Tuesday.

J. J. Patterson and wife, the latter of whom will be better known among many of her Fulton county friends as Fannie Cromer, are visiting relatives, in Fort Littleton. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson live in Pitcairn, Pa., and Mr. Patterson is a freight conductor on the P. R. R.

## Constitutional Amendments.

By reference to the fourth page of this issue, will be found the proposed amendments to the State Constitution. These amendments will be submitted to the voters of this commonwealth each week until the November election, and should be read carefully by every voter, and carefully considered. At the election in November every voter will have an opportunity to say by his ballot whether, in his opinion, the amendments are good or not. Both the constitution as it now stands, and the constitution as it will appear, if amended, are given, so that in reading it, you will see just what change will be made. The change with reference to the manner and time of holding elections, should be of especial interest, as it would be a great saving of expense to the county.