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## FAST DECREASING.

The Ranks of the Veterans of the Civil War Diminishing with Increasing Rapidity.

AVERAGE AGE NOW 63 YEARS.

The constant "dropping off" of the "old soldiers" calls attention to the fact that but few years will elapse until the last summons will be answered.

The Old Guard is dying off at the rate of 90 a day; but the death losses for each month is often higher. In 1906, Grand Army survivors died to the number of 29,208 and in 1907 the loss was 31,201; for the year that closes June 1, 1908, the death rate will be unquestionably between 35,000 and 37,000, if not higher. For the old soldiers of the Republic now have reached the average age of 63. At that rate, the deaths will come faster and faster still; and within ten years the noble army will be but a memory.

Had the soldiers of the Civil War not been mere lads in their teens, the Grand Army would long ere this have perished from the earth. But the Union was saved literally by boys,—boys in their teens, and many had not even reached their teens.

Startling as this statement seems, it is indubitably borne out by the official records.

There were 2,778,309 enlistments, as follows:

At age of 10 and under...	25
At age of 12 and under...	225
At age of 14 and under...	1,523
At age of 16 and under...	844,891
At age of 18 and under...	1,151,438
At age of 21 and under...	2,159,798
At age of 22 and over...	618,511

Adding the number under 21 and over 22,—that is 2,159,798 and 618,511,—the total enrollment was 2,778,309.

But there are some very old men in the Grand Army of the Republic; and that is all the more reason why the death losses will be exceedingly high in the years at hand. There will come a time when the last call will be responded to each month by no less than 5,000 of the brave heroes of '61, for already that figure has been touched by one-half and over, and is growing with alarming rapidity.

Never before in the world's history before our day, was a nation saved by youths in their teens. In the stirring years of Father Abraham, these boys came forward by the tens of thousands, in response to the call to arms.

War expenditures reached \$6,000,000,000.

During the war, 67,000 were killed in battle.

The records also show that 43,012 died of wounds.

Disease claimed 224,586.

And 24,872 perished from other causes.

There were 280,000 wounded in battle.

Between all these dread disasters, it is a wonder that even a remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic survives; and it should ever be the pride and pleasure of the American Republic to remember the debt owed to the boys of '61.

## Odd Fellows Picnic.

Waterfall Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 773, of New Grenada, will hold a Basket Picnic on the old Camp Ground in Foster's woods, in Wells Valley on Saturday, Sept. 12, 1908. Hon. John P. Sipes, of McConnellsburg, Pa., and Prof. J. G. Dell, Superintendent of Schools, of Huntington county, and others will be speakers of the day.

Salt Hill Cornet Band will furnish the music. A game of baseball also will be played by the home team and some visiting team. Everybody invited. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are expected to be present and bring your parade badges along. Procession forms at 9:30 a. m. Come one, come all.

## POST CARDS MUST BE RIGHT.

If Address is Wrong They Cannot Go Through Mail.

If the people generally knew the trouble some of the post cards cause the post office officials they would not try to send cards except by rule. Just now post cards enclosed in transparent envelopes cause the most trouble. Some of these envelopes are so arranged they have stamps and all inside. These can not go according to the rules of the office because the stamps cannot be canceled. Others have holes cut so that the stamps can be cancelled but these are not according to Hoyle so do not reach their destination. In postoffice parlance an envelope is an envelope, transparent or not does not count. The address and the stamp must be on the outside.

## WEST DUBLIN.

Rev. Cline preached a good sermon to an attentive congregation at Fairview on Sunday forenoon from the text—"Come thou and all thy house into the ark."

Harrison Hoover and his mother, Mrs. Eliza Hoover, spent a few days last week with friends in McConnellsburg, and near Dane.

Mrs. Susan King has returned from Altoona, where she had been with the family of her son, Albert F. King. Her sister, Mrs. John Ripple, of Shirleysburg, came with her, and returned to Shirleysburg on Tuesday.

The Ladwig baseball team gained a victory over the End team at Gracey last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Miller, of Dane, spent part of Sunday with relatives here.

Realizing that the telephone is a good thing, more of our people are getting phones.

Our farmers are getting lime and phosphate, preparatory to seeding.

Three Head-Marks for Knobsville.

Having a picnic on Saturday, the baseball team thought they would entertain the people a part of the day by baseball games. The first game was called at 9:30 o'clock, between the first and second teams of Knobsville. The first team thought they would get a little practice for games later in the day. They played a seven inning game, which ended with a score of 17 to 12, in favor of the second team.

The second game was called at 1:30, between Knobsville and Pleasant Ridge. The Knobsville team had Pat Fisher, of McConnellsburg, for pitcher. This was a seven inning game, and ended with a score of 29 to 1, in favor of Knobsville. The Pleasant Ridge team consists of a gentlemanly set of players, who played an honest game.

The third game was called at 3 o'clock, between Knobsville and a team composed of players from the McConnellsburg and Dane teams, which had John Spangler for their pitcher, and Knobsville had Fisher Bennett, of Harrisburg, for pitcher. Mr. Bennett played a fine game at the bat, which was the most exciting feature of the day. He knocked one home run, three three-baggers, and four two-baggers, scoring runs each time. This game ended with a score of 11 to 6, in favor of Knobsville. Line-up was—

Dane.	Knobsville.
Spangler	p. Bennett
Wa rner	c. Campbell
Scheidtman	1b. Fisher
Connelly, C.	2b. Kelso, B.
Fisher	3b. Gunnels
Wible, H.	rf. Diers
Peightel	cf. Kelso, S.
Connelly, B.	lf. Kerlin
Wible, R.	ss. Fore

The fourth game was a five inning game between Knobsville's second team and Pleasant Ridge, which ended with a score 8 to 4, in favor of Knobsville.

Umpires—Spangler, Glunt, and Fox.

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## LEAVES McCONNELLSBURG.

After a Residence of Seventy-six Years in Fulton County, Dr. H. S. Wishart Removes to Cambria, and will Reside in Johnstown.

Dr. H. S. Wishart, one of the best known men in this county, left McConnellsburg Tuesday morning for Johnstown, Pa., where he expects to have his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Fockler, of that city.

Dr. Wishart was born in Wells Valley, this county, in 1832, and reared to manhood on the old Wishart homestead. Just before the breaking out of the Civil War, he entered upon the study of medicine, but when Lincoln called for men to come and help put down the rebellion, he in 1861 dropped his books and went to the front, remaining in the service until 1863, and serving as captain of Company F, 77th Regiment, P. V. Coming home from the army, he returned to the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution in 1864, receiving the degree of M. D. Shortly thereafter, he located at Harrisville, and for thirty-six years, he enjoyed a large practice. But, with advancing years, he found the field becoming too laborious, and he removed to McConnellsburg, returning from active work in his profession, and, together with his estimable wife, their children having flown from the home nest and gone out into the world for themselves, he was passing his declining days most pleasantly. But a change came. Last March death claimed Mrs. Wishart, while she and the Doctor were spending a few months with their daughter Mrs. Fockler, at Johnstown. This meant the breaking up of the home, and several weeks ago, he with his daughter, came to McConnellsburg, and last Saturday, at public sale, went the most of the household goods that had contributed to the comfort of the occupants of the home for so many years.

The Doctor's many friends regret that circumstances are such as to take him away from the County, but when he returns, as we hope he may frequently, he will find the glad hand extended.

Dr. Wishart has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, and has served as school director, postmaster, chairman of the Democratic county committee, delegate to the State convention, he represented his district in the legislature two terms, and filled the office of Burgess, of the borough of McConnellsburg three years.

Mrs. B. C. Dawney and daughter of Philadelphia are spending the week with Harry Dawney and family.

David Cutchall and wife of Petersburg are visiting the former's parents at this place.

The Educational meeting held in this place on Monday was well attended and questions ably discussed by the teachers and Superintendent.

Mrs. Jesse McClain and two daughters of Huntington are spending some time with Dr. McClain and wife.

Miss May Barton has returned to her school work in Kittanning, after spending her vacation with her parents of this place.

Mrs. H. Karper of Chambersburg is spending the week visiting friends in and around this community.

S. L. Buckley and Miss Annie of Fort Littleton were in our town on Sunday afternoon for a short time.

W. R. Evans and family spent Sunday with relatives in Three Springs.

The local baseball team defeated McConnellsburg team on Tuesday last by a score of 5 to 2. And on Saturday the Littleton boys came up and they likewise were defeated to the tune of 20-15.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

## GEORGE W. DECKER.

George W. Decker, Esq., one of Licking Creek township's most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home near Siloam church, Wednesday, August 26, 1908, aged 65 years, 5 months, and 6 days. His funeral, conducted by his pastor Rev. McGarvey, of the M. E. church, and by the P. O. S. of A., of which order he was an honored member, took place on Saturday 29th, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Siloam church.

Mr. Decker was a son of Peter and Eve Decker, and was born in the same community in which he spent almost his entire life and died. On the fifth of February, 1862, he responded to his country's call for volunteers to help suppress the great Rebellion, and enlisted in a Maryland regiment in which he saw much active and hard service for a period of more than two years, when he was discharged in the field for immediate re-enlistment for a period of "three years or during the war," and staid out in the front until the last shot was fired in 1865, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his home. A little more than two years later—the last day of December, 1867—he was married to Miss Clara A., daughter of the late G. Roland Sipes, by Rev. J. R. King, of the M. E. church, and settled down to housekeeping and spent the remainder of his life upon the farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Decker were born thirteen children, of whom twelve are living, namely, Walter H., Glennie, Mich., A. Clifford, Eddyville, Iowa; H. Wishart, Andover, Pa.; Rev. John S., Packwood, Iowa; William T., Hedrick, Iowa; Stella, wife of Howard Hollenshead, Harrisonville, Pa.; E. Webster, Monmouth, Ill.; Ralph L., at home; George Leslie, Omaha, Neb.; Lucella, wife of Cleveland Strait, Harrisonville; and Dolly R. and Verlie E., at home.

During the past thirty-eight years Mr. Decker was an active member of the Siloam M. E. church, serving as Sunday school superintendent, class leader, and filling other places on the official board, and taking such interest in its welfare as will make his loss deeply felt by that body, as well as by his immediate family and neighbors.

Mrs. David Fraker.

Mary Francis Charlton, wife of David Fraker, deceased, died at her home in Fort Littleton, Monday morning at 12:45. Aged 71 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Fraker was born near Maddensville, Huntington county, Pa., and was married to David Fraker February 27, 1862. Mr. Fraker lived up until about six years ago, having served through the Civil War. She is survived by two daughters, Rachel Emma of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Calvin Linn, of near Maddensville, Pa.

Mrs. Fraker united with the M. E. church when about eighteen years of age, and lived a consistent christian life up until the day of her death.

## Rev. Strayer's Announcements.

Sunday, September 6th. Last services of the conference year. Mt. Tabor—Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m. Huntington—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. Bethlehem—Preaching, Saturday evening, 7:30; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:30 p. m. Knobsville—Preaching, 10 a. m. All are heartily invited. JNO. F. STRAYER, Pastor.

## S. S. WORK IN FULTON.

Our County Near the Front Line. Only Four Cradle Rolls Needed.

We are very glad to be able to announce to the Sunday school workers of Fulton county, that we have every assurance of the County reaching the Front Line position by October 1st. Only six other counties of the State have attained this coveted position, and it will be a great honor for little Fulton, not only to reach the Front Line, but to possess one of the beautiful banners to be given by the State President H. J. Heinz, to counties attaining this standard.

Fulton county, a front Line County, means that the day is not far off when the last man, woman and child in the county are touched by the Sunday school.

If you do not already have a cradle roll in your school, organize one at once. If you have it, then help somebody else to organize one.

The following are the developments of July.

Organized Adult Class Department.—Rev. C. W. Bryner, Superintendent, McConnellsburg; Needmore, Union.

Teacher Training Department.—Prof. H. M. Griffith, Superintendent, Wells Tannery; Wells Tannery, Prof. Griffith, teacher; Green Hill, Rev. L. W. McGarvey, Teacher—classes taking first examination; Ebenezer M. E., E. R. Mellott, Teacher.

Home Department.—Mrs. C. B. Stevens, Superintendent, McConnellsburg; Buck Valley, M. E.

Cradle Roll Department.—Mrs. J. J. Palmer, Superintendent, Needmore; Shane's Mission—Belfast District; Ebenezer, M. E.—Belfast District; Clear Ridge, M. E.; Buck Valley, M. E.

MAUDE E. BAUMGARDNER, Field Secretary.

## BRUSH CREEK.

The farmers are busily engaged preparing the soil to sow wheat. O. R. Duvall is singing a new song because a new boy came to his house one day last week.

Some of the farmers are boiling apple butter for winter use. Gertrude and Ada Barton spent Sunday with relatives near Akerville.

M. J. Hixson and wife spent Sunday in the home of C. R. Akers.

Miss Leona Thomas spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Lizze Hixson.

Mr. Haslet Walters spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Clarence Barton.

Mr. Ross Hixson accompanied by his lady friend Miss Ella Barton spend part of Sunday with O. A. Barton's.

A number of our young people expect to attend the picnic at Brezewood on Saturday September 5th.

Rev. George A. Duvall and family have been visiting friends and relations in Brush Creek for two weeks. They departed to visit the former's brother John L. Duvall of Wells Tannery on Monday August 31th., after which they will return to their home at Delano, Schuylkill, Co., Pa. They had not been at home for 4 years.

Our schools will open the 21st, of September under the supervision of the teachers already elected.

"Uncle George" Duvall preached two excellent sermons on Sunday August 30th., one in the morning and one in the evening, at the close of the service in the evening all who desired shook hands and bade the "Uncle" Good-bye but while we were singing "Marching to Zion" some ones heart was touched and before many minutes prayers were ascending from penitents at the altar, and before 11 o'clock there were more than one dozen converts.

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## REMEMBER THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Fifteenth Annual Reunion of Fulton County Veterans, to Be Held Sept. 4th.

The 15th Annual Reunion of Fulton County Veterans, will be held at Association Grove, on Friday, September 4, 1908, when the following program will be rendered:

Singing—"America."  
Invocation, Rev. S. B. Houston.  
Address of Welcome, Prof. H. E. Seville.

Response, Rev. John H. Barn-ey.

DINNER, 12 O'CLOCK.

Address, Prof. B. N. Palmer.  
Address, Edward Reisner.  
Recitation, Miss Ruth I. Kendall.

Address, Rev. C. F. Wise.  
Address, Rev. C. W. Bryner.  
Duet, with quartette chorus.  
There will, also, be other speeches and recitations.

## NEEDMORE.

It is warm again after a week of cool weather.

Miss Ethel Dixon returned to her home in Chambersburg, last Friday, after spending several weeks with friends and relatives here.

Mr. R. C. Dixon, of Pittsburg, spent last week with his family in the home of his father-in-law, A. Ranyan.

Eld. Moffet, of Ill., preached four able sermons to appreciative congregations last Wednesday and Thursday.

After an absence of thirty-eight years, Mr. Bethuel Covalt, of Peabody, Kansas, is spending some time with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

A number of our people attended the Union Meeting at Great Cacapon, W. Va., last Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of people passing through our village on their way to Conference at Damascus.

Miss Eva Barnhardt spent a few days last week with her uncle, Jno. McClellan.

The Supervisors held their monthly meeting, in the school house last Saturday.

Some one who wore a number ten shoe, visited Mrs. McKee's truck patch and helped themselves to watermelons and pickles.

## NEW GRENADA.

Vaughn McClain after spending his four-weeks vacation among friends, left Monday morning to complete his third-term at Williamson School, which ends his course next April, when he will graduate as a machinist.

Frank G. Mills has added to his dwelling a nice new kitchen, much larger than the old structure, and is now better prepared to entertain guests; can set a larger and longer table. Walk in and say nothing, eat, drink, and pay nothing and walk out again.

Jacob Crider and family visited friends at Finleyville on Sunday.

Martha Black returned home on Sunday from Newton Hamilton Camp and other points.

New Grenada ball team played two games of ball at Sattilo on Saturday, winning one and losing the other.

Arthur Cunningham, of Mount Union, was home a couple days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gress, of near Bethlehem church, visited Harry Gasters last Saturday and Sunday.

Stella Gracey, who has been living in New Grenada all summer, and Paul and Malcolm Alloway took in the social and visited friends at Gracey, Saturday and Sunday.

Geo. W. Coulter, wife, daughter Maude and son Paul, of Edgewood Park, Pa., are visiting friends here at present.

J. A. McDonough, Esq., has moved his quarters from Broad Top City to New Grenada. He looks much improved in health, and will now look after his political interests in the county.

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## 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.

Rose Fisher is visiting friends in Bedford.

Hon. D. T. Humbert, was a business visitor to town on Tuesday.

Harvey M. Strait spent from Saturday until Monday with his wife at Fort Littleton.

F. C. McClain, of Hustontown, is the guest of his son, E. R. McClain, of this place.

Mr. John Reisner has returned after a pleasant trip through the New England States.

Miss Mabel Jackson, of Sunbury is visiting her mother Mrs. Lou Jackson on E. Walnut Street.

Marshall Logue, of Ayr township, left on Monday for Williams Industrial school, near Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Sloan accompanied her sister Harriet as far as Harrisburg on her way to Kansas.

Mrs. Jesse McClain, of Huntington, is visiting her brother-in-law, Dr. H. C. McClain, at Hustontown.

Miss Bess Irwin, who has been appointed teacher of one of the schools in Philadelphia, has left for that city.

Mrs. W. M. Dixon of Pittsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. P. Mann, and other friends in this county.

John Cutchall, of Waterfall passed through here Monday on his way to the Shippensburg Normal.

Miss Ethel Hays left on Tuesday for Riddlesburg, Pa., where she has secured a school for the winter term.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hixson, of Buck Valley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masons' last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Carrie and Elsie Greathead have returned to Johnstown, where they are employed as teachers in the public schools.

Miss Stella Sipes has returned to Frazier, Chester Co., where she will resume her duties as teacher in one of the schools.

Miss Grace Johnston returned to her home last week after having spent a fort night among her friends in Lewistown and Beeds-ville, Pa.

J. G. Alexander and wife were among those from McConnellsburg that attended Conference at Damascus last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Pearl Logue, of Ayr township, left on Monday morning for Philadelphia, where she will resume her duties as a trained nurse.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston spent from Friday until Monday with friends in Thompson township, and attended Conference at Damascus church.

Mrs. and Mrs. Howard P. Skipper who had been visiting friends in this county returned to their home at Waynesboro, last Saturday.

Miss Emma Sloan left on Tuesday for Johnstown, where she has been engaged as teacher in one of the schools in that place for another term.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myers and two children, of Fort Loudon, spent last Saturday and Sunday among their friends on this side of the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilham N. Stewart, of Trenton, N. J., are spending this week at Green Hill. Mr. Stewart is another Fulton county boy that has gone out from the Licking Creek hills and is making it go. After a number of years of hard work for the P. & R. R. Co., he has reached the responsible position of Assistant Supervisor of the New York Division.