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AYR TOWNSHIP SLATE.

Hon. D. T. Humbert Tells the Readers of the News of His Recent Investigations.

HE VISITED QUARRIES AT DELTA.

Realizing the interest that the readers of the News are taking in the prospective hidden mineral wealth of "Little Fulton," I will give them a slight sketch of what we have done in the line of developing the supposed roofing slate in lower Ayr.

The strata of slate was first discovered two years ago, and tested in Baltimore. It was pronounced the surface rock of roofing slate. Nothing further was done until last April, when the writer, having nothing else to do than to spend the salary of his office, determined to go down and investigate what was beneath the surface of Mother Earth at that point. The top surface of rock was removed to a depth of nearly ten feet. Tools and a small hand machine were purchased to test the working qualities of the rock, and a trip was made to the Peach Bottom quarries at Delta, Pa., to compare the rock here with the slate at that place.

The Peach Bottom quarries are situated upon the top of a long Silurian ridge. The rocks on both sides of those Silurian measures, are of the Mesozoic Period of the Earth's formation. The measure here is also Silurian but the strata both east and west of it is of the regular formation. The slate at both places is a meta-morphic rock—hardened by heat and great lateral pressure. Our slate is chlorite schist, while the slate at Delta is talcose schist; galena, talcose, lime, and other elements are found in both, but ours has a greater amount of lime than the slate at Delta. Our strata has been subjected to a greater heat and lateral pressure than theirs; therefore, the slate here is more laminated and more clearly stratified, making a harder slate, and, I fear, a poorer one for roofing purposes; but a better slate for some other purposes.

No slate at Delta is fit for roofing purposes, unless quarried fifty feet or more below the surface. I found the quarries—both owners and workmen—to be of Welsh descent. They compose a Christian community, up to date in the arts of culture and advanced civilization. The writer was shown all civilities among them. He was shown how to work and split the slate, and the more puzzling problem of how to run the mines. He worshiped with them at their church on Sunday morning in the country, and attended church with them on Sunday evening, and had the pleasure of listening to two very able sermons. While there, I learned that a man, to make a success of a slate quarry, must be an expert in all the details of the business, and also, have good executive ability. For a "tenderfoot" to try to manage a quarry, even with expert workmen, would be financial suicide; even a company without an expert workman at the head of official affairs, would be a very unsatisfactory proposition. A slate quarry, run and owned by an expert workman, is a mint of wealth.

D. T. HUMBERT.

Adulteration in Seeds.

The Department of Agriculture has received reports from a number of agents that adulteration of seeds is again being practiced and that Pennsylvania farmers are being victimized. Last year it was found that seeds of various weeds including the dangerous dodder, were being used and reports now indicate that various clovers and other seeds prized for their soil renovating qualities were being adulterated with similar seeds to those used last year.

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New Orchard Pest.

State Zoologist Surface on Monday received a series of reports made by his agents which indicate that the leaf blister mite, an insect almost as destructive of fruit trees as the scale, had been discovered in several of the fruit growing counties of the state and was causing havoc.

"The reports I have received from several of the largest fruit-growing counties in Pennsylvania would indicate that this tiny insect is doing \$10,000 worth of damage to the orchards of the state. The mite does its work on the under sides of leaves of apples and pear trees, and is literally a blight. It seems to have spread alarmingly and threatens some of the finest orchards," said the zoologist. "I have taken steps to educate the orchard growers in the territory where it is reported. As the matter of fact, it is easily controlled, contact sprays being sure death to the bugs."

NEEDMORE.

The rain which fell Saturday night was very much appreciated.

R. C. Dixon who had been visiting his family, at this place returned to Pittsburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Morgret visited friends here last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Catharine Hart is visiting in the home of S. L. Wink at Sipes Mill.

A number of our people attended the Soldiers' Reunion last Friday.

Mrs. Conner and daughters, Irene and Blanche, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Peck, returned to their home in Bedford county, last Saturday.

Thirty-two teachers were present at the Preliminary Institute here last Tuesday. The talks by Prof. Palmer was very much appreciated.

The schools in Belfast township will begin next Monday.

Miss Belle Mellott met with a serious accident Saturday evening by falling down the cellar steps. She is reported some better to day.

We are sorry that the reputation of Needmore school is such that we have not been able to secure a teacher thus far.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Rev. John H. Barney, of Clearville, Pa., spent a day in the home of F. R. Shives.

Will Deshong and family, who had been spending a couple of weeks among friends in Franklin county and the Eastern Shore, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie Hess spent Sunday at F. R. Shives'.

The Pleasant Ridge baseball team defeated the Dane team at the Reunion, to the tune of 15 to 11. Pleasant Ridge will play Dane next Saturday.

H. D. Shives and Blanche C. Smith, of Iddo, attended the Soldiers' Reunion.

Grant Mellott, Needmore's popular photographer, was sojourning on Pleasant Ridge, last Saturday and Sunday.

Shives Brothers have moved their shingle mill to Andrew Swope's.

Automobile Kills Mule.

On last Saturday "Jack," the favorite mule belonging to J. S. Barney, of Clearville, was struck by an automobile on the pike two miles east of Cumberland, Md., and instantly killed. Harry Chamberlain, the driver, was returning home from the Queen city, where he had delivered a load of lumber when the accident occurred. The car was owned by a Chicago attorney named Cutting. Mr. Barney only recently refused \$240 for the mule. He endeavored at once to recover damages but as Mr. Chamberlain was alone when the accident happened he had no witnesses to prove his statements.—Everett Republican.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

JOHN G. METZLER.

John G. Metzler, one of Licking Creek township's best known and most highly esteemed citizens, died at Harrisonville Sunday evening, September 6, 1908. Funeral on Tuesday, services conducted by Rev. McGarvey, of the M. E. church, and interment made in the family lot in the cemetery at the Greenhill Presbyterian church.

Mr. Metzler was born at Rays Hill, Bedford county in October, 1829. He was a son of George Metzler, and a grandson of Nicholas Metzler who was one of the early settlers in McConnellsburg, and the town's first medical adviser, he having moved from Washington county, Md.

Sometime after the birth of John G., George Metzler moved from Rays Hill and purchased the hotel property, on the site of the present residence of Thomas S. Metzler, east of the creek at Harrisonville, and later purchased the hotel property west of the creek, where he resided until the time of his death in 1876, when he was succeeded in the hotel business and the conducting of the farm by John G. Metzler, the subject of this notice.

In 1858, John G. Metzler was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Clevenger, to whom eight children were born—six sons and two daughters. Mrs. Metzler died several years ago.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, and possessed a sunny disposition that won him a host of warm friends and acquaintances, who will sincerely regret to learn of his death.

MRS. MARGARET HENRY.

Mrs. Margaret Henry, one of the oldest citizens of McConnellsburg, died at her home on Wednesday of last week, at the advanced age of 82 years, 2 months, and 28 days. She was the widow of Charles L. Henry who died, or was killed, July 10, 1863, in the army during the Civil War.

Mrs. Henry is survived by a family of four children, namely, Mrs. Mary Fahnestock, of Chambersburg; Jacob, at home; Mrs. Christina Mellott, of Sipes Mill; and Mrs. Margaret Robenstine, of Philadelphia.

At the time of her death, and for a period of seventy years, she was a member of the Reform ed church, in the graveyard of which she was buried last Friday with services conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove.

HILL.

Wreatha, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hill, of Belfast township, died Monday August 3rd, 1908, aged 22 days.

To Our Subscribers.

Dear subscriber: Will you please look at the label on your paper, and if it shows that you are paid up, shake hands with yourself, be happy, and may you live long and prosper; but, if you find that you are more than a year in arrears, we still want you to live long and prosper, but just go to the bureau drawer, get out a little of the long green, put it in an envelope, and send it to this office, and tell us to keep on sending you the paper. We don't want to be snappy or big-headed, but you know that the postoffice department some time ago made a ruling that puts a newspaper publisher who sends a paper to a subscriber who owes more than a year, in a worse hole than a school teacher who admits a child that is not vaccinated. Do it now.

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FROM HARRY ELVEY.

He is Now on the U. S. S. Bainbridge at Manila, Philippine Islands. Letter to His Parents.

Harry M. Elvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Elvey, finding work scarce at Toledo, O., last fall, decided to take a four years' job with Uncle Sam, and so enlisted in the United States Navy. In a recent letter to his parents, he says: "I left San Francisco, Cal., on the United States Transport Buford, on the 5th of June, and after a delightful trip of 15,000 miles across the Pacific ocean we landed at Manila on the 5th of July. Just in one hour after the Buford landed here, I was on my ship, the Bainbridge, on which, if I live, I will have my home during the next four years. The Bainbridge is a torpedo boat, and a fine one it is, too. There are only 42 men on here, and nine out of the same company I was in at Norfolk, Va. We are given an abundance of good food, and as much liberty as we want. Chinamen come on the ship, get our soiled clothing and wash it, for a dollar a month. We shall lie in the harbor here about ten months out of each year. We do not have much work to do. We sleep in hammocks. The Captain is a fine fellow. We are not required to wear a uniform—wear just what we please—sleep all we want, and get up in the morning about eight o'clock. All kinds of fruit is raised here, and it is good, too. Now, father and mother, don't worry about me—I am getting along fine."

HUSTONTOWN.

John Ladig and Mrs. Downes are seriously ill at present, paralysis seeming to be the cause of affliction.

Miss Sallie Fields, who has been spending a few weeks in McConnellsburg, has returned home again.

Dr. H. C. McClain left on Monday for Huntingdon, and thence to Philadelphia in his auto.

The Hustontown ball team seems to hold the championship of the county now, playing 11 games this season and winning 9 of them.

On Tuesday last, they crossed bats with Knobsville and after a 11 inning battle won the game by a score of 8 to 10.

On Saturday they played a double header—playing Wells Tannery at that place, in the forenoon and slaughtering the Tannery boys by the score of 19 to 2; and in the afternoon they played against New Grenada at Dublin Mill and trimmed up the boys from the "gap" to the tune of 8 to 1, thus making two splendid victories during the day. Barton pitched the game in the forenoon, while Hoover did the siab work in the afternoon; both were very effective.

KNOBVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fore are spending this week in Harrisburg, the guests of Mrs. Fore's parents.

John Wagner, wife and son are visiting the former's father, Abram Wagner.

Miss Maude Mock, who has been living in the home of Clem Chesnut, at Hustontown, spent Sunday with her mother in this place.

Mayme Snyder has gone to Saitillo, where she has employment in the Iron Spring Hotel.

Nettie Rauck, of Hustontown, spent Sunday with her friend Lola Wilson.

Mrs. Milton Shadle and daughters Hulda and Vera, of Saitillo, are visiting friends in this place.

Curtis Kelso, of Saitillo spent Saturday and Sunday with his father Wm. E. Kelso. He was accompanied on his return home by his wife and little daughter Mary who had been spending the past week in this place.

H. U. Nace, wife, and son Donald, spent part of Saturday in Mercersburg.

SOLDIERS' REUNION.

Held in The Fulton County Veterans Association Grounds Last Friday.

LARGE CROWD AND WEATHER IDEAL.

On Friday last, the customary large and representative number of Fulton county people attended the reunion of the Civil War Veterans at the Association's camp ground near Mr. Wesley Hoop's home in Licking Creek township. With the exception of considerable dust on the thoroughfares and within the grounds, the weather was perfect—just the proper sort of day to spend in the woods among old friends and neighbors. The crowd was typical of Fulton county and one of which it has a right to feel proud; for one could go far and fail to find a more prosperous looking and better behaved lot of people than those who were helping the Old Soldiers make their annual picnic a success. Scarcely a hint of rowdiness and disorder was to be noticed throughout the day, while every where and at all times good natured tolerance and helpfulness were much in evidence.

The McConnellsburg Band was present and entertained the crowd with a generous lot of enjoyable music. Those who were inclined to athletics, found a continuous performance from ten o'clock in the morning until five in the evening in the meadow opposite the home of 'Squire Daniels, on Patterson's Run. For those who cared to listen, there was a literary and musical program both morning and afternoon. Following the invocation by the Rev. S. B. Houston, Mr. H. E. Saville, of McConnellsburg, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by the Rev. Mr. Barney, of Bedford. With Mr. Barney's address, the meeting was adjourned in favor of refreshments. In the afternoon, addresses were given by the Rev. Mr. Kline, of Hustontown, Mr. Edward H. Reischer, of McConnellsburg, and Comrade Van Horn, of Everett. Miss Ruth Keddall, of the Cove, also favored the audience with a recitation.

However, the greater number of persons present were of the opinion that listening to speeches was less enjoyable than visiting with their friends, and this strong majority was busily engaged in renewing old acquaintances and cementing new ties of friendship. And, after all, the Reunion is a picnic above all else, and as such the day must be regarded as a great success. Fulton county, as well as any other county in the State, needs just such a common holiday, when men and women from all directions may meet and exchange greetings and ideas; and we owe a vote of thanks to the old Soldiers for the opportunity of joining with them at their convenient, well-appointed and well-governed place of meeting.

M. E. Church Services.

Services for the McConnellsburg M. E. Church for Sunday, September 13th, as follows:

McConnellsburg—Sunday School, 9.30 a. m.; Preaching 10.30 a. m.; Jr. League 2:00, Epworth League 6:30, preaching 7:30 p. m. At the morning preaching service all probationers who have been recommended by the Leaders and Stewards will be received into full connection in the church.

Knobsville—Sunday School 9:00 a. m., followed by class meeting.

Fort Littleton—Sunday School 9:00 a. m., followed by class meeting. Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

The 3rd, Quarterly Conference of the charge for the present conference year will be held at Fort Littleton, Tuesday evening, September 25th. The District Superintendent, Rev. E. M. Stevens will be present and preside. Quarterly Conference 6:30 preaching 7:30. Everybody welcome.

C. W. BRYNER, Pastor.

Hurray for Fulton.

At the age of 21, Rene Guillard, of Wells Valley, recently won the Gold Medal of Merit, at the Zanerian College of Penmanship, Columbus, Ohio. Rene graduated at the Wells Valley High School in 1906, taught one of the public schools in Wells township the following winter, and in the spring of 1907 entered the Zanerian College, and by close application on June 1, 1908 completed his course successfully. He is now employed by the Ransomian School of Penmanship, Kansas City, Mo. His salary has already reached the four figure mark, and the profession will doubtless hear more of him in the future. Walter Stein of Emmaville, another Fulton county boy, also won a gold medal at this institution a few years.

NEW GRENADA.

Charles Thomas and family, of Saitillo, visited the former's parents last Sunday.

Prof. Harry E. Gress, wife and daughter Elizabeth, were guests in the home of Harry Gaster.

Elva Black visited friends at Dublin Mills.

Geo. Shaffer's family visited Harvey Shaffer's at Dublin Mills, last Saturday.

Our local baseball team seems to be losing its grip. They played two games at Dublin Mills last Saturday—one with Hustontown, which was almost a shut-out, and winning the one with the Gracey team—14 to 7.

Bert Heeter went "hoppity-go-fetch-it" a few days, and all because he ran a nail into his foot, which caused him much pain.

A. D. Berkstresser and family were the only representatives from this end of the county at the Soldier's Reunion.

The P. O. S. of A. camp here have had official information from the Camp at Chambersburg that Geo. H. McCoy, formerly a resident of this place, has typhoid fever. His many friends here hope for a speedy recovery.

Birthday Party.

A very pleasant company assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Knable in the Meadowgrounds last Saturday morning to celebrate the 40th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Knable. Those present on that occasion were, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Knable and family—Charlie, Cora, Edith, Georgia, and Geraldine; William Paylor and wife; Elijah Knable and wife and Nannie and Alvin Knable; Mrs. Elizabeth Clugston, Mary, Helen, and Wm. Clugston; Fred Truax and wife; Irene, Elmer, and Bernard Truax; Ethel Souders, Albert Mellott and wife; Ralph, Boyd, Mary and Amos Mellott; Mrs. Ethel Mock and little son Lester; Maria Whitfield, and Gilbert and Albert Lake.

For Larger Army.

President Roosevelt, in his final annual message to congress probably will recommend an increase in the numerical strength of the army to at least 100,000 men. At present the army is on a footing of 67,000 men, the number provided for in time of peace.

Card of Thanks.

Jacob Henry and sisters desire to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly gave sympathy and assistance during the time of the illness and death of their mother Mrs. Margaret Henry.

Married.

On Saturday evening, September 5, 1908, at the office of L. H. Wible, Justice of the Peace, Harry Burk and Kittle Thomas, both of Ayr township.

W. R. Speer and family, accompanied by Mr. B. P. Ashcom, all of Everett, spent last Sunday at the home of E. C. Whitehill, at Yellow Creek.—Everett Republican.

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.

U. G. Humbert of Ayr was a town visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Hamill left last Thursday for an outing at Atlantic City.

Miss Naomi Roettger was in Chambersburg for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Peck are visiting among relatives in Belfast this week.

Wm. H. Peck, Esq., of Gem, was in town attending to some business Tuesday.

Miss Minnie E. Mock is teaching in Huntingdon county this winter. She began her school Monday.

D. L. Grissinger and wife and Chas. F. Scott and wife left on Thursday last for an outing at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Edward K. Waidlow, of Baltimore, spent one day last week with Mrs. M. V. Cromer, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elder, who have been visiting friends in this place, have returned to Morgantown, W. Va.

T. Elliott Patterson, of Philadelphia, is visiting his friends in this vicinity. He is accompanied by his son Remington.

James A. McDonough, Democratic Candidate for the Legislature spent several days in town last week and the beginning of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mehler, of Baton Rouge, La., are visiting the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John H. H. Lewis near Franklin Mills.

Two pleasant callers at the News office on Saturday were Morgan Deshong, of Licking Creek township, and Michael Mellott, of Johnstown.

Mr. Roy Gillis who has employment at the State Hospital, Harrisburg is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gillis in East end.

R. Holmes Thompson, an efficient clerk in the postoffice at Tyrone, Pa., is spending a week in the home of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, of this place.

Lillie Campbell who had been spending her summer vacation at Hollidaysburg, returned to the home of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Peck last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gillis of Harrisburg are guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gillis of this place. Mr. Gillis is a street car conductor in the Capital city.

Misses Minnie and Anna Reischer left on Monday morning for Muncall, Pa., where Miss Minnie will teach another term, and Anna will enter the High School for the ensuing term.

Major John Stoner, of Chambersburg, is visiting his brothers William and Albert, and sister Mrs. William Benford, in this place. Mr. Stoner was a Drum Major during the Civil War.

Mr. Frank Suders of Green-village, Pa., visited his mother Mrs. Sarah Suders, and other relatives and friends in this place, a few days. This was his first visit to his old home town in twelve years.

Mrs. Clara Maidlow, of Baltimore, has been spending several days in this place, renewing old friendship. Mrs. Maidlow is the second daughter of Charles P. Miles, a former resident of this place.

Miss Grace Wink, of Mercersburg, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wink, during the past week, and attended the Soldiers' Reunion. Her father brought her to town Monday, and she returned to Mercersburg on the noon stage.