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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.

ABRAM PLESSINGER.

Abram Plessinger, one of Whips Cove's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home October 25, 1908, after a lingering illness, aged 83 years, 6 months and 22 days. Funeral on the 27th, and interment in the cemetery at Cedar Grove church.

Mr. Plessinger grew up to young manhood on a farm near Needmore, and in 1853 was united in marriage to Miss Annie, daughter of the late Ex-Sheriff Dennis Daniels, of Bethel township. A short time thereafter, he removed to Whips Cove, where he resided until the time of his death. Besides the widow, the following children survive: Albert, Sarah Ellen (wife of Emanuel Mills), Alice (wife of Wm. McKee), and Logue—all residing in Whips Cove; and Oliver, residing near Needmore. There was another daughter—Rachel—who was married to Moses Hill. She died at Illinois some time ago. His direct descendants are 5 children, 14 grand children, and 6 great grand children. He leaves four brothers and one sister, namely, Jacob and John, near Needmore; Solomon and Elizabeth, in Bedford county, and Joseph, in Nebraska.

He united with the Christian church more than sixty years ago, and was to the time of his death a faithful and conscientious member. He always took an active interest in politics, and went out to the election, even in his 82nd year.

His funeral services were conducted by his old and loved pastor, Rev. J. R. Logue, whom he asked to preach his funeral sermon several years ago.

CHARLES DESHONG.

Charles Deshong died at his home near Webster Mills on Monday morning after an illness of two weeks of typhoid fever, aged 30 years, 5 months and 19 days. Funeral on Tuesday and interment in the Union cemetery. Charlie, as he was familiarly known, possessed a genial disposition and was well liked by everybody. He is survived by a widow, and one child.

MRS. KELLY STRAIT.

After a lingering illness of that dread disease consumption, Mrs. Kelly Strait died at her home in Thompson township last Sunday about noon, aged 45 years and 11 months. Her funeral, conducted by Rev. Powers, of Needmore, took place on Tuesday and she was laid to rest in the graveyard at the Siding Hill Baptist church. She is survived by her husband and four children—two married and two at home.

Lost Valuable Mare.

W. H. Paylor, of upper Ayr township, lost a valuable mare on Tuesday of last week. On Sunday afternoon she was kicked, fracturing her hind leg about three inches above the knee. On Sunday night, in getting up, it is supposed, she broke the bone clean off. Dr. Bradley was called on Monday. He thought it better to let her lie than to swing her up, but in her struggles to get up she broke the same leg again about three inches above the first break. She had to be shot. She was worth \$175.

W. D. Morgret, of Covalt, Pa., passed through this place Saturday on his return from a trip to Franklin county. Mr. Morgret wants to rent a good two-horse farm, and stock it himself, or he will take a six-horse farm stocked. Anyone wanting a tenant should correspond with Mr. Morgret.

## THE MAN IN CHARGE.

What the Agent Saw When He Visited the McConnellsburg Jail.

The Fulton county jail has become one of the most noted public buildings in the State—not so much on account of its being an imposing structure, as the ease with which prisoners come and go—especially go. The latest thing we have seen on the old battle, appeared in the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times of October 20th.

The assistant general agent of the state board of charities, who comes to Pittsburgh frequently, occasionally has a good one to tell on himself. It is his duty to visit and inspect the various hospitals, charities and penal institutions, and make report as to their condition. Naturally he doesn't hanker after remote cases, but they must be attended to just the same. He had put off going to McConnellsburg, to visit the Fulton county jail, about as long as possible, because Fulton has no railroad and to get to the county seat means a long and wearisome ride overland. However, at last he tackled the job. At the jail door sat an easy-going person, fairly well dressed and sporting patent leather shoes. He was reading the Puritan.

"Sheriff in?" asked the assistant general agent.

"Sorry, sir, but he's out of town."

"Well, who's in charge?"

"I am."

Then the assistant general agent disclosed his identity and asked the usual questions as to sanitation, food, equipment, ventilation, etc., to all of which he got prompt and straightforward answers. Indeed, that particular jail appeared to be about all right, any way you took it. Finally the agent demanded: "How many prisoners are there?"

"One."

"Ah, well, that's a man I'm going to see right away, if I don't do anything else."

"You're looking at him now."

"What?"

"I am the prisoner."

"And do you mean to tell me you are left in charge here while the sheriff is away."

"Yes, sir."

"Why don't you skip?"

"Don't care to. I'm up for non-support. It suits me here. I am comfortable and well fed, and besides I have time to improve my mind."

Whereupon he turned his attention again to the Puritan.

## PLANT PROTECTION.

Self-Defense as Practiced by Various Forms of Vegetation.

Plants are said to protect themselves much the same as do insects. One of the uses of the sensitive plant is to frighten troublesome animals. A venture some, browsing creature coming too near is evidently afraid to touch a plant so decidedly aggressive.

The squirting cucumber of the Mediterranean alarms goats and cattle by discharging its ripe fruits explosively in their faces the moment the stem is touched. The cucumbers contain a pungent juice that discharges itself into the eye of its opponent, and the resultant smarting sensation is difficult of endurance.

The dainty grass of Parnassus is beautiful, but dishonest. It is a bog herb, has glossy green leaves, pure white blossoms, and is supposed to be the poet's flower. Within its milk-white flowers lurk the elements of deception, for the drops of honey that the bees and insects fancy they see inside the petals are in reality solid, glassy imitations of the real thing. The flower fools the bee in this way, so that it may carry the pollen to other blossoms where its kind may be perpetuated.

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## DO YOU WANT A MAIL ROUTE?

Uncle Sam is Asking for Bids on the Several Routes for the Four Years Beginning With Next July.

Every four years Uncle Sam sells out to the lowest bidder the privilege of carrying the mails over the respective routes throughout the country. This contract always begins on the first of July following the inauguration of a president. As the present contracts will end with the last day of next June, the old gentleman is now asking for bids, which must be on file in the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General in Washington, D. C., not later than half-past four o'clock, in the afternoon of the fifth day of next January. You can find out about the necessary blanks, and method of procedure by asking your postmaster. The following shows the routes in this county, and what the present carriers are getting.

In many cases the pay is much too little, but that is no fault of Uncle Sam.

From Amaranth, by Buck Valley and Lashley, to Hancock (Md), 12.25 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Amaranth daily except Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 12 m.; leave Hancock daily, except Sunday, on receipt of mail from train No. 5 (1:33 p. m.), but not later than 3:30 p. m.; arrive at Amaranth in 4 hours and 30 minutes. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay \$360.

From Big Cove Tannery, by Dickey's Mountain and Plumrun, to Hancock (Md.), 16.75 miles and back, six times a week, carrier to travel the "West Ridge" road both ways between Plumrun and Hancock. Leave Big Cove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 12:30 p. m.; leave Hancock daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.; arrive at Big Cove Tannery by 7:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,200. Present contract pay \$489.69.

From Big Cove Tannery, by Webster Mills and Cito, to McConnellsburg, 9 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Big Cove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 8:30 a. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 11:30 a. m.; leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 3 p. m.; arrive at Big Cove Tannery by 6 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$800. Present contract pay, \$165.

From Fort Littleton, by Clear-ridge, Maddensville, and Meadowgap to Orbisonia, 15 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Fort Littleton daily, except Sunday, at 6:30 a. m.; arrive at Orbisonia by 12 m.; leave Orbisonia daily, except Sunday, at 1 p. m.; arrive at Fort Littleton by 6:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$499.

From Gem to Big Cove Tannery, 4 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Gem daily, except Sunday, at 6 a. m.; arrive at Big Cove Tannery by 7:15 a. m.; leave Big Cove Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 7:45 a. m.; arrive at Gem by 9 a. m. Bond required with bid, \$400. Present contract pay, \$154.74.

From Harrisonville, by Andover, Pleasantridge, Sipes Mill, and McKibbin, to Needmore, 17.50 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Harrisonville daily, except Sunday, at 5:30 a. m.; arrive at Needmore by 10:45 a. m.; leave Needmore daily, except Sunday, at 11 a. m.; arrive at Harrisonville by 4:15 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,200. Present contract pay, \$470.

From Hustontown, by Dublic Mills and Sela, to Three Springs, 13 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Hustontown daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrive at Three Springs by 11 a. m.; leave Three Springs daily, except Sunday, on receipt of mail from train No. 2 (about 11:20 a. m.) but not later than 12:15 p. m.; arrive at Hustontown in 4 hours. Bond

required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$365.

From Locustgrove, by Emmaville, to Crystal Springs, 8.75 miles and back, six times a week, carrier to travel by the residences of E. A. Diehl, Albert Plessinger, and C. C. Mellott on trip from Locustgrove to Crystal Springs. Leave Locustgrove daily, except Sunday, at 12:20 p. m.; arrive at Crystal Springs by 3:15 p. m.; leave Crystal Springs daily, except Sunday, at 4 p. m.; arrive at Locustgrove by 6:45 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$800. Present contract pay, \$224.41.

From Locustgrove, by Siding Hill, Dott, Franklin Mills, and Warfordsburg, to Hancock (Md), 16.25 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Locustgrove daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 12 m.; leave Hancock, daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.; arrive at Locustgrove by 7:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$406.64.

From McConnellsburg, by Foltz, to Mercersburg, 10 miles and back, twelve times a week. Leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 5 a. m. and 12:15 p. m.; arrive at Mercersburg by 7:30 a. m. and 2:45 p. m.; leave Mercersburg daily, except Sunday, on receipt of mail from train No. 63 (10:30 a. m.) and No. 67 (5:53 p. m.), but not later than 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg in 3 hours. Bond required with bid, \$1,400. Present contract pay, \$650.

From McConnellsburg, by Harrisville, to Saluvia, 9 miles and back, six times a week. Leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 2:45 p. m.; arrive at Saluvia by 5:30 p. m.; leave Saluvia daily, except Sunday, at 5:45 p. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 8:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$800. Present contract pay, \$385.

From Needmore, by Covalt, to Hancock (Md.), 11.75 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Needmore daily, except Sunday, at 11 a. m.; arrive at Hancock by 3 p. m.; leave Hancock daily, except Sunday, at 3:30 p. m.; arrive at Needmore by 7:30 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$344.

From New Grenada, by Enid, to Wells Tannery, 7.67 miles and back, six times a week. Leave New Grenada daily, except Sunday, at 9:40 a. m.; arrive at Wells Tannery by 12:20 p. m.; leave Tannery daily, except Sunday, at 1:10 p. m.; arrive at New Grenada by 3:50 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$700. Present contract pay, \$293.68.

From Saluvia, by Breezewood, to Everett, 17 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Saluvia daily, except Sunday, at 5:45 p. m.; arrive at Breezewood by 9:05 p. m.; leave Breezewood daily, except Sunday, at 6:35 a. m.; arrive at Everett by 9:15 a. m.; leave Everett daily, except Sunday, at 11 a. m.; arrive at Saluvia by 5:00 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,100. Present contract pay, \$389.

From Saluvia, by Laidig, Hiram West Dublin, Gracey, and Waterfall, to New Grenada, equal to 14.37 miles and back, six times a week. West Dublin supplied on trip from New Grenada only. Leave Saluvia daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrive at New Grenada by 11:30 a. m.; leave New Grenada daily, except Sunday, at 12:10 p. m.; arrive at Saluvia by 5:10 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$485.62.

From Burnt Cabins, by Fort Littleton and Knobaville, to McConnellsburg, 14 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Burnt Cabins daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 1:30 a. m.; leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 2:45 p. m.; arrive at Burnt Cabins by 7:15 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,300. Present contract pay, \$396.80.

From Hustontown, by Dane, to McConnellsburg, 10.50 miles and

## ASK FARMERS' QUESTIONS.

Commission on Country Life Sends Circular to Ruralists.

Questions propounded by the commission on country life, as indicated in the circular issued by that body, show that President Roosevelt's appointees are in earnest in their desire to get at the bottom of the distant and rural life, which, the President thinks, is a menace to the nation. The circulars are being scattered broadcast, and every one who thinks he has something to contribute to the discussion of the economic, social and sanitary conditions of country life is invited to send answers to the questions.

Under each general question are two separate heads. (a) "Why?" and (b) "What suggestions have you to make?" The main questions are:—

"Are the farm homes in your neighborhood as good as they should be under existing conditions? Are the schools in your neighborhood training boys and girls satisfactorily for life on the farm? Do the farmers in your neighborhood get the returns they reasonably expect should come from the sale of their products? Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the railroads, highroads, trolley lines etc., the service they reasonably should have? Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the United States postal service, rural telephone, etc., the service they reasonably should expect? Are the farmers and their wives in your neighborhood satisfactorily organized to promote their mutual interests? Are the renters of farms in your neighborhood making a satisfactory living?"

"Is the supply of farm labor in your neighborhood satisfactory? Are the conditions surrounding hired labor on the farms in your neighborhood satisfactory to the hired men? Have the farms in your neighborhood satisfactory facilities for doing their business in banking, credit, insurance, etc.? Are the sanitary conditions of the farms in your neighborhood satisfactory? Do the farmers and their wives and families in your neighborhood get together for mutual improvement, entertainment and social intercourse as much as they should? What, in your judgment, is the most important single thing to be done for the general betterment of country life?"

It is expected that from the thousands of answers to these questions many interesting facts will be brought to light, and the discovery of the cause of rural discontent will quickly be followed by the application of some remedy.

Miss Pearl Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, called at the News office a few minutes while in town last Saturday.

back, six times a week. Leave Hustontown daily, except Sunday, at 8 a. m.; arrive at McConnellsburg by 11:15 a. m.; leave McConnellsburg daily, except Sunday, at 2:45 p. m.; arrive at Hustontown by 6 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Present contract pay, \$300.

From Iddo to Needmore, 3 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Iddo Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9:30 a. m.; arrive at Needmore by 10:30 a. m.; leave Needmore Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11:15 a. m.; arrive at Iddo by 12:15 p. m. Bond required with bid, \$300. Present contract pay, \$44.75.

From Sharpe to Covalt, 2.50 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Sharpe daily, except Sunday, at 4:10 p. m.; arrive at Covalt by 5 p. m.; leave Covalt daily, except Sunday, on receipt of mail from Hancock, but not later than 7 p. m.; arrive at Sharpe in 50 minutes. Bond required with bid, \$400. Present contract pay, \$78.21.

## SPLENDID PRIZES FOR CORN.

Eight Silver Cups and Forty-five Cash Prizes Offered to Pennsylvania Corn Growers.

Those who have good corn should not fail to select ten ears to show at the Third Annual Corn Show to be held by the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association at Harrisburg, January 26-29 next. Eight silver cups, ranging in value from \$25 to \$50, will be offered in the various classes and 45 cash prizes in addition. A \$50 cup is offered for the best show of 100 ears made by any subordinate Grange in the state. Save your best corn for this show! The annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, the Penn'a Dairy Union and the Penn'a Live Stock Breeders' Association will be held on these dates, and the best talent in the country will be on hand to give instruction and demonstrations. Exhibits to dairy products for which liberal prizes are offered will be a feature, and the Penn'a Experiment Station and the State Live Stock Sanitary Board will also make exhibits worth seeing. For corn entry blanks, prize lists, etc., address E. S. Bayard, East End, Pittsburg, Pa. There are no entrance fees. All Pennsylvania corn growers are invited to participate in the show, which is free in every particular.

## Sabbath Convention.

The Fulton County Sabbath Association will hold its Annual Convention on Tuesday, November 17th, in the Lutheran church of McConnellsburg, Pa., with a program as follows:

AFTERNOON, 2:00.

1. Devotional Exercises under direction of the president.
2. Discussion—Importance of a Deepening Interest in the Institution of the Sabbath. Opened by Rev. Bryner.
3. General Discussion.
4. An Offering for the Work.
5. Discussion—Perils Attending the Secularizing of the Sabbath. Opened by Rev. J. C. Fassold.
6. General Discussion.
7. Business.

EVENING, 7:00.

1. Devotional Exercises.
  2. Brief Report on the Progress of the Work in General, by the Secretary.
  3. Discussion—The Civil Sabbath and How to Promote its Observance. Opened by Jno. P. Sipes, Esq.
  4. General Discussion.
  5. The Evening Offering for the Cause.
  6. Discussion—The Moral and Spiritual Results of Proper Sabbath Keeping. Opened by Rev. S. B. Houston.
  7. General Discussion.
  8. Business.
  9. Closing.
- All interested in the Great Institution of the Sabbath are earnestly urged to attend.

By order of the Executive Committee.

J. L. GROVE, Sec'y.

## Educational Meeting.

The first local institute of Belfast township was held at Philip Morgret's, last Friday evening. The house was called to order by the teacher, Miss Blanche Smith, who appointed Mr. Milton Mellott to act as president of the meeting.

The following subjects were ably discussed by the teachers present: 1. Spelling. 2. How do you economize time? 3. Cooperation of patrons how secured and importance of?

The discussions were interspersed by a number of songs and recitations by the school.

Teachers present were: S. L. Wink, Beattie Morton, Eva Bedford, Nellie Morton, Blanche Smith, Orpha Snyder, and Pearl Mellott.

Rev. Brumbaugh being present, gave very interesting talks on the different subjects—Pearl Mellott, Secretary.

## 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

Harvey and Elmer Suders, of Greenvillage, Pa., are spending a week with relatives in this place.

Mrs. Wesley McKee and little son, and Miss Olive Peck—all of Needmore, were in town shopping last Friday.

John and Lewis McQuade, of Altoona, are here for their annual hunt. The boys are good shots and know where to find the game.

John W. Laidig and son Samuel, of Taylor township, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Estemiller, of Mercersburg, spent a day or two during the past week with relatives on this side of the mountain.

Charlie Sipes and Ira Fohner, who had been over in Franklin county husking corn, returned home last Thursday. The corn-husking is pretty well over for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cline and niece Miss Cora Kelley, Mrs. Rosa Clark, Mrs. Olive Mathias, and S. J. Chue—all of Burnt Cabins, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Merchant Charles E. Taylor and wife, of Trough Creek Valley, spent the time from Thursday until Monday in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Fred Snyder, of Tod township.

F. McN. Johnston, Esq., of Washington, D. C., came back to McConnellsburg last Saturday evening and remained until after the election, in order to exercise his right of suffrage.

Misses Jessie and Lillian Henry, and Nellie and Elsie Baker—a quartet of Clear Ridge's charming young ladies spent last Saturday at the County seat shopping, and incidentally graced the News office with their presence.

Francis M. Taylor, Wellesley H. Gresham, Scott Dickson, and Nevin Wagner, Fulton county members of an engineer corps working under the State Highway Department in York county came home Saturday evening to remain here until after the election.

Miss Mary Pittman, who had been spending the summer with her sister Alice, Mrs. W. H. McNeil, at Searsboro, Iowa, and visiting other western friends and relatives, returned to McConnellsburg last Friday evening, and expects to spend the winter, at least, here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little drove to Capon, W. Va., last Sunday morning, and took dinner with the latter's sister, Mrs. J. P. K. Fisher. In the evening they drove back to Mrs. Little's brother Lee's, staid all night and were here for the opening of business Monday morning.

J. W. Deshong, wife, and son Judson, of Pleasant Ridge, recently spent the time from a Saturday until Monday visiting Mrs. Deshong's daughter, Mollie Mellott, at the McAfee Hotel, Mercersburg. This was the first time that Mr. and Mrs. Deshong had both at one time been away from their home over night since they were married—about, sixteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueman Geall, Mr. Geall's mother, and his wife's mother, Mrs. Mary Hartman—all of Upton, Franklin county, came over to McConnellsburg last Sunday, and the three first named spent the day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shimer, and the last with her sister, Miss Lovina Long. They returned home Sunday evening, and enjoyed the drive across the mountains very much.