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ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.

Lieutenant James T. Connelly Answered Final Roll Call Last Thursday Evening.

WAS MEMBER OF 158TH REGIMENT.

James Terry Connelly, a well known citizen and old soldier of the Civil War, died at his home in Tod township, this county, December 24, 1908, aged 77 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

For some years he was afflicted with heart trouble, which was the cause of his sudden death. Interment was made at the cemetery of the Bethlehem United Brethren church, December 26th. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf.

Mr. Connelly was born in York, Lancaster county, this state, but lived in this county for fifty years. He was a son of James and Barbara (nee Gross) Connelly, deceased, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of German descent.

Mr. Connelly was married to Miss Mary Catherine McElhenny, of this county, September 18, 1880, who survives him. To this union were born eight children, all living, namely, Mrs. Bertha Horton, Mrs. Ada Jenkins, and Mrs. Mary Everts, all of this county; James, William, Charley, Fannie and Pearl, at home. There also survive seven grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Cecelia Purcell, of this county.

He was a soldier in the Civil War and served as first lieutenant in Company H, 158th regiment Pa. Vol. This was Capt. Thomas Sipes' company and Col. McKibbin's regiment. He was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of time of service.

H. W. ANNE E. SMITH.

Annie E. Smith died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith in Whips Cove, Sunday morning, December 20, 1908, aged 14 years, 7 months, and 11 days. The news of her death caused a great shock to her many friends, for up to twenty-four hours before her death, she had been in the very bloom of health. Her physician did all that could be done for her; but it was the will of her Heavenly Father that she should be taken away from earth to dwell in a land free from sickness, sorrow, and pain.

The friends met at the home of her grandparents at ten o'clock on Monday morning, and proceeded with the remains to the cemetery at the Jerusalem church, where she was laid to rest to await the general resurrection. The large number of persons present then went into the church and listened to a very impressive sermon by the Rev. T. P. Garland. She is survived by her father and two brothers, James and Floyd.

Annie was a bright promising girl, and her relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of their numerous friends in this trying hour of their bereavement.

Last Valuable Mule.

One day last week while one of C. R. Spangler's lumber teams was over the mountain, one of his big mules was kicked on one of the hind legs. The matter did not seem to be a serious one, and the driver, Mr. Bert Doyle brought the team home. On Saturday morning, he again started across the mountain, with the team, and just above Johnnie Magsam's brick house on the Chambersburg pike east of town the mule, which up to that time had not shown any signs of having been seriously injured by the kick, suddenly gave up—holding the injured foot of the ground. The mule was brought back to town, and on Sunday the mule was taken out and shot. It is believed now that when the mule was kicked the bone was cracked, and that when it was put under the strain of a heavy pull—snapped off.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fox Have Their Children at Home on Christmas. The First Time All Have Been Together For Twenty-five Years.

Last Friday was a glad day in the lives of our esteemed friends Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fox, who reside in the East End Extension, of McConnellsburg. Their sons E. Thompson, and William A., being here from Kansas, it was an auspicious time for the family all to be together again, and a sumptuous family dinner was prepared. With glad hearts the family surrounded the old family table—the first time for twenty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox have been blessed with a family of which they may justly feel proud—all hale, hearty, and prosperous. Thompson is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs 195 pounds; Will is 5-9, and weighs 196, and George, 5-10, and weighs 185. Thompson's son George was present, and he is a six-footer.

The children and grand-children on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Fox, of Lewis, Kansas, and their son George and daughter Mary; William A. of Greeley, Kas.; Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, of Lemasters, Pa., and their children, Hilda and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cooper (Annie) and their children Henry, John, Ruth, and Nevie; Mrs. Emma L. Daniels and her children, Willis, Rosa, and Lamar.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox, the latter of whom was Miss Sarah Jane Divilbiss, were married more than fifty-two years ago, and are, of course, not young people, but are looking well and living comfortably; and it is to be hoped will live many more years and have the pleasure of being again with their children and grandchildren as they were last Friday.

Legislation and Forest Fires.

The Scientific American is anxious to have something done by the State Legislatures, a number of which will meet soon, toward the extermination of forest fires in parts of our country, which diminish the timber and as well the lumber supply, and also causing millions of dollars loss to property annually. It is exactly right in this, and we believe with it that something should be done to relieve the great drains which have been made upon our forests.

The recent drought is fresh in the minds of most of our readers, and the fact that the lack of rainfall permitted the destructive forest fires to devastate considerable sections of the Middle, the New England and Northern states, should make us more eager to do what we can to help such a movement along. It is true that during September fires raged, and in many places villages were wiped out or threatened, and even in this county the smoke hung so thickly at times that one could scarcely see. We all know that much of the fire on the mountains is caused by tramps and hunters, who exercise no care in this respect, and ruthlessly set fire to the dead leaves or brush.

The Legislatures should take some action against this devastation, and make some effort to preserve our forests. There is no doubt that such has a considerable effect upon the amount of precipitation, and the lack of rain fall which we have been experiencing, is certainly a great menace to our crops as well as the health and prosperity of the people.

Miss Mayo Mellott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Mellott, near Lemasters, Franklin county, spent part of her Christmas vacation with her brothers Harvey and Alvah, on the old homestead in the Cove, and returned to the home of her parents last Monday.

LETTER FROM TEXAS.

Miss Anna Mallott Tells of Her Trip, and Her Impressions of Her New Home. Thinking that my Fulton County friends might be interested in a letter from me through the courtesy of the "Fulton County News," I will tell something of our trip, and of the country.

We left Hancock on the fifth of October, and five days later we arrived at Brazoria, Texas, tired and worn out with our long journey. The first day's travel we enjoyed greatly, and our eyes were on the alert to catch from the car window the thousand and one new sights; but when one keeps going for days, the eye becomes weary, and one's brain fairly stupefied, and it takes something very unusual to attract one's attention to any very great degree.

Brazoria is a town of about 400 people situated on the line of the St. Louis, Brownsville, and Mexican railroad. I think this is a fine country—splendid climate, and a rich soil. There has been but one frost this winter, and that was a very slight one and would not be counted in Fulton county. Peach trees are in bloom. Crops grow here nearly every month in the year. The oats is looking fine. Oats is usually sown here in November. Oranges, figs, and bananas do well. This country is settling up with Northern people very rapidly—settlers principally from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska—in fact, there are among them representatives from almost every state in the Union. Last week's excursion to this place brought forty-seven people who bought land and will make their homes here.

Frank Spade, O. W. Mellott, and Howard Mallott—all of whom came here recently from Fulton county are getting along nicely and building nice comfortable houses. We are going to the beach during the holidays to catch fish, gather oysters, and shoot wild ducks and geese. The winter gardens are looking fine, and cabbage, lettuce, onions, peas, turnips, radishes, and beets are growing nicely, and remind one of what the gardens in Fulton look like along in June.

Frank Spade has a nice orange and fig orchard started, and all our Fulton county colony, except Levi Mellott, like the country well, and are here to stay.

Howard Mellott is breaking ground for his spring crops. Corn and potatoes are planted about the first of February, and cabbage—well you can set out cabbage plants any old time—every month in the year if you like. Two crops of corn may be raised each year, and three crops of potatoes, or any other kind of truck in the same time. The strawberry season is at its best just now, and they are being shipped by the carload from Angleton—eight miles from here. It should be remembered that this is a new country, just being opened up. We do not have any strawberries to ship now, but expect to have plenty of them by this time next year.

Everything is hustle and bustle here. The people who drop down in a new country like this mean business, and very well know that success will not come to the man who is afraid of a little work, or is not willing to pay the price in personal sacrifice for a few years.

Real estate men are having their inning now, of course; but they are the men that lead the way into all new territory, and their work is a necessary.

There is room and opportunity for more Fulton county people here, and I should be glad to welcome such to our new land, where I think they would be pleased with the change.

ANNIE MELLOTT, Brazoria, Tex., Dec. 20, 1908.

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FROM DOCTOR WEST.

Christmas Greetings Intensely His Kindly Feelings Toward His Fulton County Friends.

Another day commemorative of the bestowal of God's "unspeakable gift" to man is drawing to a close. During its hours McConnellsburg has been much in my thoughts and in my heart. How could it have been otherwise with well nigh a score of post cards coming as sweet messengers from the old home, testifying of esteem and love. My heart goes out in grateful response.

Fond memories cluster around the people to whom I ministered and with whom I mingled in delightful christian and friendly and social intercourse in years by-gone. Somehow I still feel that they belong to me and I to them. I purpose running over to see them some of these days. And, inasmuch as through a kind Providence I am able once more to stand alone (though I cannot walk without my sticks), may I not hope to enjoy the privilege of again meeting with and addressing them as of old. That is, of course (in ecclesiastical parlance), "if the way be clear."

I would ask my friends from whom I have heard to accept this as an acknowledgement of their kind messages of love.

WM. A. WEST, Harrisburg, Pa., December 25, 1908.

NEEDMORE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Interesting Exercises Held by the Sunday School on Christmas, and Large Attendance.

Those who have the Sunday school work in charge at Needmore have great reason to feel encouraged, and to go on through the coming year with renewed zeal and energy. While the Sunday school work in that community is a comparatively new thing, the exercises on Christmas shows that it is in competent hands, and possesses strong local interest.

After a spirited song by the school, the devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Powers, and an address by the Superintendent, Mrs. J. J. Palmer, and greetings by Viola Kershner. Appropriate recitations were nicely delivered by Peter Gordon, Laura Mellott, Mildred Dixon, Paul Palmer, Edith Peck, Leslie Garland, Ruth Mellott, Marshall Lanehart, Charles Peck, Glenn Powers, Fred Dixon, Marshall Hill, Ethel Mellott, Harry Beaty, May Mellott, Della Bard, Preston Lanehart, Herman Bard, Keda Garland, Vernon Mellott, Dewey Peck, Blanche Mellott, Zola Lanehart, Enza Wink, and Mrs. J. W. Lake. Quartet, "What Say the Bells?" by William Powers, Vera Hill, Ellis Peck, and Earl Shives; a tableau, "Night and Dawn of Israel," by Della Bard, Carrie Kershner, and Esther Peck; a duet and chorus, "Peace on Earth," by Mrs. J. W. Lake and Earl Shives, and a very pretty cantata, were features of the entertainment that were pleasing and instructive.

SUNNYSIDE. Mr. Phineas T. Runyan, of Mountain Lake Park, Md., is visiting his brother, Ahmaraz Runyan, this week.

Miss Eva Barnhart is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McClellan.

Mr. Robert Dixon, of Pittsburg, is spending a few days with his family at Needmore this week.

Quite a number of friends assembled at Jane Ann Snider's last Friday to enjoy a sumptuous Christmas dinner in honor of Mrs. Snyder. Among those present on that occasion were Mr. and Mrs. S. Logue Wink and their little daughter Thea; Walter Peck and daughter Mary, of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Peck, W. H. Peck and son Raymond, Corder W. Snyder, Will Evans, and H. L. Peck.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Union Services To Be Held in the Several Churches in Town Next Week, Beginning at the Presbyterian Church Monday Evening.

The Week of Prayer idea had its inception with the founding of the Evangelical Alliance in London in 1847, and to day it is the most nearly universal of the special devotional fellowships of the Christian church.

For many years it has been the custom of the different denominations in McConnellsburg, to unite in the week-of-prayer services, holding the service one night in each of the five churches. These meetings have always been largely attended, have been very delightful and helpful, and have done more than anything else to maintain a brotherly spirit among our pastors, and a harmony of action among the members of the different church organizations of the town and community.

The services will begin at 7 o'clock, Monday evening in the Presbyterian church, and the subject for praise and prayer will be "The Bible—The Word of God." Prayer that the Bible may everywhere have free course and ever prove itself the means of individual and social and worldly salvation. See Heb. 1:1, 2; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:21; Heb. 4:12.

Tuesday evening, in the United Presbyterian church. Subject: "God's Faithfulness, Man's Responsibility." Prayer for a vivid realization of our bounden duty to be faithful; for a convincing sight of our personal sin in failing to fulfill God's gracious conditions; and for the spirit of true repentance as shown by works meet for repentance. See 1 Cor. 1:3, 8. See also Luke 12:42, 44; Phil. 2:12, 13; Rev. 2:10.

Wednesday evening, in the Methodist Episcopal church. Subject: "Missions, Home and Foreign." Prayer for a double portion of the true missionary spirit; for such individual consecration as shall greatly enrich missionary treasuries, and fill to overflowing the ranks of the Gospel's heralds; and for special inspiration and guidance from God, in improving the wonderful opportunity now offered in the revolutionized Ottoman Empire. See Matt. 28:19, 20.

Thursday evening, in the Reformed church. Subject: "Intemperance and Gambling." Prayer that the spirit of the awakening may be the more purified and enlightened and confirmed; that practical experience may be heeded as the test of methods and the proof of results; and that the final outcome may be wholly good. See Rom. 12:17. See also Haa. 2:15; 1 Cor. 6:10; Phil. 4:8.

Friday evening, in the Lutheran church. Subject: "The Family and the School." Prayer that the family may everywhere be hallowed by love, and strengthened by reverent fidelity; that public opinion may safeguard it, and wise laws be its defense; and that the divine blessing may rest evermore on all our schools and institutions of learning. See Gen. 2:24; Ps. 68:5, 6.

The services will begin promptly at 7 o'clock and continue one hour.

A Rural Editor's Experience.

Editor Andy Shoener, of the Trevorton Times, thus describes a rural editor's experience: "We have been taking wood, potatoes, corn, eggs, butter, onions, cabbage, chickens, stone, lumber, labor, sand, calico, sauer kraut, second hand clothing, coon skins and bug juice, scrap iron, shoe pegs, raw hides, tan bark, dog seed, and wheat straw on subscription and now a man wants to know if we would send him the paper six months for a large owl. We have no precedent for refusing, and if we can find a man who is out of an owl and wants one we'll do it."

RUN ON CORN THIEVES.

But They Got Away With The Plunder Just The Same. Were Stealing from James Sipes' Crib.

Last Saturday night was one of those dark stormy nights that offers favorable opportunity for those who may not have fed enough for their hogs over Sunday to "borrow" some from "him that hath." It was not very late in the night, however, when teamster Bert Doyle was on his way to Spangler's stable to look after one of the mules that had been hurt that in passing James Sipes' corncrib, he frightened two gentlemen, who seemed to have business at the corncrib, and they ran away. Upon examination of the premises, Mr. Doyle found that two or three of the lath near the bottom of the crib had been torn off, and that corn was being taken out. One bagful stood in the alley ready for transportation, and there is no telling how many had already been removed. Mr. Doyle thought it would be only fair that some of the Sipes should be present to see the corn measured out, and so went to Mr. Sipes' house and informed the family; but before any of them could get to the crib, the corn merchants had returned and taken the bagful away.

Were The Dogs Mad.

Several days ago, Lackung Creek township had a little mad-dog excitement. On Sunday the 19th inst., Gilbert Dishong spent a short time in the afternoon at the home of his neighbor, H. W. Decker, and had his dog along. While Mr. Dishong was at Mr. Decker's, the latter's dog began to act strangely, and soon fell over in a fit. After arousing from the fit, the dog frothed at the mouth and seemed so irritable that Mr. Decker thought it to be only a matter of prudence to kill the animal. Toward evening, Mr. Dishong went home, and had not been home long until his dog showed signs of rabies—frothing at the mouth, and acting strangely, and later seemed to have a fit. Mr. Dishong, like his neighbor Mr. Decker, did not feel like taking any chances, and promptly got his gun and killed the dog. It has been reported since, that a mad dog was at large in Thompson township, in the vicinity of Covalt. Of course, it does not follow that every dog that gets fits, or that shows other symptoms of illness, has hydrophobia; but it is better that a hundred innocent dogs should be killed than that one "guilty" dog should escape, and perhaps be the means of causing the death of some human being.

HUSTONTOWN.

The Holidays are here once more.

The Christmas entertainment held in the M. E. church was very good. The recitations by the children were especially creditable.

Edward Bratton, of Dublin Mills, was seen in our town last Saturday evening. What seems to be the attraction in our town Leslie.

Last Thursday evening C. J. Barton's loafers were much amused by the jangling of two of Uncle Sam's employes caused by applauding a colored man who was entertaining the crowd with string music.

T. E. Huston, of Union church, Huntingdon county, is home spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huston.

David Strat purchased a fine driving horse lately.

Miss May Earton is home spending the holidays.

Arthur Woodcock was married to Miss Morrow on Christmas, and they have gone to Mt. Union on their wedding tour.

Mrs. Eliza Taylor has been very poorly.

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

Will Motter spent a few days in Chambersburg and Waynesboro last week.

Miss Maye V. Stiver, of Bedford, is visiting her relatives at McConnellsburg.

Mrs. David M. Kendall, of the Cove, is spending a couple of weeks in Philadelphia visiting relatives.

Mr. Nathan Everts, of Harrisburg, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ed D. Shimer, on Walnut street.

Mr. Clarence Shimer, of Altoona, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Anna M. Shimer, of this place.

Miss Nelle Gress, of Chambersburg, spent Christmas in the home of her mother, Mrs. Conrad Gress, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Willison, of Lykens, Pa., are guests in the home of the latter's brother, A. R. Wilkinson, of this place.

Reed Ray and Miss Minnie Smith, of Everett, came to McConnellsburg last Friday and remained with relatives until Sunday.

Mr. Emery Pittman, of Harrisburg, spent the time from Christmas evening until Monday in the home of George Snider of this place.

C. Wilson Peck and family spent the time from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Peck, at their home at Knobsville.

Miss Bess Irwin, teacher of the Glenside school, Philadelphia, is home for her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Irwin.

Miss Jessie Dickson, who is taking a course in Domestic Science at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, is home for her holiday vacation.

Misses Ruth and Esther Klee, of Chambersburg, spent Christmas week visiting their uncles, Andrew Washbaugh and James G. Alexander.

Russell Runyan, a student at Perkiomen Seminary, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Runyan, of this place.

Miss Stella Sipes, who is teaching at West Chester, Pa., this winter is home for her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

Arthur Shimer and Oscar Gress spent the time from Thursday until Saturday with the former's sister, Mrs. Casper Whorley at Newburg, Cumberland county.

Miss Minnie Dalbey, one of the Westinghouse's efficient stenographers in Pittsburgh, spent the time from Thursday until Monday in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey, in this place.

Roy Morton, who has charge of a large forestry reservation in Huntingdon and Center counties, with offices at Petersburg, Pa., is spending a few days with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. Peter Morton, near town.

Mr. Elmer Suders, of Wampum, Pa., is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this place. Elmer says that whatever the newspapers may be saying about times brightening up, there are thousands of men out of employment in the western part of the State.

Mr. Charles W. Seville, a student in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, is spending the holidays with his father Mr. Amos Seville, of this place. Charlie preached in the Lutheran church last Sunday morning, very much to the delight and edification of the large congregation present.