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## OUTLOOK GOOD.

For The Building of The 'Cross The State Highway, and The Route Through McConnellsburg.

### LIKELY TO BE CHOSEN.

Harrisburg, Jan. 25.—Little doubt is entertained of the ultimate success in the present legislature of the 'cross-state highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg by way of Harrisburg, as recommended in Governor Stuart's message to the legislature.

Not only is the governor's influence taken as a strong factor, but a study of the house public roads committee leads to the belief that its personnel was selected by some one not wholly disinterested in the construction of the proposed state highway.

According to the makeup of this committee the southern tier of counties on the committee are represented as follows:

Dauphin, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, York, Franklin, Bedford, Westmoreland, Fayette, Allegheny and Washington. Other counties below the center are Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Lebanon, Juniata, Mifflin and Snyder.

The remaining counties represented on the committee are Susquehanna, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Lycoming, Potter, Union, Clearfield, Forest, Butler, Venango, Warren and Erie.

Allegheny, Luzerne and Delaware have two members each on the committee.

The proposition, which will have the backing of the administration, is to build a road from Allegheny through Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Cumberland to Harrisburg.

From Harrisburg two plans present themselves, which are almost equally advantageous.

One is to continue the road to Philadelphia through Lancaster, Chester and Delaware. The other is to build this stretch through Lebanon, Berks and Montgomery.

Franklin and Adams counties are also very much interested in having an offshoot of the proposed road from Chambersburg to Gettysburg, although they are not especially desirous of having it continued on through York and Lancaster as those roads are now in pretty good shape. The Franklin and Adams men are especially anxious for the Gettysburg offshoot to be built because of the probability of the federal government building the Lincoln boulevard from Washington to Gettysburg.

A powerful factor in having the eastern portion of the state highway built on the Lebanon-Berks-Montgomery route, instead of the Lancaster-Chester-Delaware route is that Representative Ambler, of Montgomery, is chairman of the house roads committee, although an offset to this is that Senator Thomson, of Chester, is chairman of the senate roads committee.

Chairman Ambler will be powerfully supported for the upper route by Moyer, of Lebanon, who is chairman of the rules and judiciary general committees in addition to his membership on the roads, and who has earned recognition for himself by binding himself tightly to Penrose.

West of Harrisburg the members have not made up their minds how they will stand, as, naturally, it makes little difference to them whether Philadelphia is reached through Lancaster or through Reading.

An argument which will be used against the Reading route is that the roads now existing between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, via Reading, are very good, while the condition of the Lancaster pike is little short of disgraceful.

## BETTER POSTAL SERVICE.

Mail Now Reaches McConnellsburg From Mercersburg About Three Hours Sooner.

In response to a petition from patrons of the McConnellsburg post office, the Postal Department ordered a change in the schedule of the mail route between this place and Mercersburg which took effect on Monday.

The morning stage which previously has awaited the arrival in Mercersburg, of Train No. 63 at 10:50, now leaves immediately upon the arrival of Train No. 61 at 7:56, and is scheduled to arrive at McConnellsburg by 11 a. m.

This change is very gratifying to all as we get the mail and morning papers three hours earlier, that previously were held in Mercersburg.

The early train carries the papers and the bulk of all eastern and western mail; in fact, all that is mailed in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore and all points along the main lines before midnight the previous day, also all that is mailed after 3 o'clock p. m., in points in the Cumberland Valley.

No innovation in recent years has so contributed to the betterment of our mail service as this—not only to McConnellsburg, direct, but the patrons of every post office whose mail is supplied from here, as they can all have their mail as much earlier in proportion.

## Change In Public Schools.

In 1860 there was not a public school in the United States that had a gymnasium, a bath or a lunch room for boys or girls, to be used in connection with their school work. Except in the country, there was not a school that had a grassed playground.

In 1870 there were ten public schools scattered over the country that had introduced pleasant and shaded playgrounds, and four of these had gymnasiums for wand exercises. In 1880 the number having suitable grounds and embryonic gymnasiums had increased to eighty, and in 1890 to 253.

In 1900 there were more than 12,000 schools having attractive grounds, and more than 14,000 with suitably equipped gymnasiums. At the present writing all strictly modern school buildings have athletic rooms and baths, while many are equipped with lunch rooms that serve properly prepared food at a minimum price to those students who at noon cannot go home.

The cause of popular education has taken immense strides in the last ten years, and the boy of 1909 has comforts and opportunities in school that the boy of 1860 would have regarded as dreams if they had been offered to him.

### NEEDMORE.

Grandma and W. F. Hart have been on the sick list but are better at this writing.

Pleasant Waltz is spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joo. McClellan.

People took advantage of the sledding during the past week, and are sorry to see the snow leave.

There were preaching services here last Sunday morning.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peck, a boy last Thursday.

Some of our people attended a birthday surprise party up at Mr. William Truax's last week, one evening in honor of their daughter Mabel.

Again, we demand a bridge here. It is high time there was a move made toward it, as high waters and large quantities of floating ice make it very dangerous to ford.

Let us then be up and doing With a heart for any fate, Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to "labor" and "not" to wait.

Hayes Locke and George Wagner, of Fort Littleton, were in town Monday.

## ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

Held at the City Hotel Last Friday Evening by Local Lodge. Fifty Plates and Excellent Menu.

### LODGE IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

Once a year the members of McConnellsburg Lodge of Odd Fellows hold a Banquet at one or another of the hotels in town, to which each member may take his wife, sweetheart, mother, or any other friend or friends that he may choose, and that may choose to go with him. This year's banquet was held at the City Hotel last Friday evening, and was a very enjoyable affair to all who were fortunate enough to be present. A few minutes before nine o'clock the dining room doors were thrown open and soon fifty persons were seated in the brilliantly lighted and tastefully decorated dining room around tables most attractively spread.

The following copy of the menu card will give some idea of what the guests had before them, and it was more than an hour before the last oddfellow was willing to shove back his chair and admit that he was unequal to the task of demolishing everything in sight.

### M E N U

Turtle Soup	
Roast Turkey	Cranberry Sauce
	Celery
	Mashed Potatoes
Cold Ham	Pickles
	French Peas
	Sliced Tomatoes
	Lettuce
Buttered Rolls	Deviled Eggs
	Corn
	Ice Cream
Coffee	Oranges
	Cake

Under direction of Toastmaster B. W. Peck, pertinent after-dinner speeches were made by Dr. F. K. Stevens, Hon. John P. Sipes, County Superintendent B. C. Lamberson, and Hon. S. Wesley Kirk.

Altogether the affair was very pleasant, and shows the enterprise and good fellowship existing among the members of the lodge here. McConnellsburg lodge is adding new members to its numbers, and is now on the top notch of prosperity.

At the close a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Landlord and Mrs. Hamil for the delightful manner in which they thus afforded the members such a pleasant evening.

Those present at the banquet were: Prof. B. C. Lamberson and wife, Horace U. Nace and wife, Miss Maria D. Alexander, Geo. E. Clouser, J. Albert Gordon, Geo. A. Harris and wife, Dr. Geo. M. Robinson, Miss Emily Greathead, Miss Sallie Dickson, A. B. Wilkinson and wife, Miss Mary Wilkinson, Miss Maye V. Stiver, Mrs. Wilson L. Nace, J. S. Alexander, Miss Emma Doyle, E. R. McClain and wife, John B. Runyan and wife, Dr. A. D. Dalbey and wife, Mrs. Emma Daniels, L. H. Wible and wife, Miss Netha Nesbit, Dr. F. K. Stevens and wife, Albert K. Nesbit and wife, Ed D. Shimer and wife, Jno. P. Eader, S. B. Woollet and wife, Miss Nora O. Fisher, Mrs. Geo. W. Cooper, B. Frank Henry, Miss Laura Henry, Miss Gertrude Hoke, J. P. Sipes and wife, C. B. Stevens and wife, S. W. Kirk, and B. W. Peck and wife.

### A Horrible Death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutzell, wife of Hiram Hutzell, near Bobsboro, committed suicide in a horrible manner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Gross, near Reno's Monument, on South Mountain, at an early hour Wednesday morning of last week. The young woman applied a lighted match to her garments and was burned so badly that she sank to the ground in a few minutes, life being extinct.

## MUST WORK THEMSELVES.

Disquieting Rumors for the Place Farmers in the Legislature—Treasurer's Position.

All employees of the present Legislature will have to actually perform their duties there or else run the risk of losing their pay. It is no uncommon thing for an influential man to get a place at several dollars a day, farm it out for a fraction of the sum and then do nothing himself except draw his money.

This practice was broken up fairly well during the Berry administration in the State Treasury, and a report was current yesterday that State Treasurer Sheatz will follow Berry's example. Sheatz says that he will do nothing unless a specific case is pointed out. "If it is shown that a man is not really at work," said Mr. Sheatz, "of course he is not entitled to his pay." The State Treasurer must do only what is right, and it is scarcely right to pay a man for work he doesn't do. The State Treasurer, however, is in no position to get any information on the subject unless it is especially called to his attention.

### Visit The Public Schools.

Many parents of almost every town or community make a mistake in not visiting the public schools more frequently than they do, and this town is no exception. Visit the schools as often as you can, and study the conditions into which you send your little folks every day. The parents will send the children to school, knowing nothing of what is being done from day to day. No business man would turn his stock of goods over to a stranger, to be housed, or cared for without his supervision, and no farmer would treat his stock with the indifference as to its comfort that he shows toward his children's mental and physical comfort. Many will tell you that the child should not be allowed to complain of the teacher, or of the school; but no man or woman can be trusted so implicitly as that. Let the children talk, even though you say nothing; but listen quietly to all that is said, and then investigate the matter in a business spirit. Get acquainted with both teacher and the schoolhouse. This item is given in a general way, and has reference to no particular school.

### DOTT.

Mrs. Anthony Lynch, of this place, is visiting her son Mr. Frank P. Lynch in McConnellsburg.

Archie Fisher and Reid Strait made a business trip to Hagers-town, one day last week.

Mrs. W. P. Gordon and Mrs. Nelson Booth, of Warfordsburg, spent a day recently with the family of Geo. F. B. Hill at Siding Hill.

Franz Bernhardt, of Huntington, is visiting relatives and friends here.

J. C. Fisher, wife and son Gayle, spent Sunday with Chas. H. Hess and family.

The family of R. J. Layton, who had typhoid fever, are all able to be around again.

A crowd of young people from Franklin Mills took advantage of the good sledding snow and drove to the hospitable home of Constable and Mrs. Calandine Fisher last Thursday night where they had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Charles Hess spent a day recently with Mrs. John P. Fisher near Warfordsburg.

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting for the election of officers and a sexton for Union Cemetery, will be held at the Church on Thursday, February 4, 1909, at 2 o'clock, p. m., when all interested may attend. By order of the President.

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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.

JAMES A. MUMMA.

James A. Mumma, one of Licking Creek township's best known citizens, died at his home about two miles north of Saluvia, about five o'clock last Sunday evening, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. His funeral took place from his late home yesterday, services conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf and interment was made in the cemetery at the Bethlehem church. Besides his widow, who was Eliza, a daughter of the late Daniel Brant, he is survived by the following children, namely, Barbara, wife of John Raker; Rhoda, wife of John Snyder; Miss Emma, residing in Pittsburg; Daniel B., of Franklin county; John, in New Mexico; Prof. James E., and Harvey, who lives at home. Two brothers and two sisters survive him, namely, David B., George W., Mrs. Anna Hann, and Mary, wife of John B. Sipes.

The deceased was an excellent citizen and enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends who will learn with sadness of his death.

SAMUEL A. WIBLE.

Samuel A. Wible died at his home in Licking Creek township, about 11 o'clock Monday forenoon, January 25, 1909, aged 51 years, 1 month, and 11 days. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Bethlehem church on Wednesday, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf and Rev. D. W. Kelso. Mr. Wible was an excellent citizen, a consistent member of the United Brethren church, and his death will mean a loss felt not only by his own family, but by the entire community. His widow, who was Charlotte, a daughter of the late Rev. John R. Croft, survives him, as well as the following children, J. R., who lives near the late home of the father, and O. C. and L. D., at home. His mother, Susan Wible, who has been making her home with him for some time, also survives.

SARAH L. DESHONG.

Mrs. Sarah L. Deshong, widow of the late Benjamin Deshong, died at her home at Saluvia last Saturday morning, aged 70 years, 8 months, and 26 days. Mrs. Deshong had been confined to her room since Christmas night, and the cause of her death was dropsy.

Funeral took place on Monday, services conducted by Rev. Luther McGarvey, and interment in the cemetery at Asbury church at Greenhill. She is survived by two children by her last husband—S. J. Deshong and Ben Deshong—both residing in Licking Creek township, and by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Lyon, by her first husband, Christopher Ensley, who died in Libby prison during the Civil War.

### LEG AMPUTATED.

J. H. Melius Meets With Painful Accident Which Resulted in Loss of Right Leg.

The day before Christmas, J. H. Melius, formerly of Taylor township, but now of Punxsutawney, Pa., slipped on the ice on the streets of that place and fell on his crippled leg, breaking it above the knee. He was taken to Grube's hospital, where it was found that the knee also was injured so badly that it was necessary to amputate the limb. On the 4th of January, Dr. J. R. Grub, assisted by Dr. Snyder, successfully performed the operation.

Joe is getting along remarkably well. He is up and around and will be able to leave the hospital in a week or ten days.

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## WOMAN MURDERED.

Miss Charlotte Ward Found Near Home in Bedford County.

The murder of Miss Charlotte Ward, near Robinsonville, in the southeast section of this county, has caused considerable excitement, not only in that vicinity, but all over the county.

Miss Ward, who was 47 years and 4 months of age, made her home with her mother, Mrs. Henry Ward, and a brother Moses, who is a deaf mute. Between 8 and 9 o'clock on the morning of January 13 she went to the woods near her home to gather pine knots, and did not return. Becoming alarmed at her continued absence, a search was instituted and about 3 o'clock the following afternoon (Thursday) her dead body was found along the roadside some distance from her home. Examination developed the fact that she had been killed with a blunt hammer or hatchet, as her head was crushed. The body was face downward, with the clothing arranged, and covered with a slight fall of snow.

The body was taken to the home of her mother that evening and prepared for burial. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. A. W. May of Clearville. Besides her mother and the brother above mentioned, deceased is survived by a brother Simon, residing in Buck Valley, Fulton county.

### END.

Miss Mary Berkstresser is spending a few days in Bedford.

Miss Della Foster visited relatives in Trough Creek recently.

Mrs. Geo. Chamberlain and two children, are visiting relatives in Marklesburg, Huntington and Tyrone.

F. C. Cunningham spent a few days in Bedford county recently.

Judging from the quantity of ice housed during the last cold spell, our people evidently expect to keep cool next summer.

Mrs. Catherine Lockard is much worse at this writing. There is slight hope of her recovery.

We are glad to note that J. F. Earley is able to be downstairs again.

The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mellott, leaving a little daughter.

The local institute held at No. 3 was well attended. Four out of the five teachers were present and two directors. It was the first appearance of the Valley Band since its reorganization. The music assisted a great deal and was much enjoyed by all.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church visited the Endeavor Society of the U. B. church on the evening of the 17th inst.

Miss Laura Miller, of Coaldale, visited friends and relatives in the Valley recently.

The young folks were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Foster, last Saturday evening.

### Local Institute.

The following is a report of the local institute held at Oak Grove schoolhouse last Friday evening.

Owing to the absence of several of the teachers, but one topic—"What should be the Directors' guide in selecting teachers?" was taken up and discussed by the citizens present.

A fine literary program was rendered, consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, etc.

The teachers present were Chester Spade and Miss Lillie Wink.

I think it is our duty as teachers to stir out and take an active part in these educational meetings. Next institute to be held at Akersville on Friday evening, Feb. 12th.

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## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Tried to Get Into C. B. Stevens' Residence While They Were at the Banquet.

### CANDIDATE FOR THE PENITENTIARY.

When Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens returned home from the Odd Fellows' Banquet at the City Hotel after 11 o'clock last Friday night, Mr. Stevens discovered the grate open at the entrance of the little alley that leads down from the street between his residence and the store building of George W. Hays. Getting a light and going down the alley he found from tracks that someone had entered and gone around to the back part of his house and had not returned. When he reached the back part of the house, he found the cellar-door open, but noticed that the tracks showed that the person who had entered the cellar had come out and gone out the back way through the lot, and gotten over into the alley. Outside the fact that some matches had been burnt in the cellar, there was nothing else to indicate the presence of the intruder.

About 20 minutes after 10 o'clock, Geo. W. Reiser, whose residence adjoins that of Mr. Stevens, heard a noise at Mr. Stevens' cellar door, and put a light out at the window, and it is thought that this frightened the intruder away.

Mr. Stevens knows his visitor, and it is only because that there is no loss worth making any fuss about that he is keeping the matter quiet. Breaking into other people's houses is a dangerous business, and a pretty sure way, if followed up, to land the fellow in the penitentiary.

### A Surprise Party.

Last Tuesday evening, as Miss Mary Figard, of Round Knob, Broad Top township, heard sleigh bells, she stepped out upon the porch to see what it meant, and was very much surprised to find that a number of her friends had gathered to celebrate her 19th birthday.

Soon after the table was set and they had everything to eat, of which one might think.

After supper was over, they enjoyed themselves by playing games and listening to some music with which some of the guests entertained them.

Those present were: Mrs. Francis Thomas, Rhody Figard, wife and children, Mildred and Walter; Blair Mort, wife and children, Ethel and Wilfred; John Figard, wife and children, Berntha and Carl; Barton Walters, wife and family; Misses Amelia Smith, Mary Satterfield, Nora Chaney, Pearl and Vera Barton, Pearl Figard, and Lottie Walters, Messrs. Orville Satterfield, Clyde Potts, N. E. M. Hoover, Clarence Figard, Chester Walters, Roy Figard; John, Henry and Laurance McGee, Charles Grafious, George Crooks, Albert Rabenstein and Richard Thomas. Miss Mary received many useful presents.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock the guests departed for their homes having enjoyed the occasion and wishing Miss Mary many more happy birthdays.

### ONE WHO WAS THERE.

### WELLS VALLEY.

The Wisharts received a telegram the 22nd inst telling of the death of their sister Mrs. Mary Montgomery in Rockfield, Indiana, no particulars as to cause of death. She was aged 60 years.

Both J. F. Earley and S. P. Wishart, who have been very ill are improving.

Rev. Edward L. Kennedy will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

The Misses Isabella and Martha Stunkard of Trafford City, and Mr. Palmer of Mt. Union are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spaugler.