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DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

Annual Convention of the Fulton County School Directors Held in the Court House Last Friday—Morning, Afternoon, and Evening.

DISTRICT BOARDS WELL REPRESENTED

Prior to the year 1893 it was customary to set apart Thursday of the week of the County Institute, as Director's Day, and on the afternoon of that day, seats were reserved inside the railing for those directors who showed interest enough in the workings of the schools to be present at the institute on that occasion. The talks given by the instructors on that afternoon were directed more especially to the directors, but it was seldom that a director took any part in the discussions.

Feeling that the interest of the schools demanded greater concert of action, the legislature in its session of 1892-3 passed an act requiring the County Superintendent to call the directors of the county in special convention at some time during the school year, other than the week of the institute, and have a program prepared and speakers engaged that would make the work of the directors more uniform, and awaken a greater and more enthusiastic interest in the work. To encourage the attendance of the directors, the act says it shall be the duty of each director to attend the annual meeting, and that a compensation for necessary expenses should be paid to each director attending, out of the funds of the respective districts. In pursuance with this act, Superintendent Lamber son called the directors of Fulton county in convention, which was held last Friday. At 10:30 o'clock, a. m., John Comerer, of McConnellsburg, called the convention to order, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Bryner, of the Methodist Episcopal church. Merrill W. Nace, of McConnellsburg, was chosen secretary pro tem.

The first subject discussed was, "Work of Directors Preliminary to the Opening of the Schools," and this was opened by Director J. H. H. Lewis, of Bethel, who gave a thoughtful and very practical talk. A general discussion of the subject followed, in which part was taken by Ex-County Superintendent Chesnut, who is now a director in Dublin, and by Hon. S. L. Buckley and Sander W. Chne—also Dublin directors, who brought out forcibly the idea that the most important preliminary work of the director was the election of a good teacher for each of the respective schools in his district. The directors should be familiar with the conditions of each particular school, and teachers should be selected with a view to satisfying those conditions. The matter of relationship, personal friendship, likes and dislikes, should all be lost sight of; and that teacher assigned to that school who will, in all probability, do the best work in that particular school.

The next subject, "The Director and the School," was discussed by Dr. C. H. Gordiner, of the C. V. State Normal school. The subject was discussed under the following sub-topical heads: "The Selection of Teachers;" "Board and Teachers' Meetings before School Opens;" and "School Visitation by Directors." At 1:30 o'clock, p. m., "Monthly Meetings of Boards and Teachers" was opened by E. H. Kirk, one of Taylor's directors, and the following resolution offered, which was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That in letting the schools at the beginning of the term next fall, we, as directors, demand that teachers meet the directors at least once a month for the discussion of matters for

MRS. BARTON WINTER DEAD.

She Was a Daughter of the Late Jonathan Peck, and Lived Near Needmore, This County.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock, Tuesday morning, February 15, 1909, Mrs. Mary Jane Winter, wife of Barton A. C. Winter, died at her home near Olpe, Kansas, aged about 57 years.

Mrs. Winter's maiden name was Mary Jane Peck, and she was a daughter of Jonathan Peck deceased, who, quite a number of years ago, owned and lived on what is now known as the Howard Hill farm, near Needmore. On the 18th of August, 1874 she was married to Barton A. C. Winter, son of the late John H. Winter of Whips Cove, and accompanied her husband to Kansas in 1883, settled at Olpe, and she resided in that community up to the time of her death. From the Optimist, a newspaper published in Olpe, we clip the following:

"The deceased leaves her husband, four sons, and one daughter to mourn her death. The sons are Eugene and Alvin of Emporia, and Ivanhoe and Milton. The daughter's name is Ica. She and the last two brothers named have been living with their parents about three quarters of a mile southwest of town on the Rosenstock farm. Ivanhoe had just secured a position in the round house at Emporia and his mother appearing better, he had gone up on the freight Monday evening so as to be ready to begin work Tuesday morning."

Mrs. Winter is also survived by three brothers and two sisters: David L. Peck, residing in Muncie, Ind.; Dennis, in Darke county, O.; Daniel, Caldwell, Kan.; Deborah, Mrs. Stillwell Palmer, at Ringwood, Okla.; and Ellen, Mrs. Solomon Plessinger, Hyndman, Pa.

Mrs. Winter took sick in January, 1908, and was confined to her bed until the following August, when she was able to be up a little, but she did not regain her former strength, and death came as before stated. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Hopkins, of Olpe, on the Friday following her death, and her remains were laid to rest in Pleasant Ridge cemetery, west of Olpe. The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of their relatives and friends in Fulton county.

Kellar—Lamberson.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1909, in York, Pa., by Rev. Harry Daniels, Miss Hazel Lamberson, daughter of Jacob and Agnes Lamberson, was united in marriage to Allison Kellar, son of John and Sarah Kellar, all of Hustontown, this county.

the betterment of our public schools.

"School Visitation by Directors" was next taken up by Clem Chesnut, and a lively general discussion followed.

Dr. Gordiner gave a strong talk on the "Educational Trinity."

The following persons were elected to serve as officers of the Association for the ensuing year, namely,

President, John Comerer, McConnellsburg.

Vice President, S. W. Chne, Dublin.

Vice President, J. H. Lewis, Bethel.

Secretary, Clem Chesnut, Dublin.

Treasurer, R. P. Schooley, Licking Creek.

Delegates to the State Convention, W. H. Nelson, of Ayr; Thom as Traux, Thompson.

In the evening, Dr. Gordiner gave his lecture, "What Makes the Wheels Go Round." The lecture was fine, and those who were absent missed a treat of brain food.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

JOHN HESS.

After an illness of two weeks, suffering from a stubborn attack of laryngitis, John Hess died at his home at Dublin Mills, at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning, aged 44 years, 6 months, and 20 days. Funeral on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. W. M. Clae, of Hustontown, and interment in the graveyard at the Springfield Baptist church in Huntingdon county. He is survived by his widow, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with a severe attack of rheumatism, and by one son and four daughters, Ray, Ruth, Eliza, Luella, and Olive. He leaves, also, one brother, David, of Seale, Huntingdon county; and four sisters, Rebecca, wife of James Benson, of Huntingdon county; Rhoda, wife of H. Irvin Wilson, near Fort Littleton; Jennie, wife of Elmer Slaters, Seale; and Rachel, wife of Ed Black, Dublin Mills.

Mr. Hess was married to Miss Jane, daughter of David Winegardner, near Dublin Mills, eighteen years ago last Thanksgiving Day. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hess, of Dublin Mills, and owned and lived upon the old home place.

Fulton county possessed no better man than John Hess, and his loss will be felt not only by his family, who are unexpectedly deprived of the care and love of a faithful husband and father, but the entire community in which he lived, will mourn the loss of a faithful friend and counselor—one who never asked another to do for him what he would not cheerfully do in return.

ADDIE MOTTER.

Addie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter, who reside near the Back Run schoolhouse in Ayr township, died last Sunday evening of acute dilatation of the heart, aged 15 years, 8 months, and 3 days. Funeral yesterday, conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church, McConnellsburg, and interment in the Union cemetery.

Addie had been afflicted with chronic heart trouble, and during the early part of December last, had measles; this was followed by grippe, then by rheumatism, and finally the complication became too much for her physical powers, and death resulted.

Addie was a consistent member of the Methodist church, a girl of sweet disposition, and was popular among her associates. Besides her parents, she is mourned by a sister, Miss Bessie, and two brothers, William L. at home, and John D., of Altoona.

MRS. BARBARA MELLOTT.

Mrs. Barbara Mellott, widow of the late Joshua Mellott, deceased, died at the home of her son, Richard H. Mellott, in Tod township, last Sunday, February 28, 1909, aged 67 years, 4 months, and 29 days. About two weeks ago she took grippe, which last Tuesday night developed into lobar pneumonia, and from that time grew gradually worse. Her funeral took place from the home of her son Richard at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, and her remains were taken to the Siding Hill Baptist church for interment.

Mrs. Mellott was a daughter of the late Henry Truax, and is survived by two sons and a daughter, namely, Richard, Luther W., in Ayr township, and Jane, whose home is with her brother Richard.

Mrs. Mellott was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having joined that church when she was but seventeen years of age. She was a

MERIT SYSTEM BASIS.

Important Bill Introduced by the Civil Service Reform Association.

The Civil Service Reform Association has introduced a bill putting the civil service of the commonwealth, and of such counties and cities as elect to accept its provisions, on the "merit system" basis of competitive examination for appointment to all non-elective public offices. It was introduced February 9 in the Senate by General W. J. Hulings, of Venango county, and in the House by Representative W. S. Reynolds, of Lawrence county. In the Senate the bill was referred to the Judiciary Special Committee, and in the House it went to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

This measure is one of great significance. It includes at least 5000 State officers, and fully as many again in case the larger counties and the third-class cities should elect to accept its provisions. The "local option" proviso offers two alternatives: counties and cities may adopt the "merit system" either through the action of the corporate authorities (i. e., county commissioners or city councils) or by the popular vote (the referendum). The bill does not come into conflict with the proposed educational code, inasmuch as school districts are not included within the scope of the Act, which excepts also all elective offices and higher executive officials, and exempts from examination certain other confidential positions. The administration of the law is to be in the hands of a commission of three members to be appointed by the Governor, and this commission is to appoint examiners at its discretion, keeping their expenditure within the appropriation. Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion are to receive the preference in appointment as among candidates of equal qualifications.

The bill is a step in advance, and it is in line with the enlightened recommendation of Governor Stuart's inaugural address and recent message to the Legislature. It represents a reform which has come to stay, and which, as it operates in the national administration, has resulted in a notable increase in efficiency and economy in carrying on the business of the government. The Act of March 5, 1906, which covers the city service of Philadelphia, and that of May 23, 1907, according to which the city employees of Pittsburgh and Scranton are appointed, were developments of great significance to all advocates of business-like and efficient municipal administration, and it is to be hoped that the year 1909 will be rendered notable in the political annals of Pennsylvania by the passage of this comprehensive civil service measure for the benefit of the entire commonwealth.

loving mother and a kind neighbor.

MRS. ELIZA TAYLOR.

Mrs. Eliza Taylor, one of Taylor township's aged and loved residents died at her home in Hustontown, on Monday, February 22, 1909, at the advanced age of 85 years and 9 months. Her funeral took place on Thursday, 25th, and her remains were laid to rest in the Ashton burying ground in Huntingdon county. Mrs. Taylor was twice married; the first time to a Mr. Kling, from which union was born a son—E. B. Kling, of Spring Run, Franklin county; the last time to a Mr. Taylor, from which union two sons and three daughters survive, namely, William Taylor, residing in Nebraska; George, on Clear Ridge; Mrs. Reuben Brown near Maddensville; Mrs. Ephraim Nead, Clear Ridge, and Miss Rachael at home.

HORSE STEALING.

Three Horses, a Buggy, and a Set of Harness Taken Sunday and Monday Nights.

THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Horse-stealing is a little like measles—nothing is heard of it for a long time; and then when it does break out, the community is likely to get a dose of it. The telephone wire became hot Monday morning with the intelligence that a horse had been stolen from Brady Mellott's barn Sunday night, and that the animal was tracked in the direction of McConnellsburg. The Chief of Police was notified, and it was not long until everybody was on the lookout for the thief and the stolen property. It was not long, however, until word came that a horse was running at large down the Cove. Charlie Snyder and Ben Fisher went after the horse and found it at Harvey Unger's, Brady, who had been notified, came over to McConnellsburg and recovered his property. The horse had been stolen from Brady and when the thief got to McConnellsburg, he found that the animal was too young to serve his purpose, and took it down the Cove, tied it to the fence along the road, and went off and left it. The horse getting tired of post oats, stripped the fence and called at the barnyard of Himy Clevenger. Being driven away from Mr. Clevenger's, it next called at David Kendall's, and afterward at Morrow Kendall's, but was chased away. When the horse got to Harvey Unger's he, Good Samaritan like, took the horse in and cared for it.

Tuesday morning early, word was received in town that a good horse had been stolen from the barn of Nick W. Hobman, a new buggy from A. Grant Shoemaker, and a set of harness and a valuable horse from W. H. Woodall, who lives on the Jared Pittman farm below town. Grant was the first to hit the trail. When he arose in the morning, he discovered that his buggy was gone. Without waiting, he followed the fresh track to the 'Pike at the tollgate east of town, thence across the mountain over the Mercersburg 'Pike—on foot, for he did not waste any time getting a horse—and when he reached the bars, just above the stone wall at the sharp turn about a half mile west of the old Hollins head Distillery, he noticed that the buggy had left the 'Pike, and gone into an old field through the bars.

It should be noted at this point in the story that Grant had not yet heard of the stealing of the horses from his neighbors.

Into the field Grant went, and following the trail he reached the top of the hill and looking forward saw two horses hitched in the bushes, and his buggy standing there as big as life. He had what he was looking for—his buggy; and without any ceremony, he placed himself in the shafts, and pulled the buggy down to the distillery.

By this time Bert Hohman, who left town about 8 o'clock on horse back in search of his brother Nick's horse, reached the Gap, and Grant informed him that, in all probability, the horse Bert was looking for was up in the field where he had gotten the buggy. Borrowing a "gun" the two men went back to the field and found the horses. They, of course had nothing to do but loosen them and lead them away. There was no one there to dispute possession. The horses were taken down and one of them hitched to Grant's buggy, and the property was brought back across the mountain and restored to the respective owners.

The theory is that Hohman's horse was stolen, and taken to Shoemaker's with a view to getting Grant's buggy and also his harness. It happened, however,

HARRY ALLER AND PIERCE KELSO.

Two Dublin Township Boys Tell of Their Journey to Kansas—They Like the Looks of the Country.

Here's what the boys write of their trip: "We left our homes in Dublin township, Fulton county at 1 o'clock in the morning of St. Valentine's Day, and were at Three Springs five minutes before 8. Going down to the station we exchanged some filthy lucre with the genial agent, John Coblick, for tickets that insured our transportation in first-class style over the East Broadtop Railroad. We boarded the Northern Flyer, and at 10 o'clock we were in the hustling town of Mount Union. Here we changed cars and soon found ourselves being whirled across the Alleghenies in one of the Pennsy's comfortable trains, and reached Pittsburg without an incident worth mentioning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In Pittsburg, we remained over night in the home of Geo. Bard, Pierce's uncle, and at quarter before nine the next morning we boarded a train on the Wabash Railroad for St. Joe, Mo. As we were carried on across the country toward the Mississippi, we very much enjoyed the ride and the scenery. The Mississippi river was frozen over, but the Missouri was not. We also crossed the Cedar River in Iowa.—When we reached St. Joseph, we changed to the Grand Island railroad, which carried us to Leora, Kansas, the objective point in our trip, at which place we arrived at 11 o'clock A. M., on the morning of the 18th.

We were very tired after our long ride. The land here is very level and very fertile, but we saw some land as we came along that looked very much like that in Sheep-skin Hollow.

The farms here look like great gardens. We have not gone to work yet, but expect to have plenty of it as soon as the weather becomes settled.

Yours truly,
HARRY ALLER,
PIERCE KELSO.

FORGING AHEAD.

Nathan Everts Equal to the Civil Service Examination, and Lands a Nice Position in the Railroad Mail Service.

The many friends of Nathan D. Everts, a McConnellsburg boy, will extend hearty congratulations, when they learn that he has received an appointment to a position in the Railroad Mail Service with a run between New York and Pittsburg, and is now engaged in the work.

Nathan is one of the boys that believe that it is possible for one to take hold of his bootstraps and lift himself over the fence. When a mere lad, he apprenticed himself to A. U. Nace, of this place; and while some other boys were fooling away their time, he was becoming master of a good trade. His ambition was not satisfied with this achievement, however, and while working on the table, he was employing his spare moments in acquiring knowledge that would enable him to pass the Civil Service examination and hold down a job in the Railway Mail Service. When the proper time came he appeared before the Board, showed the "wise men that he could solve their riddles," and at once found a place waiting for the right man.

S. J. Strait, of Saluvia, was a business caller at the News office Monday morning.

that Grant had his harness locked up so securely that they could not get it, and they led the horse and pulled the buggy along to the lane leading down to Woodall's when they went down to the latter's barn, got a set of harness, and while they were at it, just took one of Woodall's horses along. Nothing has been heard of the thieves.

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

Mac Litton was a business visitor to the County Seat last Saturday.

Jacob Yeakle, of Thompson township, was in town attending to business Tuesday.

Mr. Edward Bratton, of Dublin Mills, was a business caller at the News office while in town last Friday.

Mr. Reed Irvine, of Bedford, was here a day or two this week in the interest of the Odd Fellows Insurance Organization.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Motter, of Altoona, were here this week attending the funeral of the former's sister, Miss Ada Motter.

J. H. H. Lewis, of Bethel, and W. L. McKee, of Brush Creek, came in and swapped yarns with the editor while in town attending the Directors' Convention last week.

Mr. Allen M. Grissinger, of Three Springs, spent Sunday in the home of his brother-in-law John W. Ott in Ayr township. Mr. Grissinger, has bought the Kering mill at Dublin Mills, and will have a sale of his stock and farming implements at his home near Three Springs on the 15th of this month.

HAS GONE TO CHICAGO.

Merited Advancement of a Worthy McConnellsburg Boy—Harry Irwin Now With Landis Tool Co.

Harry A. Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin, of this place, has recently accepted a position as traveling specialist with the Landis Tool Company, with headquarters in Chicago, at a very comfortable salary. When casting about for the choice of an avocation after having left the public schools, he was not attracted by the ordinary professional life, and hence turned his attention to mechanical engineering. After having completed a course and graduated from a good school, he secured a nice position as assistant superintendent in the Royal Typewriter Works at Hartford, Conn., a position he held to the entire satisfaction of his employers until the first of February, when a larger salary, and the opening of a broader field of usefulness, presented themselves and he severed his relations with the typewriter company, with the cordial assurance that there would be a job ready for him there if he ever wished to return.

The employees of the place gave Harry a nice banquet when he took his leave, and the many nice gifts he received proved the high esteem in which he was held.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Last Wednesday was the eighteenth anniversary of the birth of James Sherman Garland, of Cito; and to properly celebrated the occasion, and to congratulate James, a number of his friends assembled at his home on Wednesday evening, and a very pleasant time was had. Those present were: G. H. Unger and sister Miss Jane; Mr. and Mrs. John Spade and little sons Earl and Guy, and daughter Sadie; Al Hann, Andrew and David Heinbaugh, Russell Carbaugh, Michael Peck, William Buterbaugh, Miss Lizzie Unger, Mrs. Beth Mellott and son Norman, Bennie Buterbaugh, Elmer Carbaugh, Wm. Snider, Paul Houck, Edith and Cam Mellott. James received many pretty and useful gifts. Everybody there had a nice time, and all departed about 11 o'clock, wishing Jimmy many more returns.

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