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STATE RESERVATIONS

Forester T. Roy Morton Writes an Instructive Article On the Importance of Forest Protection.

WOODMAN SPAKE THAT OLD OAK TREE

Doubtless there is not an investment within the borders of the State but what is better understood in its aims and purposes than is the State Forest Reservations.

The investment is no doubt a good one, as later facts will show, but the primary aim is the object lesson in practical forestry upon cheap lands for the edification of the people of the State that timber growing may be intelligently performed thereon and thus lands now abandoned may be reclaimed to value and the timber needed for the industrial welfare of the State augmented by replenishment in so far as such lands can do it.

Money is the one small feature to be considered in the object of the reserves. The aim is higher than financial profit; it is more for direct effects, such as regulation of moisture, prevention of erosion, preservation of game, and landscape beauty, for we want to enjoy the mountains, not bare, not ugly, but as nature provided them—clothed with trees and beauty, that they may be places of resort not merely for pleasure but also for health, for the air in the forest is healthier than the air in the country.

In the many direct ways in which the objects of the reserves bring about, the State, in the end, gets value received for every dollar invested with a well timbered reserve always remaining.

In taking up the objects of State reserves I have divided them into five main headings: namely—first protection of head waters; second benefit they give farm land; third prevent erosion of mountain slopes; fourth recreation purposes; fifth maintain industries.

In taking up the first, protection of the head waters, by this it furnishes means of transportation, irrigation, fishing, water power, and since water power of our rivers is one of the most valuable assets of our State out, as can be readily seen, unless the forests at the head waters of these rivers are protected, the melting of the snows in the spring will cause freshets for a week and then during the summer months the water will be so low that mills using water power must either shut down entirely or else run only a portion of the time. The usefulness of some of our streams for water power is already destroyed and they can only meet the demands which must be made upon them in the near future by extreme reforestation in which hearty cooperation from every one is needed. It is the users themselves who can be of chief assistance in doing away with the bad methods.

If by careful methods in the utilization of waste areas we can, in some measure, re-establish these relations we will have done much to lessen our labor and add to the wealth of the State.

Coming to the last object for protecting the head waters, is, that of furnishing pure water for cities and towns.

It has been from the start the object of the State to secure land at the head of such streams as important towns and cities receive their water supply and under care promote an increase in the quantity of water supplied by these areas and an improvement in its quality. No town should receive its water supply by drainage from the surface of cleared fields, which is always muddy and usually filthy. The best water even when filtered is no better than the citizens should have.—Therefore, why not have a reserve at the head of such streams if for no other purpose than to furnish pure water for domestic purposes. The second object of reserves,

which is the benefit they give farm land, is of great importance. The benefit on certain crops especially crops growing to the leeward, are protected from the hot and cold winds, moisture is better preserved, snow kept from blowing off, which prevents freezing, and makes the soil of the surrounding country produce the largest and most useful agricultural crops by maintaining a more or less steady stream flow. Numerous other benefits may be mentioned of which the one object of the reserves that probably benefits farm land most, is that of furnishing homes for birds; especially insectivorous. The birds have such close relation to agriculture and forestry that anything that will increase their number will prove of great and immediate economical value.

Shelter and food gone, we cannot expect their return. Therefore it should be the object of the State reserves to protect their homes. The birds, in the economy of nature, hold in check two of the greatest enemies of the agriculturist—noxious insects and weeds. If we protect the birds we will eliminate the insects, and with the insect gone, the crops as well as the trees will have a better chance for growth.

Coming now to the prevention of erosion on mountain slopes, this not only effects agriculture and navigation but health, to a certain extent. The importance of plantations are more and more apparent. We see destruction and poverty invade the parts where they have not been observed. Wealth and comfort grow in those where the rules have been observed. This is especially true on mountain slopes where water has been prevented from running off suddenly in destructive floods.

The subject for recreation purposes is a very essential one; therefore the forestry management must occasionally recognize and encourage the aesthetic side of the forest; the people will learn to love not only the part of nature belonging to them, but at the same time the State which makes such recreation grounds possible for them.

The forest for recreation has become a much needed investment in the interest of the whole community. Recreation grounds are limited more and more as the cities swell and the pressure of the industrial life becomes severer. It is of the highest common concern that nature be safeguarded and encouraged in her beneficent work of building up and sustaining the great world of recreation in which care is thrown aside, and weary brains may find freedom and invigoration. For men work that they may enjoy leisure and nothing is more pleasant for men who work in offices all day long, then to get out in the forest and enjoy a few hours hunting, fishing, or otherwise, which is one of the aims of the State reserves.

The last object considered here is that of maintaining industries by furnishing raw products.

The most of the timber on the reserves is young trees. It is the object of the State to cultivate this timber. To plant seed and seedlings in the cleared portions, and to experiment in general, in forest cultivation the people of the State are to reap the benefit of the knowledge gained. The only way we can repay our ancestors is to cultivate a like spirit of generosity and sacrifice by doing something for the future, by the production of wood products to supply the market, to produce the most valuable crops of timber and wood, year after year, without interruption; to control fluctuation of the market by having a more or less equal sustained yield. For without plentiful, cheap, and continuous supply of wood, agriculture and all its dependent industries must suffer.

T. ROY MORTON,
Forester.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MARTIN BISHOP.

Martin Bishop, one of Thompson township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens died at the home of his son, George W. Bishop, on Friday of last week, aged 81 years, 11 months and 12 days. Several months ago Mr. Bishop fell and dislocated one of his hips, since which time he had not been able to get about much, and death resulted from a general breaking down of his system. He was a son of George Bishop and his wife who was Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad Peck, who died in 1829. Martin was the last survivor of a family of seven children—four sons and three daughters. Mr. Bishop was married to Betsy Trott, who has been dead several years. To this union were born two sons and three daughters, namely, Jackson, residing at Clearfield, Pa.; George W., Mrs. Amanda Slacker, and Abbie, wife of Moses Gordon—all living in Thompson township, and Mary Jane, wife of Thomas Snyder, living in the Little Cove.

The funeral took place last Sunday and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Powers, of Needmore, and interment was made in the cemetery at Antioch Christian church. Mr. Bishop had been a member of the Christian church for many years, and when the time came for his mortality to change to immortality he was ready—even having selected his pall bearers—William Sigel, Thos. Truax, John Bishop, Robert Evert, Henry Waltz, and David Gregory—and selecting the place of his interment. The large number of people who attended his funeral bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held in the community in which he had lived so long.

MRS. L. P. SOUSLEY.

A telegram last Sunday morning brought to Mr. and Mrs. James Sipes, of this place, the sad intelligence that their only daughter, Alice, wife of L. P. Sousley, of Hamburg, Pa., had died in a hospital in Reading, Pa., at 5 o'clock that morning. Mrs. Sousley, who had been suffering for several weeks from abdominal troubles, was, on the 27th of February, taken to Dr. Stryker's private hospital in Reading, and on the following Wednesday a surgical operation was performed, which at first was thought to be successful, but a change for the worse set in, and death came as before stated. In obedience to a request she made some time ago, her remains were brought to Chambersburg yesterday, and interred in the cemetery at that place. Her aged parents and brothers have the sympathy of their many friends here in this bereavement.

Mrs. Sousley was aged 48 years, 2 months, and 9 days.

MRS. ELIZABETH RASP.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rasp died suddenly on Friday, March 5th, by a stroke of paralysis at the home of her brother, Jacob Clevenger, in the East Extension of McConnellsburg. She was the widow of Henry Rasp, who died about fourteen years ago. She was in the 57th year of her life. Her remains were buried in the Union cemetery, after funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove, on Sabbath, at 8:30 a. m.

GEORGE BOERNER.

George Boerner, Waynesboro, died February 28 of paralysis, after an illness extending through almost twenty years, aged sixty-four years. He was born near McConnellsburg. After being mustered out of the U. S. service, at the close of the Civil War, he returned to his home and then learned tailoring. In 1867 he was married to Miss Sadie E. Stouffer, McConnellsburg.

FIRE IN CHAMBERSBURG.

The Franklin Repository Burned Out Last Friday, Together With a Cigar Store and a Boarding House.

The Franklin Repository, one of Chambersburg's dalbes, and one of the best equipped newspaper plants in the State, was destroyed by fire last Friday. The Repository had its home in the Foust Building, a large brick structure on North Main street, and supposed to be fire proof. About four o'clock in the morning, the watchman in the boiler room was awakened by the falling in his face. He gave an alarm but owing to the fact that the firemen were slow to respond, and the apparatus on hand was not in working condition, there was little to do but let the fire take its course. Fortunately for the owners of adjacent property, the fire was confined to the Foust Building with the result of damaging it to the extent of \$20,000. The loss to the Repository is about \$18,000. In the same building was a boarding house and a cigar store, the loss to the former being about \$1,000, and the latter, about \$3,000. With the exception of the boarding house, the rest were pretty well protected by insurance.

With its usual enterprise, the Repository made its appearance Friday evening, through the courtesy of the Public Opinion, and just as soon as the transportation companies can deliver new material, and workmen can put the building in shape, the Repository will be better than ever.

Kerlin—Scheidleman.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scheidleman, in Todd township, Tuesday, March 9th, at 11 o'clock, when their daughter, Pearl, became the wife of Mr. William Kerlin, son of John Kerlin, near Knobsville. The large double parlors were very beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreen and cut flowers. A handsome arch constructed of spruce intertwined with roses, adorned one end of the room. At the appointed hour the wedding party consisting of the bride and groom, attended by Miss Nell Tice as bridesmaid and Mr. Rolla B. Fore as best man entered the parlor, and taking their places under the arch. Rev. C. W. Bryner, pastor of the bride, in the presence of some fifty invited guests, pronounced the words that caused two hearts to beat as one.

After they had received the hearty congratulations of their many friends, all were invited to the dining room, where the long table was literally groaning beneath its weight of good things; and we fear that many who sat at that festive board felt more uncomfortable "after than before partaking."

This young couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

In the evening the calithumpian band, composed of some forty or fifty members, put in their appearance and favored all those present with a number of their choicest selections. We bespeak for these young people a happy, prosperous and successful voyage down the stream of time.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

McConnellsburg M. E. Church.

Services for Sunday, March 14, as follows: 9:30 Love Feast in the Sunday School room; 10:30, preaching followed by the Holy Communion. Jr. League 2:00; Epworth League 6:00; preaching 7:00 P. M., followed by sacramental service. Morning theme:—"The Cowards and the Giants." Everybody welcome, but a full turnout of our members and probationers is desired at these services.

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TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Is Not Picked Up Every Day; but Jacob Crider, of New Grenada, Has Received Almost This Sum

FOR CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

Jacob Crider, of New Grenada, as was told in the News a short time ago, has entered into a contract with Uncle Sam to carry the mail between New Grenada and Wells Tannery for four years from the first of July next. "Uncle Jake" has been in that business for some time, and has proven himself so capable and accommodating, that the patrons along his route would feel it would be a public calamity to lose his services.

A representative of the News found Mr. Crider at leisure a few days ago, and elicited from him the following interesting facts connected with his long term of service: Mr. Crider informed our reporter that he had, during the past 18 years, made 5,634 trips from New Grenada to Hopewell and return, a distance of 32 miles for the round trip, traveling a total distance of 174,664 miles, and in all these years had missed the mail train at Hopewell but twice. For the above service, he received from the Postoffice Department \$7,380.00. During 10 years and 4 months, he carried the mail from New Grenada to Three Springs, making 3,238 trips—a round-trip distance of 20 miles each trip, or a total distance traveled of 64,760 miles. For this service he received \$2,147.50. Hence the total distance traveled on both routes, was 239,424 miles, and the total pay was \$9,527.50—an average of about four cents for each mile traveled. To offset this, he, during that time, lost 7 horses, wore out 4 others, and wore out a cart, a buckboard, 2 two-seated hacks, 2 three-seated hacks, 2 sleighs, 1 sled, 4 sets of single harness, 8 sets of double harness, and iron enough in horse shoes to make rails for a Fulton county railroad. Mr. Crider told our reporter that he began the business with nothing, and owing to the small compensation received from the Government, he will quit "worse than nothing."

When pensions come around for those who have spent the best part of their lives in the public service, Mr. Crider should not be overlooked.

Heefner—Chaney.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at Neffs Mills, Pa., on Wednesday, February 24, 1909, Rev. George M. Shiner united in marriage David W. Heefner, son of Mrs. Lydia Heefner, Huntingdon, Pa., and Miss Anna Byrd Chaney, of Manor Hill, Pa.

The bride is a charming young woman and comes from one of Huntingdon county's best families, and the groom is a hustling young business man, engaged in merchandizing at Alexandria, Pa. where the young couple have already embarked in housekeeping. The News extends most hearty congratulations.

KNOBSSVILLE.

Listen for wedding bells. Miss Lillian Fleming, teacher of Battle Ridge school, is improving from an attack of appendicitis.

Raymond Kerlin is getting better.

Misses Pearl Gress and Nina Kelso spent part of last week with the latter's brother, Curtis Kelso, in Huntingdon county.

William Hamil has improved his property by building a new kitchen.

Miss Erma Gress spent Sunday at T. S. Hershey's.

Grover Peck, who is employed in Franklin county, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Peck.

Everybody is talking railroad now.

SPRING EXAMINATIONS.

Time and Places of Holding, and Conditions Upon Which Pupils May Enter.

The Spring Examinations of the schools of Fulton county will be held the 10th day of April, at the following places: Ayr, Webster Mills; Belfast, Needmore; Bethel, Warfordsburg; Brush Creek, Emmaville; Dublin, Fort Littleton; Licking Creek, Harrisville; Taylor, Hustontown; Thompson, Center; Todd, McGovern's; Union, Center; Wells, High School.

We feel that the requirement of an examination, heretofore, in Algebra has led to a great deal of misplaced energy being spent in the too early teaching of the subject; therefore, Algebra will be optional with the pupils. An opportunity will be given to take the examination, and when pupils wish to try it and pass, Algebra will be marked extra on their diplomas. Pupils will be allowed to pass without Algebra. No pupil will be admitted without a written recommendation of the teacher, and such recommendation must bear the pupil's percent in school work in all branches. We suggest that teachers be careful in recommendations.

Examinations to begin at 8 o'clock a. m. and continue until finished.

Yours truly,

B. C. LAMBERSON,

Co. Supt.

HUSTONTOWN.

A few days of real March weather last week was just a gentle reminder that spring is not here yet.

John Jones and Arthur Woodcock left for Dallastown last week. They expect to be busily engaged along the A. T. & T. line as they move this way.

Mrs. Mae Guehring, of Greensburg, Pa., is spending some time with her relatives in this place.

Mrs. Rosie Shaw and little daughter, of Markles Station, Pa., are visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Palsgrove.

David Outshall, wife and son, and Miss Lovelet, spent a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. B. C. Lamberson at McConnellsburg.

Morris Kirk is busily engaged moving to his new home in McConnellsburg.

Mr. B. B. Young, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., made a trip to our town last week on business.

H. R. Lamberson, who has been painting at Mt. Union for the past two weeks, returned home last Friday evening.

Harry Kellar is laying a foundation on which he expects to build an addition to his blacksmith shop.

Our local talent "Theatrical Troop" is in steady training for the series of dramas, comedies, etc., which will be played here in the P. O. S. of A. Hall, March 19th. Our play promises to be a winner. Everybody come and see the fun. The admission will be reasonable and accommodations good.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Laughable Comedy "The Jayville Junction" Will Be Given in the New Auditorium in the Public School Building, March 25th.

The play which was to have been given by the High School in the newly furnished auditorium of the Public School building on Thursday evening of next week, has been postponed until Thursday evening, March 25th, on account of not being able to get the furniture ready sooner. This is said to be one of the best productions yet given by the High School, and as the proceeds are to be applied to the payment of the expense of placing comfortable chairs in the room, everybody should turn in and help boost it along. The program and further notice will appear in the News next week.

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

S. I. Miller left town a few days ago to visit his children in Peoria, Ill.

Howard S. Mellott, of Warfordsburg, and his brother John of Needmore, spent a few hours in town yesterday.

N. H. Alloway and Davie Hershey, of Waterfall, came down last Friday and attended the big sale at C. J. Brewer's.

Bennett H. Truax and son Howard, of Belfast township, called at the News office a few minutes on business while in town last Saturday.

T. Roy Morton, B. F., of Petersburg, Pa., spent the time from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Morton, near town.

Oscar Leevy, near Welsh Run, spent from Saturday until Monday in the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dishong.

Miss Mabel L. Trout, who has been visiting her brothers, Dr. N. C. Trout, at Fairfield, Pa., and Dr. Clarence N. Trout, at Red Lion, Pa., returned home Monday evening. Mabel's visit was prolonged a little on account of an attack of Adams county tonsillitis.

Mr. J. M. Myers, Mercersburg, spent the time from Saturday until Monday in the home of his father-in-law, R. M. Kendall, in this place, and on Monday returned home accompanied by his wife and "the boys," who had been spending several days on this side of the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whiter, of Pittsburg, were called to this place last week on the account of the illness of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ruth Hagener. Mr. Whiter, who is superintendent of the Panhandle railroad, returned home Monday and Mrs. Whiter remained with her mother, who has her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey.

Dr. W. F. Sappington, of Webster Mills was among the hundred and fifty thousand other fellows who started down to Washington last week to see the Inauguration ceremonies, and didn't see them. He says there are a lot of people that are not likely to forget very soon the kind of weather on the 4th of March, 1909. The doctor reached home Saturday. Mrs. Sappington has been in Baltimore several weeks quite sick.

Easter on April 11th.

Easter this year will fall on Sunday, April 11th. Easter is a movable feast, because it falls on different dates in different years. It is kept on the Sunday next after the fourteenth day of the Paschal Moon; the Paschal Moon being that moon of which the fourteenth day (approximately the full moon) occurs on or next, after the 21st of March. Hence Easter cannot occur earlier than March 22nd (when the fourteenth day of the Paschal Moon is Saturday, March 21), nor later than April 25 (when the fourteenth day of Paschal Moon is Sunday, April 18).

The only example of the two extremes in the twentieth century will be in the year 1943, at which time Easter will occur on April 25, the latter extreme. During the twentieth century we find that March the 24th, 1940 comes next to the other extreme, which as mentioned before in this article, is March 22nd. March 27th will be Easter in the year 1910, which is next year.