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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.

GEORGE W. CLEVENGER.

Another of Taylor township's prominent citizens has been removed by death in the person of Postmaster George W. Clevenger, of Hustontown, who passed away at the home of C. J. Barton last Monday morning at the age of 70 years, 9 months, and 4 days. His funeral took place from the home of his brother Hiram, near Fairview church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Fairview church, besides those of his wife who died about thirteen years ago.

Mr. Clevenger was a member of a family of nine sisters and five brothers, of whom are now living, Hiram in Taylor township, this county; Jacob, residing in Washington, D. C.; David, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Sara, wife of Amos Palmer, in Belfast township; Tena, wife of George F. Metzler, Harrisonville, Pa., and Louie, wife of Hon. Peter Morton, McConnellsburg, Pa.

The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War, a member in good standing, of the Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias, and an ardent member of the M. E. church—practically from his boyhood. Possessing a mind of more than ordinary strength, he made his influence felt for good, and his death will mean a loss to the local church, as well as to the entire community in which he lived.

MRS. SARAH JANE COOPER.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Cooper, widow of Hon. James Cooper, died at her home in this place on Tuesday evening, aged 79 years, 4 months, and 26 days. While Mrs. Cooper had been in frail health for a long time, she was about as well as usual up to last Thursday when she suffered a stroke of paralysis, and from that time her condition became more and more critical until death came.

Mrs. Cooper was a daughter of Samuel Alexander, who has been dead many years. She was, from her girlhood, a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, and her remains will be interred in the family lot in the Presbyterian graveyard in this place.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter, namely, Samuel, of Kansas City, Mo.; Jennie, of Chicago; and Harvey, of Tod township, this county.

ALLER.

On the ninth day of March, 1909, David Aller died at the home of his son Thomas, in the village of Seward, Westmoreland county, Pa., at the advanced age of about eighty years. The deceased was a brother of George, Christ, and Philip, and was born in Tod township, this county, on the farm now owned by Jacob Sharp. When he grew to manhood, he went to Ohio, where he married and reared quite a large family, returning to this county about the year 1857, and settling down on the farm upon which he was born. Some time later, he sold out and removed to Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, Pa.

Mr. Aller was a consistent member of the M. E. church. He is survived by his widow and eight children.

Lynch—Crouse.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. A. G. B. Powers at Needmore, on Wednesday of last week, Charles Lynch and Miss Myrtle Crouse, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The happy couple have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

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## CHANGING OF RESIDENCE.

The First of April Makes New Homes and New Neighbors for Many Families. Annual Moving Day.

With the exception of changes that are brought about by death, or by the sale of property, most changes in the residences of families are made on the first day of April. It is on this day that leases of most tenants expire, and that possession of farms purchased is usually given; hence it becomes a kind of "settlement day," and is usually a busy one for the bankers.

The number of changes made about town is, perhaps, about the same as has been made in former years. Harry Gress moved from the J. Milton Unger property on South First street, to T. J. Com-Comerer's new house on West Walnut. Will Black moved from the Glazier property in the Extension, into the house vacated by Harry Gress. D. M. Rine-dollor moved from the Chambers farm, near Big Cove Tannery, into the house vacated by Will Black. When Charlie Hixson moved into the house he purchased from the Philip Ott estate in the Extension, Lewis A. Youse left that property and moved into his own house which he is just completing in the Extension. Ross Doyle, moved from the Mrs. Cooper house into the tenant house on the James Sipes farm east of town, and Frank Gress, went from the Andy Washabaugh tenant house just across the Bridge, into the house vacated by Ross Doyle. Mrs. Susan Rumel, moved from her home at the Ridge into Mrs. Mary A. Kelly's house on South First St., and John Shaffer, who recently purchased the Mrs. Rumel property, moved into the house vacated by Mrs. Rumel. Clarence E. Seville goes from the Samuel Bender property on Water St., into David E. Little's tenant house on East Main St., and Abram Runyan goes from one of T. J. Comer's houses on West Walnut, into the house vacated by Seville, and M. F. Doyle, went from the Little house into the house vacated by Runyan. Ralph Hill moved from the Dick Fisher property on South Second St., into the new house in the Extension, just being completed for him by J. W. Mellott, and Mrs. Nettie Truax is moving from the Meadowgrounds into the house vacated by Hill. Alex Patterson is moving from his town property down upon his farm in the Cove, and Mr. Roy Cromwell, one of the contractors for the carrying of the mail between this place and Mercersburg, is moving into the west end of Alex Patterson's house, lately occupied by Mrs. Gehrett. John Kuhn moved from the Geo. W. Hays house into the house across the Bridge vacated by Frank Gress, and Hakman Cromwell, another of the mail contractors, is moving into the house vacated by Kuhn. Mrs. Elizabeth Mock is moving from the Morton property on the northeast corner of Second and Water streets, into the Presbyterian parsonage just west of the Court House, and Leslie W. Seyler is moving from the Mrs. Erb property north of the Lutheran church into the house vacated by Mrs. Mock, and Mrs. Erb is coming back from Westminister to live in her own house vacated by Mr. Seyler. Morrow M. Kirk moved from Hustontown into the house he recently purchased from Geo. W. McKibbin. Clyde Ott has moved from Riley Peck's into one end of the M. M. Bender property. Lewis Harris is moving from Burnt Cabins into the Shaffner property on South Second street lately occupied by the late John S. Harris and his mother. R. M. Downs has moved his barber shop from the Mary Daniels room into the room lately occupied by Isaac N. Watson. Jacob Clouser and family are moving from the McQuade farm west of town back

## PNEUMONIA LEADS THE DEATH LIST.

Tuberculosis of the lungs caused the deaths of 768 persons in Pennsylvania during the month of January, according to the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health. Pneumonia was the worst, with 1,545. The total number of deaths, exclusive of still births, during the month of January from all causes was 9,686, distributed as follows: Typhoid fever, 117; scarlet fever, 151; diphtheria, 190; measles, 81; whooping cough, 82; influenza, 191; tuberculosis of the lungs, 768; tuberculosis of other organs, 118; cancer, 359; diabetes, 81; meningitis, 62; pneumonia, 1,545; diarrhoea and enteritis, under 2 years of age, 224; diarrhoea and enteritis, over two years of age, 73; Bright's disease and nephritis, 503; early infancy, 493; suicide, 66; accidents in mines and quarries, 100; railway accidents, 105; other forms of violence, 368; all other diseases, 4,069. The total number births recorded in Pennsylvania during the month of January, exclusive of still births, was 16,997. The total number of still births was 791. The total number of communicable diseases reported to the department of Health during the month of February was 11,145. Measles led with 3,089; scarlet fever being next with 1,640.

### The Office Should be Abolished.

President Judge Evans, of Columbia County refused to grant a license to sell liquor to a man who was a month ago convicted of violation of the liquor laws and sentenced to pay a fine and be imprisoned in the county jail. The two Associate Judges were not scrupulous however. They were in favor of granting the license and were able to outvote the President Judge. Such episodes as this have created a strong sentiment throughout the counties where Associate Judges still exist for the abolition of the office. It is of small consequence anywhere in these days and frequently will cause embarrassment and grotesque results.

Captain and Mrs. C. T. Dixon, of Salvia, were in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

to Mr. Clouser's old home farm near Big Cove Tannery. Claude J. Hess, who has been milling at Willow Hill, Franklin county, is removing this week to James Johnson's mill in Thompson township.

Give your new neighbors a hearty welcome. They may have left a home to which they may have been very much attached. Some of the family may have come in to and some may have gone out from the old home and the scenes have not yet all been obliterated from the records of the memory. The bread and the butter will have a new place, the places at the table will be changed, the furniture will be differently arranged, the hat will not hang at the same place, the steps will not be just the same height, the books and papers will not be in their accustomed places, the key may not fit the door so easily, and the match box will hang in a new place.

John, you may find yourself walking towards the old home for dinner but don't mention it to anyone but mother, she will probably tell you what a mistake she made the other day when she put salt in the coffee pot.

Children feel the change too, they may have a little spell of "home-sick," but don't blame them; we become accustomed to our environments and the old home always has a claim on our affections. Give your new neighbors the helping hand; help them to feel at home in their new quarters, they may in the future be your best friends.

## HE'S FROM FULTON.

Buys Farm in Texas and by Sundown Has House Built and Sleeps In It.

His name is Cecil H. Sipes, a son of the late G. Runyan Sipes, and he was born in Licking Creek township. A year ago he went to that part of West Virginia known as the Panhandle, bought a farm, and by intelligent hustling, got possession of about all that was worth having there. Finding the "pan handle" a little too small, he closed out his holdings and looked on the map for a bigger state. He liked the looks of Texas, and to Texas he went.

He dropped down at Mercedes, 38 miles from Brownsville. The following is clipped from a late copy of the Enterprise, a newspaper published at Mercedes, Texas, and gives a snapshot of what the young man is doing: "Mr. C. H. Sipes, a new settler in the Mercedes country holds the enviable record of being about the swiftest farmer in this section. February 15th Mr. Sipes purchased a forty acre tract of land and by sundown he had erected a cozy little two room house, shingled and all complete and was sleeping in it that night. In less than fifteen days from that date he had thirty-five acres cleared and began the planting of same in cotton."

In a recent letter from Mr. Calvin Greene, the well known Sattilo Tannery man, Mr. Greene says that he has two sons-in-law down in Mercedes, in the Hardware and Agricultural Implement business. One day not long ago, a man came into their place to buy a plow. He said to Mr. Greene's son-in-law, "Where did you come from?"

"Millin county, Pa.," was the answer.

"And who are you?" "Sipes is my name. I am from Fulton county, Pa., and have hauled many a load of bark to Greene's Tannery at Sattilo."

Mr. Greene says that if Mr. Sipes is a good all-around, industrious man, and lives, he can, in twenty-five years, be a rich man. Mr. Greene further says that the climate there is ideal—no winter, and the summers no hotter than in Pennsylvania, and that young ambitious married or single men in Fulton county cannot find a better spot on earth to make their fortunes.

## PLEASANT RIDGE.

Baby Gets Present. Sketch of a Former Resident of the Ridge, Now Living in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Edward Swope, was very agreeably surprised one day last week by receiving a present for the baby from her friend, Mrs. Fred T. Bonner, of Pittsburg, who was visiting here last June.

The present consisted of a very fine baby's hood all trimmed with blue silk ribbon, and to say that the baby is tickled to death with it, is putting it very mildly.

Mrs. F. J. Bonner, the donor of the gift, is a native of Pittsburg; but her husband is an old time resident of Pleasant Ridge, he having been born and raised there, but left some twenty-five years ago to make his way in the world, and has been very successful, as fortune has smiled upon him. When here last summer, he stated that the happiest moments of his life were when visiting the friends and places he knew of when a young man.

Mr. Bonner is now one of the most popular officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He started with the company immediately after leaving here, and has worked his way up through the ranks until he now enjoys the fruits of his labors, and he says that the secret of business is the good, honest, hard working traits he acquired when a Fulton County boy.

Mrs. Swope was very much pleased to think that she was remembered by her friends, and they are assured of a very pleasant welcome any time that they may wish to visit here.

## CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Cyrus Mentzer Lost His Life Last Friday While Working in the Woods Near Fort Littleton.

CAUGHT BENEATH FALLING TIMBER.

McConnellsburg people were greatly shocked last Friday morning when word was received over the phone from Fort Littleton that Cyrus Mentzer had been killed near the latter place.

Lumberman Jacob W. Mellott of this place, is cutting the timber on the old Dr. Hill place on the State Road adjoining the Woollet farm west of Fort Littleton, and he has a steam sawmill on the place. Last Friday morning, Cyrus Mentzer, his son Percy, his brother-in-law George Snider, and William Wilds, were up near the top of the ridge west of the State Road, on the farm already mentioned, cutting timber. Wilds and Snider were sawing a tree down, and Mr. Mentzer and his son were a short distance down the ridge from them trimming up some tops. When the tree was about to fall, it was seen that it would go in the direction of Mr. Mentzer and his son, and they were warned to go to a place of safety. They at once started up the ridge—the son bearing to the right, and the father to the left of the falling tree. This would have been all right had not a condition existed that had been overlooked. A lengthy chestnut about six or eight inches at the stump, stood at one side of the path of the falling tree; and on account of its having grown in a slanting direction and was somewhat bent, it reached far beyond the path to the other side. When the tree fell it caught the chestnut and bore it down just at the moment that Mr. Mentzer was passing, and the trunk of the chestnut, which at this point was not more than three or four inches in thickness, came down on the head of Mr. Mentzer with such force that the trunk of the chestnut was broken squarely off, and it struck the ground with such force that it flew into half a dozen pieces.

The stunning blow dropped Mr. Mentzer with a precision so deadly that his comrades in the woods were almost paralyzed with fright. They hastened to his side, however, and while they found him unconscious, he was still breathing. By loud calling they were able to bring to their assistance Mr. John Foreman, who lives on the farm—and while some one went for a doctor, the others improvised a cot and started with Mr. Mentzer to the home of Harry Mellott, who lives on the Woollet place; but before they reached the house, Mr. Mentzer's life had gone out.

Undertaker Sioner of this place, was notified and he went to Harry Mellott's in the afternoon with a coffin, prepared the body for interment, and brought it to his late residence in the East End Extension, this place, late Friday night.

The funeral took place Monday at 10 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Fassold, and interment was made in the Union cemetery. Besides his wife who was Aseath, daughter of the late Jonathan Snider, of Thompson township, he is survived by four children, namely, John, Kitty, Percy, and Kellar; he is survived also, by one brother, Grant, residing in Thompson township, and by two sisters—Lucy, wife of John Stickell, and Minnie, wife of Geo. Wallace—both of Waynesboro, Pa.

Mr. Mentzer was a member of the Lutheran church, and a most excellent citizen. The large number of people who attended the funeral bore testimony of the esteem in which he was held in the community. Mr. Mentzer was a member of the McConnellsburg Band, the surviving members of which attended his funeral in a body with their instruments, and

## HANGED HIMSELF.

Young Shippensburg Man Committed Suicide in Path Valley Last Sunday Forenoon.

Last Sunday about 11:30 a. m. David Hanlin, aged 25 years, whose home was near Shippensburg, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn at the home of L. M. Hammond in Path Valley. He went to Richmond Furnace Saturday evening, hired a team from Mr. Myers, and then drove to Dry Run and stayed all night at Miller's Hotel. Sunday morning he started toward Richmond and stopped at Mr. Hammond's to feed the horses and then said he was going to telephone. Mr. Hanlin and Mr. Myers talked awhile and then Hanlin went to the barn. A short time afterwards Mr. Hammond entered the barn to get some feed for the horses, and was horrified to see the body of Hanlin, dead, dangling from the end of a hayrope, which was suspended from the roof.

The young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hanlin, who live three miles north of Shippensburg. He was not deemed strong mentally and was unmarried. He went to Path Valley to buy cattle. No cause is known for his rash act.

Two brothers of the deceased are school teachers in the Philippines.

## PINE HILL.

Listen for the wedding bell! John and Ernest Hockensmith visited in the home of James Hampton last Sunday.

The Pine Hill boys have built themselves a Club House, size 36 x 40.

Our school teacher, Miss Deshong, has only nine days of school yet.

George Schooley is moving to Harrisonville this week.

Miss Zella Laidig is reported to be critically ill.

The Harrisonville boys are taking steps toward the organization of a base ball team. We hope they may succeed, and that victory may alight on their banner and roost there until the snow comes next fall.

The game warden is still in the County.

Rev. Dr. Rose, of Mercersburg, preached excellent sermons in the Presbyterian church at Greenhill last Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Edward Deshong has moved into James Foreman's tenant house.

David Strait has moved from Hustontown and taken possession of the farm he recently purchased from S. H. Hockensmith.

J. N. Hockensmith and J. G. Hampton expect to start for New York soon.

Quite a number of our people attended the horse sale at McConnellsburg last Saturday.

## WOODEN BRIDGE.

Mud is all the cry now.

Miss Nora Heeter is ill at this writing.

William Mellott has moved to the Frazer farm.

Ret and Charlie Brown were on Clear Ridge Saturday night.

John A. Henry has started the wall for his new house.

Minna Miller spent Sunday at Jesse Carmack's.

Elijah Baldwin called at Clear Ridge on Saturday evening.

James Carmack of Clear Ridge, intends moving to Chambersburg on Monday.

Miss Oriana Madden, who had pneumonia, is slowly recovering at this writing.

at the close of the services at the house played impressively the good old tune, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and at the cemetery, "Nearer My God to Thee."

The deceased was born in Lettersburg, Md., on the 26th of November, 1859; hence was aged 50 years and 4 months.

## 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

Dr. A. K. Davis, of Hustontown, was registered at the Fulton House Monday.

Miss Annie B. Frey is in Philadelphia and New York this week buying her stock of Spring Millinery.

J. L. Duvall and daughter Armintha, of Wells Valley, were guests in the home of the former's uncle, Judge Morton, last Saturday and Sunday.

Jesse B. Snider and daughter Miss Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mentzer, of Thompson township, were here attending the funeral of Cyrus Mentzer, Monday.

John B. Sipes, of Laidig, and his daughter, Mrs. Sadie E. Shaw and her little son Orrin, of Hiram, called at the News office a few minutes while in town yesterday.

Miss Irvie Hull left New York Monday morning for Loveland, Colo., to which place she was called on account of the serious illness of her brother Harry, who is in a hospital.

Miss A. Gertrude Sipes, who was called to Hamburg, Berks county, five weeks ago, on account of the serious illness and subsequent death of her mother, Mrs. L. P. Sousey, returned to her home here last Saturday.

Reynolds Forner passed through town Monday on his way to Franklin county, where he has secured work on a farm during the summer. The Fulton County News will keep Reynolds in touch with his home county.

Mr. N. E. Hoover, who holds a nice position with the Juniata Oak Extract Works at Mt. Union, Pa., was in McConnellsburg a few hours Monday, and made the News office a very pleasant call. Norris is another of Fulton County's boys that is making good.

George Arnold, who has been living at Duncansville, Blair county, has removed his family to Franklin county, and they now live near Foltz George is a former resident of this place. He is afflicted with rheumatism, and hopes to be benefited by the change.

Mr. B. S. Graves, of Washington, D. C., brother—and B. H. Brosius, of Brosius, W. Va., brother-in-law—of the late R. C. Graves, of Thompson township, deceased, were in town Tuesday transacting business in connection with the settling of the estate of the said deceased.

H. B. Bergstresser, one of Three Springs' enterprising business men accompanied by liveryman, S. E. Heeter, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. In connection with the conducting of a well equipped blacksmith shop, Mr. Bergstresser has also a planing mill and deals extensively in agricultural instruments.

Miss Jessie Mellott, who was voted a free scholarship at the Tri-State Commercial College by the teachers at the County Institute in 1907, and who graduated from that institution a few weeks ago, was a pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday. Miss Mellott goes to Washington, D. C., this week to accept a position as stenographer and typewriter.

Mr. Scott Vance and daughters Misses Emma and Sue, of Fort Loudon, and his son John, of Blairsville, Pa., who is now spending some time in his father's home on account of a broken arm, came over and spent last Sunday at the City Hotel, the guests Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamill. Mrs. Hamill is a daughter of Mr. Scott Vance.