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RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

The Old South Penn May Yet Be Reconstructed and Become a Mighty Live-ly Corpse.

SHORTER LINE ACROSS STATE NEEDED

Almost a quarter of a century ago, the line of the old South Penn stretching itself across the counties of Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, and Somerset, to the West, was the center of animation. Thousands of laborers were at work boring holes through the mountains, digging great cuts through the hills, or bridging the hollows with giant trestles. Pat contractors were in evidence, and here and there along the line were the various camps, known by the name of the contractor having the work of that particular section in hand. It took lots of provisions to feed this great army of men, and it was a cinch for the local butcher, the farmer, and everybody else that had anything to sell or trade and the booze vendor, too, came along for his share of the financial advantage of the great enterprise. But, as is only too well remembered, after five and a half millions of dollars had been spent and everybody along the line felt that the railroad was a sure thing, orders came one day to the contractors to close down the work indefinitely, discharge their men, come to the desk and get their money; and, if at any time in the future their services would be required, they would be so informed.

It was a sad day for the farmers along the road when they saw the Italians marching away, teams hauling the picks, shovels, camp outfits, and other things that had been used in carrying on the work. And it is little wonder that they felt blue; for many of them had given the right of way through their farms for the advantage they expected to gain by having the new railroad in their neighborhood.

It was not on account of any mistake in judgment on the part of the projectors of the new road that it was not finished, but because the Pennsylvania railroad could not afford at any cost to allow the competing road to be built, and the Pennsy has a way of silencing opposition when it sets its head for the task.

Just now those who think they are wise in reading the signs of the times, say that it is only a question of a comparatively short time when work on the old South Penn will be resumed, and fast trains will be whizzing across the state from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, leaving the Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, running up to Shippensburg over the Cumberland Valley, and thence across the mountains over the old South Penn right of way, and thus save fifty miles in distance and about an hour in time between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Cumberland Valley officials, who probably know as much as any one else about the matter, decline to discuss the proposed short line to Pittsburg.

The published report says: "The Cumberland Valley is aroused over the report that the Cumberland Valley Railroad, which is now controlled absolutely by the Pennsylvania, is to be four-tracked, with the intention of making it part of a new short-cut fast freight and through passenger line between New York and Pittsburg."

"Vast improvements are said to be contemplated, and are indicated by extensive purchases of land all along the line of the railroad. The latest big purchase was the Rupp farm, just east of Shippensburg. One report is that large shops are to be erected there. The officials admit the purchase but decline to say what the land is to be used for."

"Plans were made some time ago for the double tracking of the Cumberland Valley bridge across the Susquehanna river at

BORN, LIVED AND DIED TOGETHER.

Born in the same year and within half a dozen days of each other, marrying one another later in life, living happily together for the greater portion of their lives, dying within 48 hours of each other, and buried in the same grave after a double funeral ceremony, is the rather unique story connected with the life of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hinkle, near Newburg, just across the line from the eastern-central portion of Franklin county.

Mrs. Hinkle was the first to answer the summons on Saturday, March 27th, at 9:30 p. m., the victim of tuberculosis, while Mr. Hinkle died the following Monday, at 11 p. m., from paralysis. The latter was not told of the death of his wife. They were exemplary and highly esteemed residents at a place known as Zion Reformed church, three miles east of Newburg. Mr. Hinkle was aged 64 years, 6 months and 5 days; his wife 64 years, 6 months and 13 days. Two daughters and a son survive.

The double funeral took place on Wednesday, conducted by Rev. S. A. Crabill, of the United Brethren church, assisted by Rev. H. N. McAllister, of the Reformed church. The services took place in the latter church. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle were members of the Lutheran church.

Deshong—Wink.

At the home of the bride's parents, William and Frances Wink, on Sunday, March 28, 1909, Miss Blanche Wink became the bride of Mr. Wishart C. Deshong, son of Ulysses and Amanda Deshong. The ceremony that made the young people husband and wife was performed by Rev. J. C. Garland in the presence of members of the immediate families of the contracting parties. The bride and groom are excellent young people and embark on the sea of matrimony with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Charlie King who has spent last year in Huntington county has removed back to Licking Creek township and now gets his mail at Harrisonville.

Harrisburg. A big force of workmen is now engaged in four-tracking the road between Le-moynne and White Hill, and at White Hill a new freight transfer station has been erected, far too large for the traffic now handled at that point.

"Between Harrisburg and Shippensburg the company has plenty of room for four tracks, and it is said that even as far as Mechanicsburg it is certain that no trouble will be experienced in obtaining track room. West of Mechanicsburg in various towns of the Cumberland Valley Company has been preparing plans to elevate its lines through almost every town of any importance.

"The story in circulation is that all this is preparatory to making the Cumberland Valley, or at least a part of it, a section of the Pennsylvania main line for fast freight and through passenger service between New York and Pittsburg. One report is that the four tracking of the Cumberland Valley will be continued at least to Shippensburg, and that from that point to Roxbury, eight miles distant, a new line will be built over practically level country to join the line of the old South Penn road, a tunnel for which was built at Roxbury, and the line of which has been graded for many miles. This would give the Pennsylvania a very short cut between Harrisburg and Pittsburg. The old South Penn line, as surveyed and partly built, was to have cut off at least 50 miles between the points named, and the plan to build a connecting link with the Cumberland Valley, and complete the long abandoned road would have almost the same effect."

MAY SOON ABOLISH SPRING ELECTIONS.

Constitutional Amendment Passed the Legislature and Now Goes to the Governor.

Harrisburg, April 8.—The Senate passed finally the Freeman constitutional amendments abolishing spring elections and the bill readjusting terms of county officers. The bills now go to the Governor.

Having been passed by the Legislature of 1907, and again by the present Legislature, the amendment will be submitted to the people for their approval at the coming November election. It is believed that it will be approved at the polls.

Under the enabling bill the terms of county officers, which expire in the spring of 1911, are extended to December of that year.

The terms of City Commissioners are extended one year, making the term four years instead of three.

Perhaps Worse Than Death.

Capital punishment might doubtless be safely abolished in all the States if every murderer were assured of as long a life in prison as Robert Crewe has undergone. Forty-two years ago, at the request of General Ambrose E. Burnside, the Governor of Rhode Island, President Andrew Johnson commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Crewe, who was to be hanged for the murder of the first mate of a bark on which he was a sailor.

The Judge and the jurors who tried Crewe, the lawyers and court officers, and all the others any way connected with the trial are dead, but Crewe is still alive. He was the last man sentenced to death in Rhode Island, capital punishment having been abolished soon after his sentence was commuted.

If he could have foreseen his long life in durance, perhaps Crewe would have preferred to be hanged and have it over.

If she shall live so long, a somewhat similar fate seems in store for Kate Edwards, the Berks county murderess; so many years having passed since her conviction and sentence that it is extremely unlikely that any Governor of Pennsylvania will ever sign her death warrant. Her pardon is almost equally improbable. For the last seven years she has lived in the Reading jail under sentence of death. But her case is not unique in Pennsylvania. Some years ago there was, and possibly still is, in Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, a man who had been there for the period of a full generation waiting for the Governor to issue a pardon or sign his death warrant. But it is not often, even in humanely managed American prisons, that a convict lives so long.—Harrisburg Patriot.

Surprise and Donation.

Representatives from about thirty of our Methodist families gave their pastor, Rev. C. W. Bryner and wife, a very agreeable and substantial surprise and donation last Thursday evening. Meeting at the church about 7:30 they marched in a body to the parsonage where they were relieved of their burden of good things, consisting of about 80 pounds of sugar, 20 quarts of canned goods, ham, flour, corn, corn-meal, butter, eggs, lard, jellies, oranges, bananas, etc. After spending a social hour together they departed for their respective homes, both pastor and people entertaining the hope that this year of our labors together may be the most successful and greatly blessed of the three.

The pastor and family desire to express their appreciation and gratitude to their many friends who so kindly and generously remembered them.

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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.

BALTZER W. MELLOTT.

After an illness of less than a week, Baltzer W. Mellott died at the home of his son-in-law, Hiram Wink, near Sipes Mills, at half past twelve o'clock, Monday morning, April 5, 1909, of pneumonia. Funeral yesterday, conducted by Eld. C. L. Funk, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Baptist church.

Besides his wife, who was Elizabeth Hollinshead, he is survived by the following children: Michael W.; Susan, wife of Hiram Wink; Mary, wife of G. N. Garland, Finleyville, Pa.; Eliza, wife of Wm. S. Mellott; Lydia, wife of Charles Bard; James, Belleville, O.; Michael, Susan, Eliza, and Lydia—all live in Belfast township.

The deceased was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and an exemplary citizen. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a private in Captain Thomas Sipes company, in the 158th regiment P. I. He was mustered into service in November 1862, and was honorably discharged in August, 1863.

Mr. Mellott was aged about 78 years.

MRS. MARY COOPER.

Mrs. Mary, widow of John Cooper, late of Ayr township, deceased, died at the home of her son-in-law, Luther W. Mellott, in Tod township, last Saturday evening, aged about seventy-one years. While she had not been feeling well for several days, the immediate cause of her death was an acute attack of pleuro-pneumonia, she having been confined to her bed less than a day.

The funeral took place on Monday, and was conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church of which church Mrs. Cooper had been a member. Mrs. Cooper's maiden name was McNeerling. She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother the following children, namely, George, Sadie, wife of Luther W. Mellott; Emanuel; Ida, wife of Harry Linn, and Agnes, wife of Arthur Seville.

Her remains were laid to rest in Union cemetery.

MRS. HARRY FOREMAN.

Tillie, wife of Harry Foreman, near Decorum, Huntington county, died at their home on Friday night of last week, of pneumonia, aged about 33 years. Funeral on the Sunday following, and interment was made in the graveyard at the Pine Grove Presbyterian church. Mrs. Foreman was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Appleby, and the fact that, not in that part of the country has a funeral for a long time been so largely attended, bears testimony to the high regard in which Mrs. Foreman was held. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn their loss, eight children—the oldest being only about twelve or thirteen years of age.

STOUTEAGLE.

Mrs. Susan Stouteagle, wife of George Stouteagle, died at their home at Hershey's Mill, in Dublin township, on Wednesday, March 31, 1909, aged 67 years, 11 months, and 23 days. Her funeral was held on the following Friday conducted by the Rev. D. W. Kelso, who based his remarks on James 4:14. Interment was made in the cemetery at Asbury church. Mrs. Stouteagle was a faithful wife and mother, and a consistent member of the Lutheran church for many years. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Harvey A. Stouteagle, of Licking Creek township, and by one granddaughter.

MICHAEL LONG.

Michael Long, one of Taylor

NOW WITHOUT A PASTOR.

Rev. S. B. Houston Severed His Relation with the Cove Associate Presbyterian Church.

Among the changes of residence brought about by the first of April, was that of the family of Rev. S. B. Houston from the Big Cove to Eau Claire, Butler county. Mr. Houston and little son Knox left Monday morning, driving through to their new home via Bedford, Johnstown, Ebensburg, etc. Mrs. Houston left the same morning—she going by rail via Harrisburg, stopping off a day at Shippensburg to visit her daughter Miss Mary, who is a member of the Senior Class in the C. V. State Normal school, and will graduate from that institution in June. Their son Erskine is a member of the senior class in the McConnellsburg High School, and will remain here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin, until after the graduation exercises, which will take place in a few weeks.

Rev. Mr. Houston came to the Cove thirty-one years ago, last August and became pastor of the Cove Associate Presbyterian church, and served the congregation of that church as its pastor, until the first of this month. During their residence here the Houstons greatly endeared themselves not only to the people of their own church denomination, but to everybody within the circle of their acquaintance, and the knowledge of their having decided to remove from the county brought forth expressions of sincere regret from everybody.

Mr. Houston has purchased a home in Eau Claire, and will have two charges in his new field of labor—one church at Eau Claire, and one at Lisbon, Venango county, five miles distant from Eau Claire.

To emphasize their expressions of affection for the family of their departing pastor, the congregation placed in Mr. Houston's hands just before he left a purse containing one hundred and fifty good dollars—just as a little parting gift.

New Presbyterian Pastor.

Rev. John M. Diehl, to whom a call was extended recently to become pastor of the Presbyterian church in McConnellsburg, and that at Greenhill, has formally accepted the same and will begin his work at once. He will preach at Greenhill next Sunday morning at 10:30, and in the Presbyterian church, McConnellsburg, in the evening.

Mr. Diehl is a graduate of Princeton Seminary, Class '08. It was his full intention to go to Korea as a Missionary upon the completion of his work in the Seminary; but when the time came, it was found that there were not funds in the hands of the Board to take up the work at that time, and he was sent to North Dakota, to work in the Home Mission field. Upon receiving the call from this place he decided to abandon the proposition to go to the Foreign Field, and consequently, has accepted work in his home presbytery.

township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at the home of his son-in-law, Bert Sipes, near Hustontown about 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, aged about eighty-three years. Mr. Long has been in frail health for a long time, owing to his advanced age, and his death was not wholly unexpected. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Huffman, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the United Brethren church, Hustontown. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Ura Fink, Yellow Creek, Bedford county, and Maggie, wife of Bert Sipes, Hustontown.

ANOTHER FULTON COUNTY FAMILY HAVE GONE TO TEXAS.

DEAR EDITOR: As we have moved from Superior, Wis., I want to ask you to change the address on our Fulton County News to Tulsa, Texas. We have moved to Texas, and all our children are here—one lives within three miles and two, within fifteen miles, and the other three boys and one daughter are at home. There is the wildest kind of a rush for this country now, I tell you, and every day brings additional trainloads of people from the older states east, west and north. We shipped two carloads, and our two sons, one carload, and our two sons-in-law, each a carload. It is said that there were fifteen emigrant cars on our train. When Mr. Mellott was loading our goods at Superior, he says there were three other cars being loaded at the same place for Texas besides ours.

This is a beautiful country—nice and level. You can see for miles and miles, and now there's not a family on an average for every section; but the way they are rolling in, that condition will not last long. Our little town is scarcely two years old, and yet it has two banks, they are building a new Court House, and other public buildings, and new houses are going up in every direction.

We bought an improved section of land, and, consequently, do not have to build. It has been dry and some windy since we came, but everybody is busy as nailers breaking ground and getting ready for the planting of the spring crops. I would like to hear from those other Mellotts that moved to Texas from Fulton county. While we moved here from Superior, Wisconsin, we are originally from Licking Creek township, Fulton county, and have not lost our interest in the dear people we left behind us when we left that good old country.

We shall appreciate a letter from any of our old Fulton county friends. We have strayed a good ways from home. We hope that we have not made a mistake in our move here. Of course, we will know more about it after we shall have been here a year or two.

Mrs. GEO. A. MELLOTT,
Tulsa, Texas.
March 29, 1909.

ACCIDENT AT EMMAVILLE.

Ephraim Mellott, of Near Mattie, Struck by Limb of Falling Tree.

On last Saturday morning Mr. Ephraim Mellott, of near Mattie, who has been cutting logs for Mr. Scott Bequesth, at Emmaville, met with a very painful and perhaps serious accident. Mr. Thomas Whitfield and he were at work, when a limb from a falling tree broke, striking Mr. Mellott, and knocking him senseless. His face was badly cut and he remained in an unconscious state for several hours. Dr. J. Grant Hanks, of Breezewood, rendered necessary surgical assistance.—Everett Republican.

Tri-State Changes Hands.

The Tri State Business College of Cumberland, Md., has changed hands, and B. Frank Shaffer has acquired by purchase the entire interest of Prof. Jos. W. Smith, the president and principal of the school.

The Tri State College was established as the Mt. State Business College in September, 1901, and was purchased by the present management May 20, 1904. The school has since been conducted by Prof. Jos. W. Smith, president and principal, and B. Frank Shaffer, vice president and business manager. The purchaser, Mr. Shaffer, will continue to conduct the school along the same general lines that have characterized its past successful management.

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

J. C. Fisher and son Gayle, of Bethel township, were in town Monday.

Rev. Dr. West was here last Friday, and officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Cooper.

Mr. C. W. Crouse, of Webster Mills was in town last Saturday and graced our sanctum with his presence.

J. N. Daniels was in town Monday telegraphing the distasteful friends of the death of Baltzer Mellott.

Merchant J. K. Johnston is in the East this week buying goods to replenish the stock in his store.

Mr. D. B. Nace, of Chambersburg, was the guest of his son Merrill W. Nace of this place a few days this week.

Mr. A. J. Hess and B. A. Deavor, two of Taylor township's representative citizens, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Miss Jennie Cooper, of Chicago, was called here last week on the account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Cooper.

L. G. Clune, of Burnt Cabins, and Frank R. Morrow, of Shade Gap, were in town Monday. Mr. Clune was well satisfied with the result of his sale last Saturday.

Miss Etta Fields, who had been spending the winter in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Mock of this place, returned to the home of her father Mr. James H. Fields on last Sunday.

M. S. Wilt, of Fort Littleton, came down with the mail Monday and spent a few hours in town. Uncle Mike always receives a warm greeting when he comes to McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Skiles and their interesting little son Wallace, of Pleasant Ridge, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town last Thursday attending to business.

Among those from a distance who attended the Martin-Brewer wedding in the Cove last week were Mrs. Druella Yeagle, of Chambersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob I. Zimmerman and daughter, of Upton, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Irvyn Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Zimmerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeagle, of Sylvania; John W. Martin, Earl Hawbeck, and Joseph Vance, Welsh Run; Amos and Jacob Martin, Lemaster; and Miss Barbara Martin, Tyrone.

A GREAT VICTORY.

For The Harrisonville Methodist Episcopal Charge.

During the last Conference year, Rev. Luther W. McGarvey, pastor of the above named charge, labored earnestly and with the aid of his faithful congregations, succeeded in raising enough money to liquidate the debt of \$200 on their parsonage.

Considering the scarcity of money in this section, this is indeed a great victory.

A union service will be held in the Asbury church Sunday, April 11th, 1909 at 2:30 p. m., at which the note will be burned, and Rev. Dr. W. A. Houck, of Carlisle will preach.

Excellent music will be furnished by the combined choirs of Asbury, Ebenezer and Siloam churches.

There will also be preaching service in evening at 7:30 p. m.

M. E. Church Services.

McConnellsburg M. E. church services for Sunday, April 11th, as follows: Sunday school, 9:30; preaching 10:30 a. m., theme—"Easter Rejoicings." Probationers' class and Jr. League, 2:30; Epworth League, 6:00; Easter service, 7:00 p. m. Everybody welcome.

C. W. BRYNER, pastor.