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## 29TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of The Fulton County Sunday School Association Held Its Sessions in This Place.

### MUCH INTEREST IS MANIFESTED.

On Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the 29th annual convention of the Sunday School Association of Fulton county, met in the Presbyterian church in this place.

Owing to the fact that the convention occurred during harvest time, the number of delegates from the different county schools was perhaps not so great as it otherwise would have been; but, nevertheless, quite a large number reported during the morning and many others arrived later from schools not yet represented. It was gratifying to those in charge to see so large an attendance of delegates and workers at the first session of the convention. The success of the meetings was assured if the interest manifested in the first session was continued throughout the convention.

The afternoon's work was begun with a service of song led by a choir composed of members of the different choirs of the town. Rev. Diehl of the Presbyterian church, conducted the devotional exercises. In the absence of Mr. B. W. Peck, to whom the duty had been assigned, Rev. Diehl made an address extending a cordial welcome to all delegates and workers, and friends of the Sunday school cause.

Mr. E. H. Kirk, president of the convention, presided during the afternoon. His position was rendered somewhat difficult owing to the fact that four of those named on the program were absent; but Mr. Kirk proved himself equal to the occasion which secured for him the hearty support of all present, many responding to the call for voluntary discussion of the subjects.

The chief topic of the afternoon was Fulton County's Home Departments of Sunday school work. Mrs. C. B. Stevens, the Teacher Training Superintendent, gave a thorough explanation of the origin and purpose of a Home Department, and made clear the duties of its officers, with practical suggestions to be followed in the organization of such work. Miss Maud Baumgardner, Elementary Superintendent, gave valuable suggestions, and made an earnest plea for a Home Department in every Sunday school in the county.

Delegates from different districts joined in the discussion, showing an enthusiasm which needed no other proof that a Home Department of Sunday school work is a blessing.

In the business meeting, the following committees were named; on resolutions, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Shaffner, Miss Mollie Seylar; on nominations, Mr. Samuel Wishart, Miss Baumgardner, Rev. Bryner; on auditing the treasurer's reports, Mr. Geo. Hays, Mr. Geo. Reiser, Mr. Samuel Wishart.

After a series of short prayers for Divine guidance during the deliberations of the two days convention.

### Adjourned.

### TUESDAY EVENING.

The evening's service, with Mr. Kirk presiding, began with a service of song by the choir, followed by prayer by Rev. Rice, of the McConnellsburg Reformed church. A solo "Just For To-day," was beautifully sung by Miss Maria Dickson Alexander. The addresses of the evening were given by Miss Alice Wishart, of Wells Tannery, this county, who has recently returned from Alabama, India, where she has been engaged in missionary work; and by W. G. Landes, Secretary of the State Sabbath School Association. Miss Wishart began her remarks by making clear to her hearers the loss

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## UNCLE SAM'S FINANCES.

The Deficit for the Year Just Closed Less Than Was Expected.

Washington, July 1.—Treasury officials are pleased at the present showing of the government finances. Ordinarily a deficit in the government revenues of \$89,811,156, as shown by today's statement, would not be a matter of congratulation. Nevertheless at the close of the fiscal year 1909 the treasury officials express much gratification that the official estimate of a deficit of \$114,000,000 made last December has not been verified, and are hopeful for a continuance of the improvement which has been especially noted during the last four months.

Since the December estimates were submitted to congress, however, the receipts and expenditures have shown marked irregularity, and as late as February last the expenditures were increased at such a rapid rate and the revenues falling off so sharply that it was greatly feared the balance on the wrong side of the ledger might by the close of the fiscal year reach \$130,000,000. But a slight upturn in customs receipts was noted about the middle of December. Improvement was slow, however, until about the beginning of March, when large importations were made, probably induced, in part, by prospective tariff changes. The result both of improving revenues and the strong holding down of expenditures has resulted in a greatly reduced deficiency.

The custom receipts for the year aggregated \$901,209,863, an increase as compared with last year of \$15,000,000. The internal revenue produced \$246,329,063, a decrease of about \$5,000,000. Miscellaneous receipts aggregated \$560,893,919, which is a falling off of about \$6,500,000. The receipts from all sources during the year aggregated \$604,432,846, which is an increase over last year of \$3,250,000.

On the side of expenditures the total for the year was \$694,244,002, which is an increase over 1908 of about \$37,000,000. The civil and miscellaneous expenditures amounted to \$164,288,538, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year.

It seems probable that the deficit for the present month of July will be between \$10,000,000 and \$14,000,000. It was in view of the certainty of a deficiency for July that Secretary MacVeagh has called on national depository banks for a return to the treasury of \$25,000,000.

The treasury working cash, now standing at about \$42,000,000, will be raised by this call to about \$67,000,000. This will be a comfortable working balance with which to enter upon the summer operations of the department.

### The Girl of To-day.

Many people, says an exchange, seem to deem the "girl of to-day" of no account compared with the girl of grandmother's time. That is a mistake. The girl of to-day is a hustler. She does the clerking, the typewriting, the book-keeping, the school teaching of the country. She is crowding the boy off the earth because he is too slow, too indolent, too busy drinking beer, playing pool, and fishing, to keep step with her. In America women are not only doing the housekeeping better than it was ever done before, but half of the other work as well. She shines in the colleges, makes up three-fourths of the graduating classes in high schools, does most of the church work, conducts literary clubs, beautifies parks, roots for the home base ball team and leads the procession in all the moral, social, and literary functions, visits the sick and dispenses charity. Besides all this she finds time to listen to the love-making of some weak man who needs a wife to take care of him. We tell you that a modern girl is strenuous! She is a dandy, a trump!

## THE FOURTH AND ITS HARVEST.

Lives Lost, Limbs Torn, Bodies Burned, and Buildings Destroyed.

The boisterous features of Fourth of July celebrations have, as usual, resulted in the loss of life, the maiming and burning of many persons, and the destruction of much property by fire.

In Philadelphia there were three deaths, and 380 persons were injured, and there were about ninety fires, as the result of celebrating the day.

In New York the number of deaths was four, and 192 were severely injured, one of whom was not expected to recover.

At Camden, New Jersey, a cannon in charge of George Houser, aged 19 years, exploded, and Houser had an arm badly mangled, while Mrs. Emma Hebel, aged 25 years, and her infant child, had their skulls crushed, causing instant death, by being struck by a large fragment of the cannon.

Four children were killed, two fatally injured, and a number sustained serious wounds at Wilkes-Barre.

An eight-year-old boy of Pottsville, had the sight of both his eyes destroyed by touching off a can of black powder with a piece of punk.

Harry Campbell, aged 14 years, of Franklin, had his eyesight destroyed by the discharge of a cannon.

### Crop Outlook is Good.

The general outlook all over the State is for fair crops of both fruit and grain of all kinds this summer. This is the opinion of Deputy Secretary of Agriculture A. L. Martin, who has been in all sections of the State during the past month, and has noted conditions carefully everywhere, with a view to forming an approximate estimate of the probable yield.

Apples have probably suffered more, generally speaking, than any other crop of fruit or grain. The damage however, has been only in spots. Damage to apples was done principally by heavy storms, when the trees were in full blossom. Blossoms were swept from the trees in wholesale quantities. Damage of this character was noted in the western part of the State more than elsewhere.

The apple crop in the productive Cumberland Valley district will be about the average one for that locality and peaches, pears, and plums in the same region will yield well. The last three named crops will be fair in all sections.

The excellent condition of the fruit trees is ascribed to the improved scientific methods that are being adopted by the horticulturalists, especially the spraying for San Jose scale, the codling moth, and other pests, at the proper time. Lime-sulphur wash and miscible oils are being used intelligently everywhere, and the result is very noticeable.

The wheat crop is an exceptionally good one; timothy, clover, oats and corn are well on the way to giving the farmer fair returns while sugar corn is doing well.

### Conference in Carlisle.

Plans are being perfected for the 120 annual session of the Pennsylvania conference of the United Brethren church in Grace United Brethren church, Carlisle, October 13-17, inclusive. Bishop J. S. Mills Annville, Lebanon county, will preside.

According to Presiding Elder Washington, the gathering will be the most important held for a number of years. Grace congregation is making much preparation for the gathering. In addition to the arrangements for the entertainment of delegates, the interior of the church is being improved. At present there are 107 preachers and a similar number of lay delegates who will represent 159 congregations. The conference has a membership of 18,500.

## DELICATE OPERATION.

Over 100 Gall Stones Removed From R. A. Stouteagle.

R. A. Stouteagle, of 1021 Fourth avenue, who was operated on for appendicitis, and gall stones, on March 1, at the Altoona hospital, but the operation not being very successful, was repeated by Dr. W. Sappington, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Patterson, a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, and one of the most accomplished trained nurses of one of the best hospitals of Baltimore, at his home in McConnellsburg, June 25.

Many of the best surgeons of various hospitals claimed that to repeat such an operation would be a serious and a dangerous undertaking, but Dr. Sappington and Miss Patterson undertook it and it was a crowning success. Over 100 stones were removed, about twenty the size of a robin's egg, and others about the size of a bean and a pea.

Mr. Stouteagle is making commendable progress and it is hoped that before many weeks he will be able to resume work.

Dr. Sappington is deserving of much credit for this skillful, successful and dangerous operation. —Altoona Times.

### NEW GRENADA.

Mrs. F. G. Mills returned home from a sojourn with her daughters, Julia Johnston and Alice Weaver, in Sreator, Ill., and Carrie Linkin, in Allegheny City, Pa. Her tour lasted one month. Mrs. Harry Gaster and son Ernest spent a week with Mrs. Gaster's parents, Geo. Gress and wife, at Bethlehem.

John Mills, who has been at Scranton, Pa., working at concrete work, is home.

Ritner Black, of Robertsdale, was a visitor here on Monday. S. P. Metzler is remodeling his barn, with new siding and roof, and other changes.

John Cook, of Shelby, Iowa, once a resident of Wells, who has been absent from here thirty-two years, was visiting friends in New Grenada and the Valley. He looks well and has prospered in the western country. He is now in the mercantile business. He spoke of Dr. Hill's family, formerly of Fort Littleton, now residing in Shelby.

Ruth Cunningham is recovering slowly. She is able to sit up some.

Mrs. A. N. Witter, of Waterfall, met with an accident last week. She was out about their wagon shed, when a heavy pole from overhead fell down, striking her on the head, bruising her head and causing quite a shock to her.

Richard Alloway was acting strangely a few days this week. We had thought he would have to be put on the "cooler," but learned that all the trouble was that a new girl baby came to their house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cunningham who are both past 4 score years hatched up their Hickory cane on Thursday and walked to Waterfall, and return, taking their annual visit among the Berkstresser tribe.

While John Fix, of near Dublin Mills, was running a mowing machine, his son Milie 14 years of age stepped in front of the sickle, receiving a badly lacerated and mangled foot; had he not fallen backwards over the cutter bar he would have been cut to pieces. Dr. R. B. Campbell was phoned and rendered necessary surgical aid, having to remove several pieces of broken bone.

Charles Batton and family, and Miss McIntire, of Six Mile Run, Pa., spent Sunday here at Central Hotel.

Mr. Mills, of Hopewell, and Misses Kirk and Nellie Stunkard of Wells Tannery, were visitors in New Grenada on Sunday.

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## LETTER FROM FORT ADAMS, R. I.

The Rigid Part of a Soldier's Life, or Guard Duty in a Fort.

What a soldier calls his hardest duty in time of peace is guard duty, which he has to do once a month. There are two kinds of guard—new guard and old guard. I will first give a short description of new guard.

A man on new guard is on duty for 24 hours, going on at guard mount one day and coming off the next. There are three men to one post, each man is on duty two hours and of four hours. There being six posts here, it requires eighteen privates, two corporals, and one sergeant. Every sentinel on guard after eleven o'clock, must challenge every person seen on or near his post, and allow no one to pass without proper authority; and you may imagine how a soldier feels when doing his first guard, when he challenges the telegraph poles and his own shadow in passing some dark corner of a battery.

When the soldier is on guard the second time, he is then an old guard, and his duty is to chase prisoners to their work. The guard carries his rifle loaded with five rounds of shells. A man on old guard is on duty for just the working hours of a day. In case the guard leaves a prisoner escape that is in his charge, he has the prisoner's remaining time to do in the Guard house and a long time besides. The 129th Co. is proud to say that they have only one man in the guard house, who has a month yet to do, which is a fine record.

If my short description of guard duty in Fort Adams meets with approval by my friends and old veterans of the Civil War, who have done guard duty in times of war, perhaps I will come again, giving the pleasant side of a soldier's life, until then an revoir.

JAMES D. HOOP.

### House and Contents Burned.

The house on the William Horton homestead in Wells Valley, occupied by Mrs. George Hann, and contents were destroyed by fire on Monday. After the family had eaten their dinner Mrs. Hann took the children and went to the barn to assist with the work there. The fire was not discovered until one end of the house was in flames, and by the time the neighbors arrived the fire had gained such headway that nothing of much value could be saved. How the fire originated is a mystery. There is an insurance of \$300 on the house and \$100 on contents. Mrs. Hann has the sympathy of the entire community in her loss.

### Cattle Killed.

Chas. Bard, of Sipes Mill, who was in town on Saturday attending to business for Mrs. Sarah Wink, informs us that about two weeks ago he had a cow and three young cattle killed by lightning. The cattle were standing under a walnut tree at the time. The lightning struck the top of the tree, only scorching the branches, ran down the trunk of the tree and killed the cattle without even shattering the trunk. The cattle were insured in the Fulton County Insurance Company.

### Malicious Mischief.

Last Saturday night while Geo. W. Bishop was serving a large crowd with ice cream, which is his custom every alternate week, in the grove near his store a short distance from Sharp postoffice, some individual with malice aforethought broke the tops out of twelve young fruit trees—eight cherry and four peach—growing in his orchard. The creature guilty of this offense ought to be apprehended and punishment commensurate with the crime meted out to him.

Ex-Sheriff D. C. Fleck, of Ft. Littleton, was a business visitor to our town on Tuesday.

## OF INTEREST TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

High Schools Affected by Change in Making School Appropriations.

State Superintendent of public instruction N. C. Schaeffer has recently issued a letter in regard to change in law relative to disbursement of the state school appropriation for the year beginning with June 1909. The letter is as follows:

"Out of the said amount hereby appropriated (the fifteen millions appropriated for the support of the public schools) there shall be set apart the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to aid in paying the tuition of pupils who attend high schools outside of their own districts; and the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars \$450,000 for the encouragement and support of township and borough high schools, including joint high schools maintained by two or more townships, or by a borough and one or more townships; but no high school shall receive appropriation as a high school of the first grade, unless it has at least three teachers who devote their entire time to high school work during a term of nine months; and no high school shall receive appropriation as a high school of the second grade, unless it has two teachers who devote their entire time to high school work during a regular attendance of twelve pupils doing high school work."

The appropriation in aid of high schools for the year ending June, 1909, will be distributed on the old basis, but the appropriation for the year beginning June 1909, which will be distributed in September, 1910, will be subject to the conditions named in the foregoing extract from the General Appropriation Act. Instead of establishing or maintaining high schools with attendance of less than twelve pupils, it will be wise to send the pupils who have completed the grammar school work, to high schools in adjacent districts. Pupils who belong to the seventh and eighth grades can not be counted as pupils doing high school work.

### Held a Social.

The Presbyterian congregation of this place held a social last Friday night, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pittman, of Persia, at the home of Mr. Pittman's sister, Miss Mary, in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman were dressed in the dress worn in Persia, and exhibited a number of curios they had brought with them from that faraway country. Mr. Pittman, during the evening, gave a short talk on life in, and the customs of, Persia, which was very interesting and much enjoyed by those present. The Reverend and his wife will remain in this country one year, and then return.

### THOMPSON.

We have been having quite a dry spell; the farmers are fearing a drought.

Isa Zimmerman, of Hancock, is visiting her cousin, Gaynell Pittman.

Henry Turner, who has been harvesting for I. W. Zimmerman has returned to his home at Manns Choice, Bedford county.

Oscar Litton and Bess Simpson spent Sunday afternoon with Jessie Truax.

David Gregory, wife and daughter Mr. Spent Sunday at Ed Souders'.

Quite a large crowd attended the song service at Antioch on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ross Bard, of Sharpe, spent a few days in lower Thompson, last week.

B. R. Simpson lost a valuable mare one day last week.

W. W. Douglass has been making extensive repairs to his house. Preaching at Damascus at 10 a. m., next Sunday.

Ed Lumpkins, the hat man spent several days in town last 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

Mrs. S. Patterson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her daughter Mrs. C. W. Peck of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Comeror, and Miss Harriet Eitemiller spent Sabbath visiting friends in Mercersburg.

Among our pleasant callers on Saturday were C. A. Bard and wife, and Newton Bard, all of Belfast township.

Thomas Bender, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bender, in this place.

Miss Lillian DeHart, of this place, is enjoying a week's outing in the family of Mrs. Wm. McEldowney, in Belfast township.

Mrs. Mame Henkes and little daughter, of York, are visiting Mrs. Henkes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clevenger, in this place.

Dr. M. M. Eldon, of Roaring Springs was a guest at the Fulton House on Monday. Dr. Eldon at one time was a clerk in Trout's drug store at this place.

Dr. John V. Shoemaker, formerly of this place, now head of the Medico Chi University in Philadelphia, has been compelled to drop his work and seek health in Canada.

Mrs. L. E. Harris has returned to her home in McConnellsburg, after a very enjoyable visit spent in this place with her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Stevens.—Public Opinion.

F. H. Buhl and wife, of Sharon, Pa., were recent guests at the City Hotel. Mr. Buhl is the uncle of Willie Whitla, the kidnapping of whom, several months ago, interested the whole country.

Prof. Harry Gress, wife and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Gress' mother, Mrs. Rexroth at the Fulton House, and other friends in the county. The Professor has been elected principal of the Moenessen High School near Pittsburg.

Misses Lib. Rummel and Ethel Weiner, who had been visiting the family of James W. Rummel in this place during the past week, left for their home in Gettysburg last Saturday morning. They were accompanied by Miss Murnie Rummel, who will spend some time visiting in Gettysburg and Chambersburg.

### Hustontown M. E. Church Notices.

For the week commencing July 18, 1909.

Hustontown—Sunday school 9; Epworth League prayer meeting 6:30; preaching 7:30; Monday evening normal class 8; Thursday evening prayer meeting 8.

Fairview—Sunday school 2; preaching 3; Epworth League prayer meeting 7:30; Friday evening normal class 8.

Centre—Sunday school 9:30; preaching 10:30; Epworth League prayer meeting 7; Wednesday evening prayer meeting 8.

Clear Ridge—Sunday school 2; class meeting 3; Epworth League prayer meeting 7; Wednesday evening prayer meeting 8.

Dublin Mills—Sunday school 9:30; class meeting 10:30; Tuesday evening prayer meeting 8. Our special service for parents and old folks in the Fairview and Centre churches on Sunday.

HARRY MOYER, Pastor.

### Swope—Mellott.

On Sunday evening July 11th, 1909, Mr. Andrew D. Swope and Miss Jola R. Mellott were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. T. P. Garland. The contracting parties are both residents of Pleasant Ridge, this county.