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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.

JOHN H. H. LEWIS.

John H. H. Lewis, a well known citizen of this county, died in the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, Md., on Thursday, July 22, 1909, aged 72 years and 23 days. His remains were taken to his home, near Franklin Mills, Bethel township, this county, and the funeral took place on Sunday, attended by an unusually large number of friends and relatives.

During almost his entire life, Mr. Lewis was possessed of a strong constitution and was in excellent health until recently, when dropsy developed, and he went, unattended, on the Sunday previous to his death, to Baltimore for treatment—his family having no apprehension of his immediate death.

Mr. Lewis was a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, and during his younger days taught school, and later served his township in numerous offices, always filling them with ability and entire satisfaction.

He was for many years, a consistent member of the Christian church, and took an active interest in Sunday school work. In politics, he was an ardent Democrat, and his presence and voice will be missed in the local councils of his party.

Besides his wife, the following named children survive: Myrtle, wife of Charlie Hess, Bethel township; James K., in Colorado; Harry M., in Pittsburg; Mrs. Alice V. Doyle, Stockton, California; Charles and Jessie at home.

MRS. ADA J. MELLOTT.

Mrs. Ada Jane Mellott, wife of Anthony Mellott, a native of Pleasant Ridge, this county, died on Sunday evening, July 25, 1909, about 6 o'clock, after an illness of several years; her last year having been spent in a great deal of suffering. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Ebenezer church, Tuesday, services being conducted by Rev. Powers of the Christian church, Needmore.

Mrs. Mellott was only about thirty years of age—a young woman of gentle disposition and lovable character, but cut down, a victim of that most dreaded disease—consumption. She had a moral sensibility that ever kept her from deviating from that which she felt to be her duty. It was these qualities that secured for her a great multitude of trusted friends, and she always had a kind word for everybody. She was for many years preceding her death, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and wife and mother, and an excellent neighbor. When she was able to attend church, her place was never vacant.

She was married to Anthony Mellott about six years ago. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and three children—Judith, Blanche, and Jennings; her mother, two sisters, four brothers—Mrs. Edward Mellott, Mrs. Harman Truax, and Edward Swape—all of this county; Robert Swape, of Portage, Pa.; Watson, a surgical doctor of Pittsburg, and Richard, of Homestead.

MRS. JOHN R. FOX.

McConnellsburg people were very much surprised and grieved to learn Wednesday morning of the sudden death of Sarah Jane Fox, wife of John R. Fox, of this place. Mrs. Fox has been a sufferer from rather frequent attacks of asthma for several years. Not feeling very well, Mrs. Fox arose about 3 o'clock in the morning, took a heart tablet, and went back to bed. About five o'clock, Mrs. Fox arose and went down stairs as usual. Shortly afterward, Mr. Fox heard her call, and went

BIG COMPANY CHARTERED.

Telephone to Rival Bell is Given Charter in State.

The National Telephone and Telegraph Company was chartered Thursday at the State Department with a capital of \$10,000. It appears to be the long-talked-of, country-wide independent system to compete with the Bell interests.

The charter enumerates every county in the State of Pennsylvania and every other State, including the District of Columbia and the territories of Arizona, Alaska and New Mexico, as the scene of its operations.

The capital stock of \$10,000, which it is presumed here will shortly be increased many fold, is divided into 200 shares of \$50 each. All the directors are Philadelphians.

Stay in Capitol Cases.

Harrisburg, July 23—An order from Justice D. Newlin Fell, of the supreme court was received in Harrisburg on Thursday night by Prothonotary Pearson to withhold from Prothonotary Worden the record in the first capitol graft case disposed of eight days ago by the superior court when at a session in Philadelphia it sustained the findings of Judge Kunkel.

The order stays all proceedings and ties the hands of the commonwealth which can make no move to have the two living convicts, former Auditor General William P. Snyder and former Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings James M. Shoemaker, sent to the eastern penitentiary to serve their two-years terms.

down, only to find her very ill. Everything was done for her relief, but death ensued in less than an hour.

Mrs. Fox was born in Ayr township, where Leslie McGovern now lives, April 4, 1836, and was aged at the time of her death, 73 years, 3 months, and 24 days. For more than fifty years she had been a faithful member of the Reformed church.

Funeral services at 10 o'clock Friday, conducted by her pastor Rev. Rice. Sermon in the Reformed church, and interment in the grave yard adjacent to the church.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons and two daughters, namely, Elliot T., of Lewis, Kan.; William A., Greeley, Kan.; George, Williamson, Pa.; Mrs. Emma Daniels and Anna, wife of Harvey Cooper, McConnellsburg.

MRS. ELIZABETH EARLEY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Earley, widow of the late John M. Earley, died at the home of her son, J. Foster Earley, in Wells township, Saturday evening, July 24, 1909, aged 87 years, 4 months, and 2 days. Mrs. Earley's maiden name was Jones, and she was born in Franklin county. The funeral took place on Monday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Wells Valley M. E. church, services being conducted by Rev. Flegal.

Mrs. Earley was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and connected herself with that denomination in 1879 under the ministrations of Rev. Olewine. She is survived by one son and two daughters, namely, J. Foster, on the home place; Mrs. Emma Denisar, of Wells Tannev, and Mrs. Catherine Wakefield, of McConnells-town, Pa.

WILLIAM T. MELLOTT.

Mr. William T. Mellott died at his home near Mattie, on Wednesday, July 14, aged 64 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was born in Fulton county and was married to Miss Daniels, who died in 1885. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Mellott, and children, Mrs. Elsie Mellott, Mrs. Ella Rinaard, of Hopewell, and Elizabeth, of Roaring Spring. One brother, Daniel Mellott, of Sipes Mill this county, also survives him.

MIDNIGHT FIRE.

Contents of Charles A. Martin's Barber Shop Ruined by Fire Monday Night. Building Badly Damaged.

CAUSE OF FIRE BURIED IN MYSTERY.

Between twelve and one o'clock Monday night, the slumbers of the peaceful people of McConnellsburg were disturbed by the unusual cry of "fire." Of course, there was the usual tumbling out of bed, falling over chairs, and getting both feet through one trouser leg; but when the street was reached, there was a fire on good and proper. It was in the little frame building owned by Sheriff Sipes on the north side of Water street between the Fulton House and J. W. Greathhead's store, and occupied by Charles A. Martin, barber, and by R. N. Shimer, tailor.

The fire started in the barber shop, and seemed to be in the partition between the barber shop and the tailor shop. Fortunately, however, the doors and windows were closed, and the fire, for want of draught, did not make rapid headway. In a reasonably short time, the hose reel was brought out, and hose attached to the fire plug in front of Saylor's drug store. As soon as the water was turned on the fire had little chance, and was soon under control.

Everything in the barber shop was ruined, and the building much damaged. There is an insurance on the contents of the barber shop of \$350. None on the building. Outside the inconvenience occasioned by a hasty removal of the contents of his shop, Mr. Shimer does not lose anything. As the building stands on leased ground, it has not been determined yet whether the structure will be rebuilt, or removed.

They May Own Altoona.

Acting on a will that is recorded in the Huntingdon County Court House and laying claim practically to every inch of the ground embraced in the corporate limits of Altoona and one or two adjoining suburbs, heirs of General James Galbraith, a Revolutionary warrior, are said to be about to enter suit in the Blair County Courts to regain possession of this property. The claim is advanced that the property was originally owned by Galbraith who willed it to his heirs. This will has reposed in the archives of the Huntingdon County Court House its existence having only recently been discovered. It is said that Harry A. Polk, of Altoona, has induced a number of the Galbraith heirs to make the fight. The property involved is said to be worth about \$50,000,000.

Success, Boys.

The Daily New Era, Huntingdon, Pa., of the 20th inst. says: "Messrs. Frank Bollinger and Norris E. Hoover have purchased the Star electric theater on Shirley street and on Friday night, took charge of that popular moving picture show. The Starr theater, formerly owned by the Starr Amusement company of Tyrone, has enjoyed a liberal patronage because it has always shown a very select sort of pictures. The young men who now own it are well and favorably known in this community and are capable of sustaining the good reputation which this amusement place has held in the past." The News wishes the young men all kinds of success—except ill success, and knows that if luck means anything, the venture will be a winner.

A meeting will be held at the Reunion grounds in Licking Creek township, on Saturday, July 31st, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of letting privileges for selling, and other business.

Man Beats His Wife Cruelly.

One of the worst cases of cruelty known in the neighborhood of Fort Loudon for many years was that committed by John Yeager Sunday upon his wife. Yeager is a rough character, and has been before the court on several different occasions. On Sunday he came to the home of his wife, near that place, and for some reason not known, beat and kicked her in a frightful manner. Mrs. Yeager is in delicate health, and in order to escape his cruel treatment, fled into the mountain and hid in the brush and bushes, and was found there half dead Monday, evening, in a deplorable condition. She was taken care of by kind neighbors and a local physician, but her case is a critical one, and because of her ill health, the chances of recovery are against her.

She was removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Kissell, where she is being cared for. Yeager has not been seen around Fort Loudon since the occurrence, and it is believed that he has taken his departure for parts unknown. The citizens of Fort Loudon will not be backward in turning him over to the authorities, should he make his appearance.—Opinion of 21st.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular meeting of Clear Ridge Grange, No. 1363, held in the Hall at Clear Ridge, Pa., July 23rd, 1909, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of sorrow and regret, that we are called upon, to record the death of our late brother, Elliott R. Fraker, whom it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst and our hearts after a protracted illness and suffering, and

WHEREAS, that in his death the Grange has lost a faithful, active, careful, conscientious, and obliging member, of whom we have reason to be proud; the family have lost a kind, provident husband and loving father, and

WHEREAS, The community has lost a member, possessed of the highest personal attributes, one esteemed for his fidelity to justice and truth, and one who used his untiring efforts for the advancement of everything tending to promote the best interests of his fellowmen. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That as members of Clear Ridge Grange, it is proper and appropriate to record the loss of one of its members, and to testify the qualities of heart and mind that made his private life exemplary; his conviction of duty the highest purpose that governed and marked him so strongly.

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore our loss, and whilst his departure will create a vacancy in our ranks and our hearts, that time cannot fill, believing that the good that men do live after them; that their characters and teachings will abide as influence to others, we most humbly submit to the decree of the Divine Ruler, who apportions to every man his time.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to all the bereaved relatives; to the wife and sons, who so much need his wise counsel in life. We commend them to the care and protection of "Him who doeth all things well."

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of our deceased brother, our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days, these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Grange; that a copy be presented to the bereft family, and that the same be published in the County papers.

E. S. NEAD,
J. H. FIELDS,
T. E. FLEMING,
Committee.

Hon. S. L. Buckley, of Fort Ligon, was a business visitor to town on Saturday. He was accompanied by his son Edward, of Crook, Colorado.

FROM GEORGE SHOEMAKER

His Mouth Begins to Water for Some Old Fashioned Fulton County Huckleberries.

HAS BEEN TOO WET FOR HIS BEES.

EDITOR NEWS:—

It has been strongly impressed upon me the past few days that it was time for me to speak again to the members of the NEWS family. I receive so much pleasure from the letters of other members of the NEWS' large family, that, in gratitude, I am glad occasionally to speak, hoping to give pleasure to others. Then you know I am a Methodist and believe in speaking in "meetings." I look for the "NEWS" each week to make its visit, and as soon as received I sit down to visit with the old friends, and try and get acquainted with the new ones. In the fall of 1877 I came to Iowa. Many changes have been made since that time, but still I am able to recognize quite a number of names, and I see the faces as I read.

How I would like to "go a berryin'." I see by the paper that wild berries are plentiful. It will not be necessary then to do as—well I guess I'll not say who—used to do. Fill the pail—no bucket—mostly with leaves, and a stone for weight, and place the wild berries gathered on top making it appear like a full vessel, and fool, for a time, the folks at home. I suppose the children of today are too smart to do so silly a trick as that.

Just now we are having a cool spell. In June we had some very warm weather, and during July a few hot days, but, thus far most of the month has been comfortable. The corn is laid by with the prospects of a good crop. Barley, Rye and Oats are now being harvested. Tame hay, the past two weeks, has been harvested in large quantities, and the weather for curing it was ideal. Our spring was late, but in spite of that, crops are well advanced for this time of year.

Last week Mrs. S. and I made a days visit to a friend living near Waterloo. One of our friend's neighbors was having, and was getting four tons of hay off of an acre of ground. Pretty good yield, but then I am sure "old Fulton" can beat that. Shell Rock celebrated the Glorious Fourth of July this year on Saturday 3d. It was one of the best celebrations it has been my pleasure to enjoy. The day was perfect; the parade representing the different business houses of the town was fine; the speech was excellent; the entertainments were great. The people, present in clean numbers, were happy, and I am sure, if I had tasted them, I would have found the ice cream red lemonade, pop corn, &c., to be of first quality. It was a pleasant day, and no accidents.

Thus far through this season I have not been stung by my bees. I have worked among them cautiously and, mostly, by proxy. My five colonies are making some honey, but not as much as last year. The season has been too wet, but if any of my old friends will come out to make us a visit, and will bring along some good "Old Fulton County" buckwheat, I will undertake to furnish the honey with which to grease the cakes—yes and butter too, for just across the Shell Rock river, not more than two blocks from the parsonage is a creamery, where they make butter for which they secure the top price of the market in New York, and I think we can get some butter over there.

We are planning a Union Tent Meeting, to begin the latter part of August and continue for three weeks. Rev. C. C. Smith, an evangelist who has been greatly honored of the Lord, is to bring his tent and singer, and lead the meetings for us. Will the christian people who read this make

DIVORCE FOLLOWS

MARRIAGE OF COUSINS.

Persons Violating This Act of 1901 Are Open to Prosecution and Such Marriage are Void.

Harrisburg, July 23—By a decision of Judge Henderson, of the Superior Court, handed down within the last few days, the status of the law governing the marriage of first cousins in this state for the first time has been clearly defined.

The court decided that not only are such marriages void, by the law of 1901, but that, in accordance with this law and a statute enacted in 1815, all first cousins living with each other in the marriage state are liable to prosecution.

In its probable effect this decision is regarded by lawyers as being one of the most far-reaching pronouncements of law regarding marriages which has even been recorded in a higher Pennsylvania court. It not only places a positive bar to all marriages in which first cousins should be parties in the future, but it makes it plain that all such persons who have been married since the law went into effect are by the very nature of their relationship not legally bound to each other.

The decision was rendered in the case of Florence McClain, of Burgettstown, against her first cousin, Jessie McClain, whom she married at Greensburg in the winter of 1908. Later she sued to have the marriage annulled in accordance with the statute of 1901, alleging that she did not learn of the prohibition by that law until after her marriage.

Judge W. F. Taylor, of the Common Pleas Court of Washington county, refused her suit on the ground that she was not an "innocent and injured party," as she recognized her blood relationship to McClain before her marriage and should have known the law. Failing to obtain relief here, the libellant appealed to the higher tribunal.

In his opinion reversing the lower court, Judge Henderson argues on the ground of the laws of 1815 and of 1901. The former provisions that all marriages within a certain degree of consanguinity are void and unlawful. Still another law, enacted in 1869, provides that persons who are within the proscribed degree of consanguinity who marry may be prosecuted for a misdemeanor. The law of 1901 adds first cousins to the list of degrees of consanguinity which are forbidden intermarriage in the law of 1815.

Judge Henderson says further that there is nothing in any statute affecting such a case about "innocent or injured parties," and that the courts must afford relief to persons who find themselves so placed that they are living the law because of their blood relationship before marriage.

For Investors.

Many men save part of their earnings and are then puzzled how to invest their savings. The savings banks are safe, but the interest rate seems low. Some investments offer big returns, but the risk may be great. Shrewd, careful investors are taking advantage of the reliable and accurate information furnished by the financial experts who conduct the column, "Answers to Questions from Investors," printed in The Philadelphia Press seven days a week.

earnest prayer to God for his blessing upon the meeting to be held in Shell Rock, Iowa.

This letter is longer than I intended it should be, but I couldn't stop it.

With kind regards to all the "NEWS" family.

Very truly,
GEO. B. SHOEMAKER,
Shell Rock, Iowa,
July 24, 1909.

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. J. J. Palmer, of Needmore, was a town visitor on Saturday.

Bessie Gehret, of Chambersburg, is visiting friends in this place.

L. G. Kirk, of Warfordsburg, was seen on our streets on Saturday.

Miss Nelbe McQuade left on Saturday for a week's visit in Chambersburg.

Walter Lynch and Russell Sipes left one day last week for Princeton, Ill., to secure work.

T. Frank Sloan, engineer of a gas pumping station at Bangs, Ohio, is home on a two weeks' vacation.

Dr. C. N. Trout, wife and little daughter, of Red Lion, are the guests of Mrs. M. B. Trout, of this place.

Mrs. Mary Marshall, of Shippenburg, is visiting her brother Jacob Reiser's family in this place.

Hayes Morgret one of the progressive farmers of Belfast township, was a business visitor to town on Friday.

J. M. Myers and family, of Mercersburg, spent Sabbath with Mrs. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall.

William Snyder is taking a well earned vacation, and is visiting his sister and brother-in-law Harry Mock and wife, in Altoona.

Misses Emma Ray and Ethel Freeman, and Walter Kotz and Harry Clouser, spent a couple days this week on a visit to Gettysburg.

Among the business visitors to town on Tuesday was Hon. J. W. Hoop. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Beamer Gress.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks, of Philadelphia, are spending a few days in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. David M. Kendall, in the Cove.

Mrs. B. W. Peck who spent the past three weeks visiting relatives and friends in Hollidaysburg and Bedford, returned home on Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Jackson, and Thomas Gehret and lady friend, Miss Nell Gladhill—all of Chambersburg, spent Sunday with friends in this place.

Wilson R. Nace, wife and daughter Helen accompanied B. W. Peck to Bedford, last Friday, and spent several day days with friends there. They traveled in Mr. Peck's Cadillac.

Emory N. Pittman and his friend Charles W. Craig—both of Philadelphia, spent the first part of the week in the home of the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nelson, in Tod township.

Mrs. Susan Rummel, of this place, went to Philadelphia on last Thursday, where she will remain some time nursing Mrs. Frank Stoner, who is receiving treatment for rheumatism in that city. Mrs. Stoner is reported to be slowly improving.

Mrs. A. C. Mellott and children, of Pittsburg, are visiting her father Joseph Sipes, in Licking Creek township. She expects to remain a month. Mr. Mellott will join them in two weeks and spend his vacation with friends in this county.

On account of rapidly declining health, Walter C. Peck closed out his business in Bedford, made sale of his household property, and last Saturday morning, he and his wife left Bedford for Denver, Colorado. It is hoped that the climate of Colorado may bring about a speedy restoration of health to the young man.