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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.

ZOPHAR P. HORTON.

Zophar Pasco Horton, an old and well known resident of Everett, died at his home Monday afternoon, 11th inst., of apoplexy, aged 67 years, 5 months, and 29 days. Deceased had a sunstroke several years ago and suffered much from its effects. On Friday preceding his death, he was stricken with apoplexy and at once became unconscious and quite helpless, in which condition he continued until his death. Mr. Horton was born in Hopewell, April 12, 1842. When he attained the age of 19 years, the Civil War began and he at once enlisted in Company F, Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves. After serving his time of enlistment he re-enlisted in the 191st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, his entire service being four years and three months. On October 10, 1865, Mr. Horton was married to Miss Mary M. Sharrar, of Wells Tannery. A few years afterwards they removed to Everett and resided there seven years, when they moved to a farm in Fulton county, where they resided twenty five years. Eight years ago the family moved back to Everett, as Mr. Horton could no longer endure the hard work necessary on a farm, and they have since resided there. Mr. Horton was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a devout Christian and a good citizen. He was a member of Lieut. Josiah Baughman Post, No. 131, G. A. R.

He is survived by his wife and nine children, as follows: Frank of Johnstown; Wilbur, of New York City; Howard, Clarence and Mrs. May Cornelius, of Pompton, Lakes, New Jersey; Mrs. W. R. Anderson, of Six Mile Run, and Emory, Nash and Chester a home. This is the first death that has darkened this household. There also survives him three brothers: Milton M., of Shippensburg; James B., of Wells Tannery; Alfred C., of Everett, and four sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Cornelius, of Huntingdon; Mrs. Simon Hinsh, of Coalmont; Mrs. Mary Lockard and Mrs. Ruth Edwards, of New Grenada, this county.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon with services in the Barndollar First Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. John S. Souser, of Huntingdon.

ESTHER PECK.

Esther May, daughter of Thompson W. Peck, died at the home of her father at Needmore, this county, Thursday, October 14, 1909, aged 13 years, 5 months, and 18 days. Only a few months ago, Esther was a bright, happy, girl, apparently in perfect health, and on account of her amiable disposition was not only the idol of her father, but was loved by every one of her friends, which were limited only by the number of her acquaintances.

Sometime during the past summer one of her legs began to hurt her, and what at first, was supposed to be rheumatism, turned out to be an affection of the bones just below the knee. This became more and more painful until it was feared that an amputation of the limb would be necessary. Specialists from the hospital at Johnstown, Pa., were brought to Needmore, and after a thorough examination, it was determined to remove the diseased portion of the bone, believing that the wound would heal, and that the child would soon be well. The friends of the child were, however, doomed to sad disappointment, and after she passed through several

## Birthday Party.

A fine big turkey, roasted to a finish, graced the dinner table at Mary E. Mellott's on Pleasant Ridge last Sunday. Sunday was Mrs. Mellott's birthday, and it had been decided to celebrate. A number of friends had been let into the secret, and were on hand in good time. Then the turkey, was not the only thing on the table, for there was sweet potatoes, honey, good cakes and pie, and—O well, what's the use in making your mouth water; maybe you will get to a birthday party your self some day, and then you will know how it goes to sit down to a table, hungry as a wood saw. And then, it always takes so long to help the plates, and get right ly started. But when one does get at it—O my! This was the 77th anniversary, and the nicest one of them all. Besides a lot of nice presents, she received 55 post cards. Those present were Michael Mellott, wife and daughters Laura and Mabel and son Earl; Abram Deshong and wife, and daughter Eva and son George; David Deshong and wife, Dewey Truax, John G. Ewing wife and sons Arthur and Herbert; Scott and James Mellott, at home.

BINGO.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaz Clevenger attended the Hagerstown fair last Thursday and were accompanied home by their daughter Miss Bertha, who had been spending a few days with friends in Chambersburg.

Weeks of intense suffering, death came to her relief.

The funeral took place last Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. A. G. Powers, of Needmore, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Tonoloway Baptist church.

Esther's mother died about ten years ago, and she is survived by her father and stepmother, the latter of whom was as kind and thoughtful of Esther's interests as though Esther had been her stepmother's own daughter.

JAMES W. EDMUNDSON.

James W. Edmundson, well known in this county, died at his home in Harrisburg, Sunday afternoon, 10th inst., aged 49 years, 11 months, and 5 days. The immediate cause of his death was muscular rheumatism, which was succeeded by acute dilation of the heart.

For eighteen years, Mr. Edmundson had been a clerk in the railway mail service between New York and Pittsburg, and for the last eight years had been a clerk in charge between those two points.

He was a working member of the State Street U. B. church, was a great reader of deep theological books, a thinker, and a man of deep piety.

Besides his wife, who is a daughter of Mrs. Porter Anderson, at Dublin Mills, he is survived by the following children: Wm. P., Eva L., John O., and Margaret. Three brothers and two sisters also survive him, namely, William T. Edmundson, of Chambersburg; John Edmundson, of Tyrone; Hezekiah Edmundson, of Faanetsburg; Mrs. Mary Elder, of Lemoyne, Pa., and Mrs. Edith Hamme, of York.

MARY C. DESHONG.

Mrs. Mary C. Deshong died in Harrisburg, on Friday of last week, aged 58 years and about 2 months. Mrs. Deshong had been in ill health for some time. Her remains were brought to this county, and the funeral took place at the Siding Hill Christian church last Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. Powers, of Needmore, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that church. The deceased is survived by two full brothers, Hon. Peter Morton, of this place, W. M. Morton, of North Dakota, and by one half brother, George W. Morton, of Belfast township.

## GET KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW.

Ignorance of the Law Will Not Excuse Anyone From Punishment.

Ignorance of the law excuses on one. Ignorance of the Truth and what is right is no excuse for doing what is wrong. It is a fact that some knowledge of the laws which govern the society in which we live is not only indispensable to the welfare of every citizen of our community but is a proper accomplishment of every man or woman whether a great scholar or not.

All ought to know enough of law to avoid its penalties and reap the benefit of its observance. In a country like this, where the people participate in public affairs, it becomes almost necessary, in order to secure our individual rights, that we have an elementary knowledge of the law by which we are governed. This being the case, our boys and young men, and girls and young ladies for that matter too, should study the first principles of the foundation of our government—the Constitution of the United States of America—upon which is based the other constitutions of the states and the laws of our land. Then will they be better prepared to comprehend the elements of law necessary for a correct understanding of their rights and duties. Some people appear to think it is theirs to do as they please and then take the chances of the law being so twisted as to exonerate them from any guilt.

The greater portion of the crimes of today exist to the extent to which they do from the fact that the parties committing them are ignorant of the law or that they think the power to evade the punishment is in their favor.

If our young people would get a copy of the Constitution, (and in fact some older ones too), of the United States and study it thoroughly, they might have a different opinion of the law and of themselves as its subjects. There is no citizen so good a citizen as the one who abides by the law.

## Peach Trees Damaged by Beetles.

Samples of bark from peach trees, two and three years old, were received from York county at the Division of Zoology, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, with the information that gum is exuding from the trunks and limbs of the trees. Answering the letter which accompanied the samples, Professor Surface said:

"Replying to your recent letter, I beg to say that the bark of your peach tree, which you sent, has been injured by the fruit bark beetle or shot hole borer. The thing to do for these trees is to cut them back severely this winter after the leaves drop, and next spring fertilize them, giving them plenty of plant food; cultivate them, and make them grow as strongly as possible. Spray them with the boiled lime-sulfur wash this winter while they are dormant. Wash the trunks with lime sulfur wash now, and mound the soil around them to a height of nearly a foot. When the buds are swelling in the spring, spray them again with the boiled lime-sulfur wash, and about the middle of next June, wash or spray the trunks only with lime-sulfur wash, and mound the earth about one half foot around them to keep the borers out. Cut out the worms from the trees now, so that there will be no worms in them during the winter time. This is the best treatment possible for damaged peach trees. I do not recommend cutting them back now when in leaf, because too much of the nourishment which has been elaborated this summer will be removed by cutting back at this time."

Miss Nettie Knauff and Mrs. Daniel Knauff and daughter spent several days last week with Mr. Ross Hann, and family at Salvia.

## KANSAS THE BOUNTIFUL.

A Resident of the "Sunflower State" Gets Off a Composition Dazzling in Description and Ideal as a Specimen for a State Boomer.

Written for the "News."

The imagination has performed many strange feats, but surely none stranger than the creation of a commonly-accepted picture of Kansas as a treeless, wind swept, barren land, "as flat as a pancake." It is a strange surprise to the man who has carried such a picture on the walls of his imagination for as long as he can remember and who now sits in one of the many great trains that traverse the state to find a panorama of wondrous wealth and beauty unfolding itself continuously before his eyes. He stops at prosperous cities, with substantial stores, offices, and public buildings. He looks in vain for the boom shacks, he passes through lovely suburbs and villages, with tree-lined walks and flower gardens rioting in colors—past fields of grain waving above a man's head, and gently bowing their golden load before the breeze; by miles of corn above the wagon tops, along by tree bordered water courses, where sleek cattle browse; past long orchards down whose deep vistas busy ones are plucking the rich fruits, and where a sparrow hangs so invitingly that he unconsciously reaches for it; by immense fields of alfalfa, looking, in its deep green like inland seas. He talks with the people and finds them free hearted, intelligent, friendly souls; men and women who came out to this state with little in their hands and large courage in their hearts, and who now enjoy comfort, plenty, independence. He sees all this new wonder and beauty sweeping by him and leaning back, says softly to himself, "This is God's country."

It is a great thing to be "in the middle of things." That is where you are when you are in Kansas—in the middle of things geographically, so far as the United States is concerned. In the middle of things commercial, agricultural, political and financial. You are in the middle of the corn the wool, the wheat, the beef, and the butter of the United States. In a word you are in the middle of prosperity when you are in Kansas. This is the actual hub of the United States. Diagonals drawn from Duluth, to Galveston, from San Francisco to Washington, from Olympia to Tallahassee, from Sacramento to Augusta, intersect in the very center of Kansas. Through Kansas flow all of the great tides of our nation. She is at the heart of things; she has well been called "the core of a continent."

Our heritage from the tribe of the Kansas Indians, our easy acquisition from France our imperial daughter of the west, she is just coming into the dominion and a glory that belongs to her, and more than all her past and her present, she is "the land of promise." Her future, easily and definitely prognostical from her past, invites the man who is facing toward better things to come and make his home and find his fortune in her broad domain.

The difficulty in telling the truth about Kansas is to tell the whole truth and not to scale down the facts so as to make them credible to the ears of those who have not seen the evidences of the wondrous wealth and prosperity of the state. Kansas raises over three bushels of corn for every man, woman and child in the United States. Kansas has the largest orchard in the world and furnishes apples for the royal households of England and Germany.

Sweeter to me than the salt sea spray,  
The fragrance of summer rains;  
Nearer my heart than the mighty hills,  
Are the wind swept Kansas plains.

J. W. BROWN,

Oct. 8, 1909. Wells, Kansas.

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## FIRST EXCURSION.

On New Fulton County Railroad, Ran Last Sunday From Wells Tannery Across the Old Broadtop Mountain.

The peaceful quiet of Sabbath morning that has reigned for so many years in Wells Valley, was last Sunday broken by the whistle of the locomotive, carrying a train load of about one hundred excursionists from Wells Tannery station, on the new railroad, up and across the Broadtop mountain. The weather was perfect, and as the train wended its way up the mountain side, switching back and forth to overcome the grade, the view over the surrounding lowlands was fine, and the tinted leaves on the trees, more beautiful than the most artistic painter could produce, made the trip all the more charming.

The train left Wells Tannery at 8:30, a. m., and arrived at Glenside on schedule time, 9:45. The air on the top of the mountain was bracing and its invigorating influence sent the blood tingling through the veins of the older members of the party until they felt they had found the grand panacea for the restoration of perpetual youth.

Too much cannot be said for the courtesy of the management, and their thoughtfulness for the comfort and safety of their patrons. As an example: As the engine was puffing up the mountain, and the train was worming its way doing its best not to lose sight of the engineer, the passengers were startled by a heart rending cry, and, at once, everybody concluded that some one had fallen off and had been crushed beneath the cruel wheels of the coaches. The conductor pulled on the bell rope, the emergency brake was instantly applied by the engineer, and the train came to a dead stop. Quickly an investigation was made, when it was found that some fellow's hat had blown off. The flagman was sent to recover the hat, and the owner was soon made happy by having the tile replaced on his pate.

The excursionists were all guests of the Rightley Bros. & Co., who own and operate the road, and the excursionists take this method in expressing their appreciation of the courtesy thus extended, and wish them abundant success in their enterprise.

Our old time friend George Finniff, Sr., of Todd township, called at the News office Tuesday to arrange for the advertisement of his sale, which will take place on the 11th of November. Mr. and Mrs. Finniff, two mighty nice old people, have come down to that time in life, when they think it best to break up housekeeping and spend the remainder of their days among their children. Besides those in this county, they have one son living in Hagerstown, one in Chambersburg, a daughter in Newville, a son in Pittsburg, a daughter in the West—and so, by the time they get around among them all, they will have had a pretty long and a very interesting, and if their health keeps good, a very pleasant visit, both to themselves and their children. Mr. Finniff is one of those men identified with Fulton county in its infancy; for he served on one of the first juries, and has served his township as supervisor a great many terms.

Mrs. Lizzie Fix will have occasion to wish that she had about a half dozen birth days every year, if they would all be as delightful as the one that occurred on the 9th inst. A number of her friends assembled at her home, and swapped yarns, ate a good dinner, and had a good time generally. Lizzie has a number of nice gifts by which she will remember the occasion very pleasantly for a long time. Among those present were friends from Pittsburg, Altoona, and Webster Mills.

## The Proposed Amendments.

Do not overlook the matter of voting intelligently on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, at the election next Tuesday a week. The entire text of the amendments have been advertised in the News during the past three months, and have doubtless been read and studied carefully by most voters. The matter of voting for the amendments is not a political matter, but every voter should cast his ballot for the amendments because it will mean a saving of large sums of money to the respective counties and townships every year. The following synopsis will help to an understanding of what is intended:

No. 1—Provides that where a vacancy in office occurs two months or more before the general election in November—in offices in which vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Governor—the vacancy shall be filled at the said election.

The provision now in force is that the vacancy shall have occurred three months or more before the election.

No. 2—Fixes the term of the State Treasurer and of the Auditor General at four years each, instead of three and two years, respectively, as at present; but provides that the State Treasurer and the Auditor General elected in 1909 shall serve terms of three years each.

No. 3—Provides that the term of office of Justices of the Peace and of Aldermen shall be six years, instead of five years, as at present.

No. 4—Applies only to Philadelphia and fixes the term of office of Magistrate at six years. At present the term is five years.

No. 5—Provides that the general election shall be held biennially in each even-numbered year, on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, instead of annually, as at present.

No. 6—Abolishes the February election and provides that the municipal election shall be held biennially, in the odd numbered years, on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, instead of annually, as at present.

No. 7—Provides that Election Boards shall be elected biennially instead of annually, and further, that the General Assembly may by law require said boards to be appointed, either generally or in cities only, instead of being elected.

No. 8—Provides that State officers shall be elected on a general election day (November of even-numbered years), and that local officers shall be elected on a municipal election day (November of odd-numbered years).

No. 9—Fixes the term of office of all county officers at four years, instead of three, as at present.

No. 10—Provides that the terms of office of County Commissioners and of County Auditors shall be four years, instead of three years, as at present, classifying them as county officers coming under the ninth amendment.

## School Reports.

WEBSTER MILLS.

Number of pupils enrolled, 18; average attendance, 17; per cent of attendance, 97.

Following pupils attended every day: Earl Gordon, Catherine Bivens, Marv Bivens, Florence Bain, Viola Cooper, Ada Cooper, Zella Crouse, Eva Crouse, Catherine Glenn, Mildred Glazier, Esther Kendall, Olive Nelson, Blanch Nelson. — Stella Sipes, teacher.

Miss Minnie E. Mock, who is teaching at Churchtown, Pa., this winter spent the time from Saturday until Monday morning with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mock of this place. Miss Minnie was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Cora Hoerner.

## 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. Sabina Mellott and son Webster, of Gem, spent Monday in town shopping.

Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton, was in town attending to business last Saturday.

Joseph Thomas and Daniel Ott spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Clouser at Laurel Ridge.

Ex-Commissioner Z. Bland Barnett, of Taylor, called at the News office on business while in town last week.

Thurman Lynch and lady friend and Howard Lynch, were among those who attended the Hagers town Fair last Thursday.

Samuel Divens, of Knobsville, called at the News office while in town Tuesday, and advanced his subscription well into the year 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Skiles and son Wallace, of Pleasant Ridge, were pleasant callers at the News office, while in town last Saturday.

Mrs. D. R. Mellott and son Elmer, of Pleasant Ridge, were in town attending to business last Saturday and took dinner at Judge Morton's.

Miss Lydia Martin, who has been engaged in the millinery business in Philadelphia, returned home Tuesday for a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin.

John Shimer, who holds a responsible position with P. & L. E. railroad at McKees Rocks, Pa., is spending his annual vacation with his mother, Mrs. Anna Shimer, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lockard returned to their home in Altoona on Tuesday of last week, after having spent some time visiting the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hann and other relatives in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Stewart, of Wells Valley, spent the time from Saturday until Tuesday visiting among their McConnellsburg friends. Mr. Stewart passed through a very severe spell of fever, and we are glad to see him out again, and hope that he may have better health than for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, of Pittsburg, are spending this week at the Fulton House. Mr. Wilson formerly owned the Andy Washabaugh farm, and during that time he and Mrs. Wilson spent much of their time here. They have many friends here who always extend the glad hand of welcome when they return.

J. J. Conrad, who owns and lives on a nice farm near Carlisle, accompanied by Mr. Daniel Weary a neighboring farmer and also an ex-Prothonotary of Cumberland county, spent a few days during the past week among Mr. Conrad's relatives and friends in town and the Cove. Mr. Conrad likes his new home in Cumberland county very much. Mr. Weary is a very pleasant gentleman.

Mr. Howard B. Arrison, of Philadelphia, spent the time from Friday until Monday in McConnellsburg. From sometime in 1868, until March 1869, Mr. Arrison was in partnership with the late Thomas Patterson in the mercantile business in McConnellsburg, and part of that time was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school. When Mr. Arrison walked into the Sunday school last Sunday morning after an absence of more than forty years, he did not recognize any of the faces that were familiar to him when he had charge of the school. He is now in the Real Estate and Insurance business.