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## MIDWINTER NUPTIALS.

Miss Helen Jane Johnston Became Bride of Mr. William McCoy Corbin on Wednesday of Last Week.

### LARGE NUMBER OF GUESTS PRESENT.

One of the most delightful social events of the season occurred at the grand old country home of Mrs. Eliza J. Johnston in Ayr township at high noon on Wednesday of last week, when almost a hundred relatives and friends assembled to witness the marriage ceremony that made Miss Helen Jane Johnston the wife of Mr. William McCoy Corbin, of Granville, Pa. The beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Houston, of Eau Claire, Pa., a former pastor of the bride. The beautiful decorations of the parlors were suggestive of the Christmas season, in which holly and white pine were prominent, and the effect was very pleasing.

Miss Grace Johnston, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Hayes White, of Lewistown, Pa., best man.

The bride wore a beautiful princess gown of white Paris batiste, and carried a large bouquet of white roses. Miss Grace Johnston wore a gown of white batiste, and carried a bouquet of red carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations, a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. Among those from a distance present to enjoy the festivities, were Mr. and Mrs. John Brindle, of Altoona; Mrs. Owens, of Lewistown, Pa.; Rev. S. B. Houston and son Erskine, of Eau Claire, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Bard McDowell, and Mr. and Mrs. William McDowell, of LeMaster, Pa.; S. Houston Johnston, Misses Mary and Nannie Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. James McD. Johnston—all of Mercersburg, and Miss Harriet Anne Wiley, of Shippensburg, Pa.

The bridal couple left for Pittsburgh and other cities for a honeymoon trip, after which they will return to Granville, Pa., and begin housekeeping the first of April on the groom's farm near Granville.

The bride is a graduate of the Cumberland Valley state normal school and a successful teacher in the public schools, and carries with her to her new home the kindest wishes of her wide circle of admiring friends.

McDAID—LAMBERSON. Notwithstanding the storm of wind and snow raging over the country on Christmas Day, the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamberson of Taylor township was bright and joyous, and the merry ripple of laughter and conversation that pervaded the tastefully decorated parlors, told that an event of more than ordinary importance was about to take place.

At high noon the usual signal for silence was given, and before the expectant assemblage, appeared Mary C., the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamberson, and Mr. Earl H. McDavid, of Washington county, Pa., who were united in the bonds of holy wedlock by the bride's pastor, Rev. Harry Meyer, of Houstontown, Pa.

After the ceremony had been performed and hearty congratulations extended, the dining room doors were thrown open, and the company seated to partake of a sumptuous wedding feast.

A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presence of a photographer, who made a negative of the bridal party and other guests, and the pictures will keep in fresh remembrance through years to come, the faces of those present on that occasion.

Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shaw, Wm. Edwards, Miss Jamima Vallance, Geo. Lamberson, Ruth Strat, E. S. Strat, Joseph Shaw,

## XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Knobsville People Almost Caused the Ruin of the Preacher's Buggy Last Friday Evening.

The Christmas Services held at Knobsville on Friday evening, December 24th, was a decided success. Each participant deserves a great deal of credit for the successful way in which his or her respective part was rendered. Much credit is also due to those who labored as leaders, and by their tireless effort made possible the success of the entertainment. After the literary part of the program had been completed, each scholar of the Sabbath school was presented with a very nice Christmas treat.

The distribution of presents was a very interesting feature of the evening; and few, if any, of the many present were slighted.

The good people of Knobsville and community very kindly remembered their pastor with a generous donation, consisting of canned fruits, sausage, pudding, beef, dressed chicken, jelly, cakes, potatoes, apples, coffee, sugar, honey, butter, a bed comfort, etc., in fact, their exceeding generosity, so taxed the strength of his buggy and faithful horse, that it required the most careful driving to get his load to the parsonage in McConnellsburg without smash ing the buggy.

The pastor, C. W. Bryner, in a few fitting remarks, congratulated the school on the success of their undertaking, and expressed his appreciation of the kindness on the part of his many friends who so generously remembered him.

The exercises were concluded with a good-night song and the benediction.

H. Elmer Deshong, who had been called home on account of the illness of his daughter, has returned to West Virginia, where he is engaged in the lumbering business. He was accompanied back to West Virginia by George Schooley.

Mary Shaw, Bert Wagner and wife, Miss Ida Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. White, Mary Wolf, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Corbin.

The bridal couple are excellent young people, and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

SHANK—HENDERSHOT. The Christmas joys and festivities were heightened and brightened in the home of Mrs. Mima Henderhot, in Buck Valley last Saturday by the celebration of the wedding of her daughter Miss Lydia M. and Mr. Tolbert R. Shank, a popular young man of that community.

The beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Christian church was performed at high noon by that grand old parson John H. Barney, of Clearville, Bedford county, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

The bride and groom are excellent young people, and embark on their matrimonial voyage with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

WERTMAN—WOOSTER. At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage on the Harrisonville circuit, on Thursday evening, December 23, 1909, the pastor, Rev. L. W. McGarvey united in marriage, Miss Rose Ethel Wooster, of Harrisonville, and Mr. Frederic Wertman, of Hancock, Md.

The happy couple left for Danville, Pa., the next morning, where they are spending the holidays among relatives and friends after which they will begin house keeping in Hancock, where the groom is engaged in the lumber business. The bride is an active member in the M. E. church, and will be missed from the communion in which she has lived. The groom is energetic, and the happy couple start out in life under auspicious circumstances.

## FINE AS SILK.

Was The Entertainment Given by The Choral Society in The Public School Building Last Saturday Evening.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN DID SPLENDIDLY.

The entertainment given on Christmas evening in the Public School auditorium by the Choral Society, assisted by the school children, was a great success, and enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

The inclemency of the weather prevented a number of people from attending; but those who were present, express themselves as delighted with the program.

The stage was decorated to represent a woodland scene in winter—the snow covered trees and bushes making it very realistic.

The program was opened with an instrumental selection by Prof. J. E. Thomas, violin; W. S. Black, cornet; C. R. Shore, clarinet, and Miss Gertrude Sipes, the pianist of the society.

This was followed by the opening chorus, "The Heavens are Telling" from Haydn's "Creation," and the manner in which it was rendered, reflects great credit—not only on the singers themselves, but on the musical director, Mrs. Geo. W. Reisner, and the accompanist, Miss Sipes.

Recitations by Miss Marden Stouteagle and Miss Josephine Runyan were especially noteworthy, and both young ladies responded to hearty encores.

Two clarinet solos, "Asleep in the Deep" and "Miserere" from "Il Traviatore" were given in artistic fashion by Mr. C. R. Shore.

The children, however, were the crowning features of the evening. Fourteen little girls from the Primary and Intermediate grades, gave an exhibition of drilling and fancy marching that has never been excelled in this town or community. The applause was hearty and frequent, and the little people catching the spirit of appreciation, did their level best.

An operetta, "Jack Frost's Mistake" by the Grammar grade, "brought down the house." The little actors taking their parts like professionals. The costuming of the play was beautiful and much admired.

Choruses, trios, and other musical numbers completed the excellent program, at the close of which a neat little speech was made by Rev. Rice, president of the society, and one by Prof. Thomas, principal of the schools, each thanking the people for their patronage and liberal support.

McConnellsburg has reason to feel proud of the Choral Society—not only because it has demonstrated the musical ability of its members, by giving the best entertainment of the kind ever rendered by home talent, but, also, because of the splendid work they are doing for the schools of our town.

The fine piano recently placed in the Auditorium, is the result of a concerted effort on the part of the Society, assisted by a number of public spirited citizens, who subscribed generously to the fund; and it is the intention of the "Chorals" to add other needed improvements to the Hall, until it is completed in every particular.

To do this, however, they need the support of the public; and this, we are glad to say, they are receiving in a large measure. Hence, all honor to the Choral Society! Its members are working—not for themselves, but for the children of the public schools—the future rulers of the nation.

Miss Bessie Simpson, of Dick-eyes Mountain, came to town with her father, B. F. Simpson, Monday, and took the noon hack for Mercersburg, where she expects to spend a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Atkinson.

## WEEK OF PRAYER.

Outline of Subjects for Discussion and Prayer During the First Week in the New Year. Monday Night in the Lutheran Church.

In conformity with a most delightful custom that has existed in this place for many years, the pastors of the town at a meeting on Monday arranged for the observation of the Week of Prayer in McConnellsburg, as follows:

On Monday evening, January 3rd, the meeting will be held in the Lutheran church. Theme for the evening: Human History a Witness for God. Prayer: That everywhere the life-giving light may deepen, the heavenly reconstruction be prospered, and the divine reign of liberty under law be established, to the glory of God and the spiritual, social rescue of man. Prayer that the eyes of God's children may be anointed with both clearness and breadth of vision.

Tuesday evening, in the Reformed church. Services in charge of the pastor, Rev. L. H. Rice. Theme—The Foundations Unshaken Immovable. Prayer: That the faith of Christians, confirmed by instruction, may be purified and quickened into increase of practical power. Prayer that the revealed word, freed from human perversions and misapprehensions, may the more succeed in its appeal to the hearts and consciences of men. Prayer that God's saving truth may have free course and be triumphant.

Wednesday evening in the Methodist Episcopal church. Services in charge of the pastor, Rev. C. W. Bryner. Theme for the evening—The Church of God on Earth. Prayer: That the Church may at once seek her real unity and true glory, in actual loyalty to her divine Founder, in faithfulness to her spiritual mission, and thus in pure devotion to human well-being. Prayer that the Church, seeking to save the individual by the Redeemer's Cross, may also seek to save society by the Redeemer's Crown,—Christ our Saviour and King.

Thursday evening, in the United Presbyterian church. Services in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Grove. Theme—Missions the Necessary Expression of Christian Devotion. Prayer: That we may learn to estimate our relation to missions both at home and abroad, not merely by the terms of an unqualified command but, as well, by our own utmost sympathy and the dictates of our own most sincere good-will. Prayer that it may be impossible for any Christian soul to be indifferent to the acceptance of Christ by others.

Friday evening in the Presbyterian church. Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Diehl. Theme—The Things With in the Kingdom and Without. Prayer: That the things which hurt and destroy: intemperance, gambling, licentiousness, conjugal infidelity, political corruption, partizan recklessness, class hatreds, national enmities, individual selfishness, corporate greed, atheism concerning human brotherhood, and whatever else is malign, may be baffled and destroyed. Prayer that the Kingdom, in the varied forms of its beauty, may embrace the world.

These services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. It is a good way to start out in the new year.

In renewing his subscription to the News for another year, Roy Tayman, of the Regular Army, stationed on the southern Atlantic coast, says, "Nothing I enjoy more than to sit down and read the Fulton County News, when it reaches me each Saturday morning." When any of Roy's friends have a bit of news that they think would be pleasing to him, it will be printed in the News if they send it in to this office.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### HOCKERSMITH.

Through the editorial courtesy of the Franklin Repository, we are informed that John T. Hockersmith, for the past seven years engineer of the electric light plant in Chambersburg, died at his home, 571 south Main street, in that city, on Thursday evening, December 16th, aged 56 years and 4 months. Mr. Hockersmith had been ailing for some time, but was able to work until recently. He was an efficient engineer and did good work at the plant, having been retained under several administrations.

He was a member of the Methodist church, Letterkenny Lodge, Odd Fellows, and the Heptasophs. He is survived by his widow and these children: Charles, Victor, Harry, Leshe, and Bessie.

He is survived by the following sisters and brothers: W. C. Hockersmith, Hagerstown; James, Keefers; Mrs. A. L. Hostetter, Ramona, Kans.; Mrs. Ellen Worthington, and Howard, Chambersburg; C. H., in Harrisburg.

#### SIPES.

After an illness of about ten days, of typhoid pneumonia, Miss Edith Sipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Polk Sipes, who live on the Rowland Sipes farm on Patterson's Run in Licking Creek township, died at the home of her parents at about half-past twelve o'clock last Sunday night.

The funeral took place Tuesday, services being conducted by Rev. L. W. McGarvey, of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Siloam church.

Miss Sipes was a young lady of many beautiful qualities of mind and heart, and her sudden demise is a crushing blow to her parents, brothers and sisters.

Besides her parents, she is survived by four brothers and two sisters, namely, Richard, John, James and George, and Goldie and Pearl. She was aged about twenty-three years.

#### RAMSEY.

George W. Ramsey, who was born and grew to manhood in New Grenada, this county, and a brother of Mr. Thomas Ramsey, who now resides in Wells Valley, died at his home in Altoona, Pa., on Friday, December 17, 1909, aged 47 years. Interment in the Rose Hill cemetery on the 19th.

The deceased was a son of Jas. and Rebecca Ramsey, of New Grenada, whose remains now lie in Bethel cemetery at that village. Geographical in Reynoldsville, Pa., several years, and from there went to Altoona, where he remained until his death. For several years he had been the victim of the White Plague, and only last fall, spent some time with his brother Thomas in Wells Valley in the hope of regaining his health—but all to no avail.

He is survived by his wife and six children—two of whom are married; also, by the following four sisters and two brothers, namely, Mrs. Amanda Myers, of Everett, Pa.; Mrs. Alice Nicholson, Sikeston, Pa.; Mrs. Emma McEldowney, Altoona, Pa.; Miss Sue Ramsey, Sixmile Run, Pa.; Thomas, already mentioned, and John living in Altoona.

W. W. Largent, a "sub" in the postoffice at Tyrone, Pa., "dropped in" on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Largent, Monday evening, and remained until yesterday. Will look like the world was good to him. He says that never in the history of the Tyrone postoffice has the holiday mail been so heavy as during the present season. This does not indicate that people generally are very much pinched by hard times.

## TO BE REPEATED.

The Entertainment Given Last Saturday Evening Will Be Repeated Friday Evening.

While about two hundred persons braved the storm last Saturday evening to go to the Public School Building to witness the entertainment given by the Choral Society, assisted by the public school children, they were repaid by witnessing one of the very best entertainments ever given by local talent. It was just simply fine from start to finish, and our people have paid half a dollar for admission to entertainments that were not to be mentioned in the same day with this.

For the benefit of those who were not able to be present last Saturday evening, and for those who feel that it will be a quarter well invested to go back and see it again, the entertainment will be repeated with some pleasing additions on Friday evening of this week.

Admission 25 cents. Tickets were put on sale at Goldsmith's store yesterday morning, and children are selling them from door to door in town. The tickets will not be numbered; so that you can occupy any chair you like, provided the other fellow who got there before you, is not sitting on it.

The money realized in these entertainments is being applied to the payment of the fine piano on the rostrum.

#### A Visit From Santa.

Last Friday afternoon about three o'clock, the quiet rustle of the busy workers in the Battle Ridge school, Dublin township, was disturbed by a vigorous rapping at the door. The teacher, Mr. Robert B. Cromer, hastened to respond, and upon opening the door, there stood Santa Claus.

He was on his way from the North Pole to McConnellsburg, and his fingers got so cold coming across the hill from Littleton that he just stopped at the schoolhouse to warm. Of course, Robert invited the old gentleman in, seated him near the warm stove, and then went on with the regular work of the school. The pupils gazed a little curiously at first, for it was the first time they had ever been able to get a glimpse of the old Saint before. He had often been at their homes, but it was always at night when they were snugly tucked in bed fast asleep.

The warm stove made the old gentleman a little sleepy, and he probably sat there a little longer than he intended, for all at once, he yawned once or twice, stretched his limbs, and sauntered to the door, and passed quietly out.

But this was not all. In a short time he returned tugging two big baskets—just heaping full of oranges, cakes, candies, nuts, toys, &c., and didn't do a thing but treat every scholar in the school with just that much that they scarcely knew how to get it all home, and so they just ate a lot of it right then and there.

Santa seemed glad as well as the scholars. He had heard Cook talk about Mr. Cromer and the Battle Ridge school when Cook was (not) up at the Pole, and so Santa made up his mind that if it ever came in his way he would like to visit the school.

Moved to Harrisburg. L. H. Wible, Esq., who occupies a responsible position in the State Treasury Department at Harrisburg, moved his family from this place to that city on Tuesday. Since Mr. Wible's appointment, he had been boarding in Harrisburg, and coming home to his family here every week or two; but becoming tired of that way of living, he closed up his comfortable home here, and will remain in Harrisburg, keep house there, and thus have his family all together. Mr. Wible's many friends in this county will learn with regret that his health has not been good of late.

## 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. Nelle Shoemaker, of Chambersburg, is a guest in the home of Mrs. M. B. Trout.

Miss Cadiz Schooley is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Richard Schooley and wife.

Miss Mary McFarlan Smith, of Reedsville, Pa., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Trout at "The Willows."

Nathan Everts, of Harrisburg, is home for the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ed. D. Shimer, of this place.

William Kerner and Jacob S. Hill, two of Belfast township's prosperous farmers, were in town Monday.

John Rex. Irwin, of Perkiomen Seminary is home for the holidays, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Irwin.

Richard Schooley, Jr., of Chambersburg, spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schooley, near Harrisonville.

Miss Carrie Greethead, a teacher in the Johnstown, Pa. public schools came home for a few days' visit during the holidays.

J. Reed Ray, of Everett, came home last week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Ray, East Water Street.

Marshall Logue, of the Williamson Trade School, is spending his holiday vacation with his Fulton county relatives and friends.

Harry Mock and wife, of Altoona, are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in McConnellsburg and vicinity.

Miss Zoe Mason, teacher of the school at Warfordsburg, spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason.

Miss Alice Snyder accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mock to Altoona Tuesday morning, where she will remain for some time.

Mrs. Annie Goldsmith and son Master Robert, of Everett, are visiting Charles B. Stevens and wife, and other relatives in this place.

Maynard Sipes, of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents, Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes. It has been two years since Maynard was at home.

Miss Jessie Mason, who is teaching this winter at Alexandria, Pa., is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason.

Russell Nelson, of the Shippensburg Normal, is spending the holidays in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John S. Nelson in Tod township.

Miss Jess Dickson, of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia is spending her holiday vacation, with her sister Mrs. Merrill W. Nace, on North Second street.

Miss Joanna Morton and Miss Goldie Mason of the Indiana state normal school are spending their holiday vacation at their respective homes here.

Miss Cornelia B. Nesbit accompanied L. H. Wible's family to Harrisburg Tuesday, and will spend a week or two visiting in the State Capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heiges and their little daughter Dorothy, of York, Pa., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clevenger, on west Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Pollock, of Washington, Pa., are expected in the Cove to-day to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. Margaret Kendall, and other relatives and friends.

Harry Clouser and Walter Rots, who are employed in Chambersburg, returned to that city yesterday, after having spent a few days in their respective homes in this place.