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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.

BOOTH.

On April the 5th, after an illness of four days of paralysis, all that was mortal of Jane A. Booth passed away, her husband Ex-County Surveyor William H. Booth having preceded her to the great beyond ten years ago.

Grandma Booth as she was familiarly called was aged 71 years and twenty-nine days and had she lived until the eighth day of July would have resided fifty years on the farm in Springfield township, Huntingdon county, where she died, she having first gone to house keeping there in 1860.

Mrs. Booth had a light stroke about three years ago, and since that time has not been able to go about much, but would sit in her arm chair, always busy at some work trying to make some one more comfortable. She had selected as her text the 23rd chapter of Psalms, saying that she had derived so much comfort during the affliction from this chapter. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. J. Grissinger of Madsensville; Mrs. H. T. Uverzagt of Newburg Pa.; Mrs. C. E. Starr of Three Springs; John B. and Miss Ella on the homestead.

The funeral was preached at her home by Rev. Martin C. Flegal of the M. E. church of Three Springs, assisted by Rev. Reidel of Walnut Grove charge, after which she was laid to rest beside her husband in the Cromwell cemetery. The large crowd of sorrowing friends bore evidence of the esteem in which she was held in the community where she had lived so long.

Oh, Mother dear, how we will miss you, how we looked forward with pleasure for your annual visit with us; how we will miss your loving smile, and tender embrace at the old homestead; but with aching hearts we submit to Him who doeth all things well.

WRIGHT.

William Wright died at his home in Ayr township week before last, of hemorrhage of the stomach. He was a veteran having been a member of the 76th regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served his term of enlistment. He contracted the disease from which he died and was a great sufferer. His age was about 76 years. He was married to Miss Margaret McLucas to which union five children were born, two dying in infancy. Three are living: Mrs. Ed. Winters, living at Williamsport, Md.; Lizzie wife of Bert Hess, of Foltz, Pa., and Samuel J. a crippled boy at home. He also had three brothers, Paul, Morgan and James, and one sister, Mrs. James Steck of McConnellsburg, who are all dead. He was a kind neighbor and always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He will be greatly missed by his neighbors and friends. He was preceded to the grave 13 years ago by his wife.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Capt. Dotterman of the Salvation Army and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery near Big Cove Tannery.

TAYLOR.

We are called on this week to record the untimely death of Mrs. Margaret Gregory Taylor, widow of Mr. J. Harvey Taylor, who died Tuesday, March 29th, in Hancock. Mrs. Taylor survived him but only five days, dying Sunday afternoon April 5th, of pneumonia, aged 75 years. She was born in this county, in 1835. Her sisters surviving are Mrs. Wm. P. Gordon, of Warfordsburg, and Mrs. Anna Carl, of Germantown, Md.; one brother John Gregory

All Because He is Grandfather.

Persons crossing the mountain on the Fort Loudon pike Tuesday evening, were amused at the antics of a middle aged gentleman with an iron-gray Van Dyke beard, who, apparently bound for McConnellsburg, showed peculiar evidences of great exuberance of spirit. Occasionally he climbed trees, swung up and down from overhanging branches, yelled "Hooray," and even sprinted at a good gait a distance of several yards at a time up the mountain. When he reached the top, he was seen to turn several hand springs and somersaults, and once even tried to stand on his head.

There was some mystery as to his identity until it became known that Don Morton, of Omaha, Nebraska, son of our near townsman, Ex-Associate Judge Peter Morton, became, on the morning of the 12th inst., the proud father of a bran new baby girl. The Judge, upon hearing the news, immediately took a trip to Chambersburg, returning to Loudon on the evening train, and walking home from that point in a little less than two hours. Upon his arrival at home, it is said by members of the family, that he cut wood on the woodpile for an hour and forty minutes—something he has never before been known to do.

While this is not conclusive evidence that it was the Judge who was seen doing the stunts on the mountain, suspicion points strongly his way, as the description of the man and the Judge's Van Dyke beard tally exactly.

Birthday Surprise.

Mrs. Ahimaz Clevenger remembered that last Wednesday, April 6th, was Mr. Clevenger's birthday, so she asked him to go down the Cove with her to see about some guineas. While they were guinea hunting, about seventy-two of their neighbors and friends assembled at the Clevenger home south of town, to pay their respects to Mr. Clevenger, and have a jolly good time, which they had in every sense of the word. A very important feature of the evening was the serving of refreshments which were beyond description, as Mrs. Clevenger had made ample provision for everyone before starting on the hunting expedition, and any one who has been served at the Clevenger home, can imagine how the good things rolled in at the dining room door.

The McConnellsburg Cornet Band, of which Mr. Clevenger is a member, furnished the music for the evening. Mr. Clevenger received quite a nice lot of presents.—One Who Was There.

Mercersburg Hotel Sold.

The old Mansion House, at Mercersburg, operated for many years, by the late Jacob Fendrick, changed hands on Monday. C. W. Huff, a brother of J. J. Huff, of the Washington hotel, Chambersburg purchased the fixtures several months ago and had been successfully conducting the same since. Recently, Mr. Huff decided to engage in other business and dispose of his business at Mercersburg.

The purchaser is Wm. Myers a well known and successful resident of Clearfield.

of Kansas City, also survives. Her children surviving are Mrs. H. K. Beachley of Hagerstown, Mrs. Dr. J. E. Benson of Cockeysville, and Mr. John M. Taylor at home.

The death of Mrs. Taylor breaks up the family home entirely. There has been three deaths in the family since November last. Mrs. Mary Hill, a daughter, of Cumberland, died last December.

Mrs. Taylor was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Her funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Interment beside her late husband.

SEEING CHICAGO.

Miss Barbara Martin Continues Her Description of Places of Interest She Visited in the Great Metropolis of the West.

In my letter published in the News, December 13, 1909, I told of the Art Institute, and of Montgomery, Ward's big store. In this letter I shall tell you of other places that were very interesting to me.

The second day, I started out a little earlier and visited the City Hall, Cook county Court House, Tribune Building, and the following stores: Siegel Cooper, Mandell Brothers, Boston Store, Burley & Co's. China and Cut Glass—one of the finest of its kind in Chicago—and Marshall Fields, which is the largest and finest retail store in the world, and which I will attempt to describe.

There are always a number of visitors making a tour of the store. Upon entering the store, there is someone in waiting to direct the visitor to the waiting-room on the third floor. We waited here until a guide came. There are a number of ladies who do nothing but show the visitors through the store and point out to them the most interesting places. They seldom take more than ten in a party at one time.

We were taken up to the twelfth floor, where we entered a small cloak room adjoining the cold storage, and a heavy winter wrap was given to each one of us to put on. Then, another guide in heavy winter clothing showed us through the cold storage, where \$3,500,000 worth of furs were kept in excellent condition through the summer. This department was colder than the coldest day in January, and the guide looked as though he had come from the frozen regions of the north. From here we were taken to the north rotunda, where we had a sectional view of the store. The granite monoliths at the main entrance on State street are 48 feet high and 3 1/2 feet in diameter. The main aisle is 385 feet long. Above the rotunda in the south room there is a Tiffany Mosaic dome of iridescent faville glass. This is the largest single piece of glass mosaic in the world and so far as known, is the first dome ever built of iridescent glass. Its area is nearly 6000 square feet. This store has the busiest private telephone exchange in the world, handling over 10,000 calls a day.

The Tea and Grill Rooms cover the entire seventh floor, and have a seating capacity for 2,500 persons. We were told that 5,000 visitors lunch there every day. The total area of these rooms is 81,450 square feet. The delivery system utilize over 300 wagons and 700 horses, and cover a territory of about 350 square miles. The volume of air supplied in the ventilating system is 425,420 cubic feet per minute. The ice machines have a capacity of 100 tons daily. It is estimated that the number of visitors average nearly 200,000 every day. There are reading, writing and rest rooms for the visitor. The reading tables are supplied with all standard magazines, Chicago newspapers, and the leading papers from other large cities. There is a library and writing room, exclusively for women. Women's waiting room, men's waiting room, and children's room. There is a medical room fitted with all the most modern conveniences. There are 371,125 square feet of Wilton carpet used on the floors in the selling section of the store. If this carpet was rolled out in one strip it would extend thirty-one and a quarter miles. There are three stories below the level of the street. From the ground floor there is an underground electric railway which connects the retail house with the wholesale house. The distance between the two houses is one mile. There are twelve thousand employees in the store.

Historic Bedford House Closed.

The Bedford House, in Bedford, the oldest hotel in the town, was permanently closed on the 1st of April, no license having been granted the place this spring. This house was built in 1771, is a fine and substantial structure, has been one of the leading hotels of the place, and is one of its historic edifices, in which many prominent men have been entertained during the many years that it was a public house, among them being General Washington. The hotel was conducted for many years by Col. John Hafer and after his death by his sons the late J. Harper and Harry O. Hafer, the latter having had charge since the death of his brother a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Myers, and their little son, of Mercersburg, spent Sunday on this side of the mountain, guests of Mrs. Myer's mother Mrs. R. M. Kendall.

We were a little over an hour in going through.

I will give a few interesting facts about Chicago.

The city is twenty-six miles long and its greatest width is fifteen miles. Its area is 190 square miles with a lake frontage of twenty-two miles. It has 4152.73 miles of streets, of which 1324.60 are improved. Fifty-nine miles are boulevards. Its park area is 2232 acres.

The great fire began October 8th, 1871 by the upsetting of a lamp by Mrs. O'Leary's ill tempered cow, and burned until extinguished by a rain on the morning of October 10th. There were 2100 acres of land burned over 18000 buildings destroyed, and 100,000 people rendered homeless by the calamity. The estimated loss was \$200,000,000.

Chicago is destined to be the first city in America. It is now the largest hog market in the world; the largest cattle market; the largest lumber market; the greatest grain market; the greatest stove market; the largest packing center; the greatest railway center—in the world. Chicago has the largest stock yards; the finest hotel buildings; the largest office buildings—in the world. It covers a greater area than any other city in the world, and has the greatest elevator capacity. It has the largest agricultural implement factory in the world, the largest mining machine factory; the largest commercial building; the largest retail dry goods house; the largest cold storage buildings—in the world. It has the largest library circulation in the United States, and the largest percentage of bank reserves in America. It has the most complete water system in the world; has 93 educational institutions; 81 benevolent institutions; and 66 hospitals.

I liked Illinois on account of her balmy zephyrs; so I decided to spend the winter within her borders. I applied for a school and soon found a vacancy. The term is eight and one half months. After deciding to remain there for the winter, I went down to southern Indiana to visit another brother whom I had not seen for a number of years. Owing to family cares and the close confinement to business, he seldom gets away. While there I had the pleasure of attending the Teachers' County Institute. As August is a very warm month for such work, they held half day sessions for two weeks. It was conducted along the lines of class room work. I also had the pleasure of seeing Armour's team of four gray horses which cost \$25,000. They were well worth seeing. One of the most interesting things I saw in the town was a small tree growing from the tower in the Court House. It looked to be about three feet high and two feet across the branches. It had evidently started from seed which had been carried by the wind and lodged there.

KILL THE SPARROWS.

Destroy Their Nests, Eggs, or Young, Whenever You Have an Opportunity. Do Not Use Poison. You May Destroy Other Birds.

To the gardener and fruit grower the English sparrow is a nuisance rather than a help. It was introduced into the United States about forty years ago, to prey upon the measuring worm, or canker worm, which had become very destructive to shade trees in the cities. It found many other things, however, to engage its attention, and soon became so undesirable in its habits as to be come despised by gardeners, farmers, fruit growers and horticulturists generally. It is a pugacious bird, and on account of its violent attacks upon them many of our most valuable native song and insectivorous birds have greatly diminished. It not only is disposed to drive such birds from their nests, but has been known to kill and devour their young and their eggs.

Moreover, the English sparrow feeds largely in the spring on the buds of fruit trees, and, also, does great damage in vegetable gardens in pulling up and eating the seeds, such as peas, etc., as they come up. It is, likewise, destructive in grain fields, as it alights on the stalks of wheat and oats, and not only consumes large quantities of grain, but wastes a great deal through swaying to and fro on the slender stalks, causing the grain to fall to the ground. It has been known to tear open the husks of green corn, devour the tender kernels, and cause much loss through exposure the remaining grains to atmospheric changes and the ravages of insects.

The martens which formerly returned every spring to the boxes provided for them in towns and cities, have, in many instances, failed to turn up, on account of their nesting places having been seized and occupied by English sparrows. Many other insectivorous birds, as useful as the marten, have been driven away by the common feathered enemy. In fact, there is hardly a species of our native birds that the English sparrow will not molest.

In view of the pugnaciousness of the English sparrows and their destructiveness, and but few redeeming qualities. State Zoologist Surface recommends that a war of extermination be waged against them. It will not do to endeavor to poison them, he says, as by scattering grain for that purpose which had been soaked in some poisonous solution, the lives of useful birds would be endangered, as well as domestic fowls. They can be shot and trapped, or their nests destroyed when containing young, thus keeping them down to a minimum. There was formerly a law which protected the English sparrow, the same having been passed soon after its advent in the United States, but in 1883, at the suggestion of a number of agricultural and horticultural societies, the law was repealed, and the killing of English sparrows, and the destroying of their nests, egg or young, at all seasons of the year, is now legalized.

Kind Words.

HARRISBURG, April 11, 1910. DEAR EDITOR:—

Enclosed please find the sum of one dollar to boost my subscription to Fulton County News into 1911 as I do not see how I can get along without the News and the many letters from my old home. It certainly is a great pleasure and satisfaction to sit down and read from all over the county what my old acquaintances and associates are doing and of one being sick or another being dead which I never would have known had I not received your welcome paper.

I. N. HORTON.

April Weddings.

HENDERSHOT—FUNK.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1910, at Washington, D. C., Mr. Edward Hendershot, of Warfordsburg, and Miss Minnie C. Funk, of Needmore, were united in holy wedlock, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. E. E. Oliver. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk, and the groom wore the conventional black. Amid a shower of rice the happy couple departed.

On Friday evening, at 6 o'clock, the affair was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Hendershot. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and valuable presents.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. Calvin Funk, near Needmore, Pa., and is esteemed by a host of friends. The groom is an industrious young man of many good qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendershot will go to housekeeping in a few days near Harrisonville, where a well-furnished house is in readiness.

The numerous friends of the bride and groom wish them much happiness in their journey through life.

SLACKER—PORTER.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the M. E. parsonage in this place, on Tuesday morning, April 12, 1910, when Benjamin Slacker and Miss Madge Porter, both of Plum Run, Thompson township, were united in holy wedlock, by Rev. C. J. Bryner.

Mr. and Mrs. Slacker are worthy young people, and their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Surprise Party.

April 4th and April 8th being the birthdays of Misses Mabel and Ethel Long, of Knobsville, their mother thought she would compromise and celebrate both their birthdays on Wednesday. So she with the little help quietly passed the word around among their young friends, and on Wednesday forenoon as the girls returned home from the store they were very much surprised to find a number of friends awaiting them. After they had gotten over their surprise they were all invited into the dining room, where a fine dinner was served to which they all did justice. The afternoon was spent in playing games, after which they all returned home wishing the girls many more happy birth days. The girls received some nice presents.

Gettysburg Wins.

The joint maneuvers of the regular troops and the organized militia of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., in July next. General Oliver assistant secretary of war, said that the decision to hold the camp at Gettysburg was based on the recommendation of Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, who was especially charged with the duty of selecting a city centrally located with good railroad facilities and best adapted to the purposes of the camp.

Driving Accident.

One day last week, as Mrs. D. F. Trout was driving a spirited horse home from town, she met with an accident that might have ended very seriously. When near the home of James Henry, the horse became frightened and growing unmanageable, bolted, overturning the buggy, throwing Mrs. Trout to the ground. She was very severely bruised, and has since been confined to the house. After riding himself of a very dilapidated buggy, the horse reached home in good shape.

M. D. Mathias, one of Huttontown's residents, was doing business in town on Monday.

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 in town the first of the week.

Miss Anna Reisner returned to Wilson College on Tuesday.

Chas. Mann, of Saluvia, registered at the Washington House on Tuesday night.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Diehl, went to Harrisburg Tuesday, to attend Presbytery.

W. B. Stagers, one of Bethel township's good citizens, was a Monday visitor to the County Seat.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Cline, of Licking Creek township, were among the town visitors on Saturday.

Chas. B. Stevens and A. B. Wilkinson spent last Friday and Saturday in Chambersburg on business.

Harry H. Gaster, of New Grenada, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Earl Taylor, of this place, has gone to Harrisburg, where he has secured a position in the Harrisburg auto works.

Newton Alloway, of New Grenada, was in town, Monday, consulting a doctor. Newton has been in poor health lately.

Robert F. Wilkinson, son of Amos Wilkinson, left on Wednesday to enter the automobile shops of Mr. Shaw, at Chambersburg.

Misses Ethel Freeman, Olive Shimer and Emma Ray, spent from Saturday until Monday in Chambersburg, the guests of Miss Daisy Kelley.

Mrs. Wm. B. Skinner, of Mount Vernon, Mo., came to McConnellsburg last week on account of the illness of her father, F. A. Greathead.

Clem Chesnut, one of the Democratic candidates for the nomination for the legislature, was looking after his interests in this place on Monday.

J. K. Johnston, who has been under treatment in a hospital in Philadelphia, returned to his home in this place last Friday, much improved in health.

Misses Blanche and Henrietta Patterson, of Webster Mills, dined with Katherine Cook on Tuesday. The latter will return to her hospital duties in Baltimore at an early date.

Mrs. Aaron Morgret, of Ayr township, was in town on Saturday. For ten years Mrs. Morgret had the care of Davy Goodman, an account of whose death we published last week.

Miss Meta Bergstresser, of Pittsburg, is taking a vacation at her home at Waterfall. She and her father, W. R. Bergstresser, were in town on Monday and were callers at the News office.

Masters Ralph and Earl McElhane, near Hustontown, accompanied their father, Mr. Zack McElhane, to town last Thursday, and were interested callers at the News office.

Miss Mary Wilkinson left Tuesday morning to attend the wedding of her friend, Orintha Exline, at Hancock, Md. Her grandfather, Jacob Wilkinson, accompanied her, and will remain in that town a couple weeks.

M. W. Byron, one of the proprietors of the tannery at Mercersburg, and William Boyd, cashier of the Farmers' Bank at Mercersburg, drove over to town on Monday in Mr. Byron's auto, and spent a couple hours calling on friends.

Miss Ella Brewer, who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, at the residence of Mrs. R. M. Kendall, in this place, has so far recovered as to be able to leave for her home in New Jersey, which she did on Tuesday.