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ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sharpe, Formerly of This County, Now in Stockton, California.

WRITES OF HER TRIP TO THAT STATE.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sharpe, widow of the late Samuel Sharpe, of Bethel township, this county, but for several years a resident of Hartford City, Ind., and during the last few months living with her daughter, Mrs. Bingaman, in Kansas City, is now in Stockton, Cal., and in a recent letter, Mrs. Sharpe says:

"My daughter, Mrs. Edith Bingaman, and myself, left Kansas City on the fifth day of April, joining an excursion for California. We traveled what is known as the Southern route of the Santa Fe road, and the train was made up of ten passenger coaches besides other cars, and carrying all the passengers that number of coaches could carry. It took us all night and the next day steadily steaming along to get to the farther boundary of Kansas, a large and very productive state, with many beautiful cities and towns. During our journey we passed through New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and up through the southern half of California. Through New Mexico and Arizona we saw many mountains, but they did not look like the good old mountains in Pennsylvania. Instead of being clothed with a luxuriant growth of timber, as are the mountains in the East, they are practically naked and barren with the exception that they nearly all wear caps—white caps—of snow. Through New Mexico, we saw no farming land, and Arizona looks more barren. Not a tree. It must be borne in mind that no rain falls in this region, and where the country is used for farming, provision must be first made for a supply of water, which is brought in canals and ditches from the rivers and mountain streams. We crossed the state line into California Friday morning. The beauty of the scenery from this time on to the end of our journey is beyond my power to describe. Even in the desert portion of southern California, grow beautiful cactuses and other plants that do not need moisture to sustain life; but we soon reach that part of the state that looks like an earthly paradise—beautiful flowers, balmy breezes, fertile fields, well cultivated vineyards and orchards as far as we could see. And this, too, in the irrigated section of the State.

"At four o'clock, Friday evening, our train rolled into the station at Stockton, a beautiful city of 30,000 people. The foliage of the trees and the crops in this part of California look to be at least two months ahead of those in Kansas.

"Compared with Pennsylvania, there is no winter here; and from what I can see and learn, this is surely a very desirable place in which to live; at least, our folks here, think so.

"My son, Dr. T. W. Sharpe and family are now in Portland, Oregon, where Mrs. Sharpe's parents live, and where the Doctor has a tract of land that he is laying out into smaller lots for orchard purposes. They will return to this place in a short time, and then they expect to go to San Diego, where they will locate permanently, as the climate there is about the same the year round.

"We had a fine trip from Kansas City to this place. If any of my eastern friends are contemplating a trip to the Pacific Coast, I would advise them to watch for excursions with cut rates. These come two or three times a year, and reduce the expense of the trip very materially.

"My daughter, Mrs. Bingaman, has a round trip ticket, good for three months, and can

SPRING WEDDINGS.

Life Partnerships That Have Been Formed by Well Known People During the Past Week.

NEWS EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS.

COBAUGH—HEINBAUGH.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heinbaugh, formerly of McConnellsburg, but now residents of Johnstown, Pa., on Wednesday evening of last week, a very pretty wedding took place in which their daughter, Anna Catherine, became the bride of Mr. Melvin P. Cobough, also of Johnstown.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. L. Keller, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church, and the attendants were Mr. Fred Creigh and Miss Verna Campbell.

The home was very prettily decorated, the color scheme being green and white.

The bride wore a gown of white silk mull, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid also wore white. The wedding march was played by Miss Ruth McGaughey, of Vanegrift, Pa.

After congratulations were received by the happy young couple, a very elaborate wedding supper was served. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome, as well as useful, presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobough intend to reside with the bride's parents at present.

GEERE—REESE.

Miss Alverda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Reese, of Wichita, Kan., was married in the St. John's Episcopal church in that city on Wednesday evening of last week to Lieutenant Frank Geere, of Fort Greble, R. I. From an almost column description of the event in last Thursday's Wichita Eagle, it was a society event of more than usual local interest, as the guests were numbered by the hundreds. The bride is a graduate of Fairmount Seminary, Washington, D. C. During the winter of 1870-71, the bride's father taught the intermediate school in the old brick school-house in McConnellsburg, and the Editor of the News taught the high school—high because it was the school nearest the roof of the building. In the spring of 1871, Mr. Reese went to Wichita, Kan., where he has acquired wealth and prominence, and is taking life easy, while the Editor is still in McConnellsburg sitting behind his desk, pounding out "copy" on a typewriter.

UNGER—ANDERSON.

In the parlor in the comfortable home of the groom on South First street, McConnellsburg, at 8 o'clock, last Saturday evening, Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the Methodist Episcopal church, united in marriage Mr. J. Milton Unger and Mrs. Junie Anderson, recently of Dublin Mills, this county. The groom owns a good house, has it nicely furnished, and the happy couple are now enjoying the felicity of their honeymoon under their own vine and fig tree. The News extends best wishes to the newly married couple.

DEFIBARGH—BLACK.

At the church of God parsonage, Saxton, Thursday evening, April 14, Rev. F. W. McGuire united in marriage, Mr. Charles Deibaugh of Six Mile Run and Miss Elizabeth Jane Black of Sallito.

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MAGNANIMOUS GIFT.

Mrs. B. F. Jones, of Pittsburg, Offers Her Magnificent Cottage at Cresson for Use of Tuberculous Poor.

As an expression of her interest in the State's work for the tuberculous poor, Mrs. B. F. Jones, widow of the Pittsburg steel manufacturer, has offered Health Commissioner Dixon her magnificent cottage and grounds at Cresson. It lies close by the tract of land given the Commonwealth by Andrew Carnegie for its Western Sanatorium for tuberculosis.

The cottage which is said to have originally cost about \$18,000 is large enough to accommodate at least 20 tuberculous patients and no time will be lost in getting it ready for such occupancy. As the cottage is in good repair, this will not take long so that the benefits of the high altitude and healthy climate of Cresson will soon be enjoyed by a number of poor sufferers. In the meantime the Sanatorium buildings on the Carnegie tract will be rapidly pushed forward.

The lot on which the 2½ story Jones cottage stands is about 100 feet front and 150 feet deep. There are in all thirteen bedrooms in the building, most of them large and comfortable, with big bay windows into which the sun may pour its healing rays. Wide porches almost surround the cottage. Here the patients may sit in their rest chairs enjoying the pure mountain air and having a view of a surrounding country whose scenic beauty is unsurpassed.

Mrs. Jones' gift to the Commonwealth, like that of Mr. Carnegie, is particularly gratifying in that it shows the complete confidence that exists in the State's campaign against tuberculosis.

Stopping Crows from Pulling Corn.

A farmer of one of the central counties wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, about soaking corn in either coal tar or dilute carbolic acid to keep crows from pulling up newly-planted corn. He said that he suffered much damage in past years through the depredations of crows, and wants to get ahead of them this year.

Professor Surface's answer to this letter contained the following:

"It is commonly reported that corn should be soaked a few minutes in water containing a solution of coal tar or gas tar, and then spread and allowed to dry. This will make the corn so bitter that the crows will be suspicious of it and will not eat it for fear of being poisoned. I presume dilute carbolic acid would serve the same purpose, but I am not certain about this.

Different devices have been recommended to keep the crows from pulling corn, one of which is strings stretched around and across the corn field. It is also recommended to sow corn on top of the ground about the time it commences to shoot through the soil, in order to feed the crows at this time, so they will not pull the grain that is planted. It is best for a person to try one or more methods and make a practice of that which he finds best."

Loose Stones Must be Removed.

One of the duties of road supervisors is that they must have all loose stones removed from the public highway during the months of May, June, August and October. They should now get busy to have the spring cleaning up made, as there is a penalty of \$10 for every neglect of this duty.

It is said that John V. Glunt, one of Knobsville's enterprising citizens, is making preparations to engage extensively in the raising of turtles this summer. We are informed that he already has an abundance of water for that purpose.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

STEPHEN G. WRIGHT.

Stephen G. Wright, son of Jesse and Patient Wright, of Ray's Cove, Pa., died at his home at Entriken, Huntingdon county, Pa., on Thursday, April 14, 1910, from a paralytic stroke, which he had suffered nine weeks before his death. The deceased was born in Ray's Cove, Bedford county, in 1838. In early life he was married to Miss Sarah Deibaugh, who still survives him. He spent most of his life in Fulton county, moving from there to Huntingdon county about 8 years ago. The large number present at his funeral attested the respect, in which he was held in the community in which he spent the last years of his life. He leaves to mourn his death besides his widow three brothers, Abram, Allen, and Lemuel in or near Ray's Cove; and nine children, Jesse, of Coalport, Pa., Adam, Joseph, and Ellard in the state of Colorado, Lyman of Entriken, and Mrs. Abram Matthias of Colorado. Mrs. James Beckman of Thayer, Kansas, Mrs. John Stevens of Hancock, Iowa, Mrs. L. C. Bailey of Saxton, Pa., and Mrs. John D. Brumbaugh of Altoona, Pa. He leaves in addition to these 39 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. His funeral services were held at his home in Entriken and were conducted by the Rev. Bruce Hughes, pastor of the M. E. Church of Entriken, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Olds of the Reformed Church in Entriken, and the Rev. E. L. Kennedy, of the Saxton Presbyterian church. The interment was made in the Newburg Cemetery.

E. L. K. HERSHEY.

Christian Hershey an aged resident of Fulton county, recently making his home with his son-in-law, C. L. Nonemaker in Altoona, died in that city on Monday of last week. He was born near Knobsville, this county, Dec. 6, 1825. His life was spent practically in Fulton and Huntingdon counties. The remains were brought to Clear Ridge, Wednesday, where they were interred. He is survived by two sons: Abraham, of Cherry Grove, and William B., of Altoona, and five daughters: Mrs. Catharine Kridner, of New Granada; Mrs. Sarah J. Stanes, Madsensville; Mrs. Alice Rabenstein and Mrs. Lydia A. Martin, of Six Mile Run, and Mrs. Fannie Nonemaker at whose residence he died.

BARTON.

Mrs. Rachel M. Barton, widow of the late Henry Barton, died at the home of her nephew, Scott W. Weaver, in West Providence township, Bedford county, April 16, 1910, aged 74 years, 1 month and 24 days. Her husband died about nine years ago, and one son, Charles Barton, residing at Homestead, Pa., survives her. Her funeral was held on the 18th and interment was made in the Everett cemetery.

A Big Lemon.

One of the largest lemons we have ever seen was brought into the News office last Saturday by Mr. George Magsam. It was in perfect condition, and measured 14½ inches shorter circumference and 16½ inches longer circumference, and weighed 24½ ounces. The lemon was grown in the house by Mr. Magsam's wife, and sixteen months elapsed from the time the fruit set from the blossom until it matured and dropped from the tree.

Mrs. Sabina Mellott and son Charlie spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

AWAY FROM COUNTY 37 YEARS.

Native of Belfast Township Returns from Lone Residence in the West. Finds Few Acquaintances.

Last Wednesday, a stranger passing down Water street on the south side, noticed the business sign "Geo. B. Mellott," and walk into the store. It happened that, among others in the store at that time, was Judge Peter Morton.

The stranger was apparently well advanced in years, and as he said later, he had passed his eightieth milestone; but he was straight, muscular, and well preserved, and would readily have passed for one twenty years younger.

"Excuse me, gentlemen. Noticing the name 'Mellott' on the sign, and knowing many persons of that name in this county more than sixty years ago, I came in to find the gentleman of that name, and if possible, learn something about the older people."

"My name is Mellott," said George.

"My name is Dishong," said the stranger. "I was born in this county, and lived in Belfast and in Lacking Creek township, until I was twenty-three years of age; and then, fifty-seven years ago, I turned my face westward and this is my first visit to the County since. Coming east, I left the train at Mount Union and walked across the country to McConnellsburg."

"O, no; I do not mind a little walk like that. You know Mr. Weston, only about eight years younger than I, is just completing a trip across the continent from the Pacific to the Atlantic, keeping at it from day to day, Sundays excepted, and walking as many as seventy-two miles a day. No, no; walking does not hurt anybody. The trouble is, most people do not walk enough."

By this time Judge Morton was thoroughly interested, for Belfast was the township of his nativity, and he knew something about the older Dishongs and Mellotts as well as those of younger years.

"What is your first name," asked the Judge.

"My name," answered the stranger, "is John Tolbert Newton Dishong. My father's name was Henry, but nearly everybody called him 'Governor' Dishong. My father lived at one time along Joe's Run [just northwest of where Rev. J. Cal Garland now lives], and at another time along the foot of Scrub Ridge mountain east of the Uriah Kline farm."

"Yes," said the Judge, "those fields are known to this day as the Governor's fields."

"Do you remember a man by the name of Thomas Morton?" asked the Judge.

"Well, I reckon. I worked for him many a day, and a mighty nice man he was, too."

"Well, I am a son of Thomas Morton."

"What! Are you Pete?"

"Well, well! This is an agreeable surprise."

The stranger's face was now brightened with pleasure as he realized that he was in touch with the distant past; and for a long time he eagerly asked questions concerning this one and that one who lived in his neighborhood before he left this County. Most of those about whom he inquired had passed on from time to time to the spirit world; and the old gentleman felt that while he was, indeed, in the land of his birth, he was among strangers.

The stranger had eight brothers and sisters, all of whom are dead, except Barbara, who lives at Mount Union, and, perhaps, one brother living somewhere in the West.

The names of his brothers and sisters are: Robert, who a few years ago lived on top of Sideling Hill mountain along the turnpike; Morris, David, Peter, Fannie, Reckie, Lizzie and Barbara.

WILL TAKE FOUR YEARS.

New Course of Studies in the State Normal Schools to Take Effect in the Fall of the Present Year.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS RECOGNIZED

The board of Principals of the Pennsylvania State Normal Schools, announced last week, the completion of the new course of studies for the normal schools of this state, the new course—being made four years instead of three as at the present, and taking effect in the fall of the present year. The new course is based on the unit plan as proposed in the Carnegie foundation.

In 1911 and 1912 students will be graduated on the basis of the old course, in 1913 by either course, and in 1914 and thereafter only in the new course.

The board has announced that approved high schools throughout the State will be recognized on the following basis:

Graduates of first grade high schools and city high schools, listed by the State Department of Public Instruction, shall be recommended to the State Board of Examiners for entrance to the third year without examination by the faculty, being conditioned only in such subjects as have not been satisfactorily completed.

Graduates of second grade high schools will be admitted to the second year without examination.

Graduates of approved third grade high school will be admitted to the first year on the same conditions.

Residence in the normal school for the last two years is required of all candidates for graduation, excepting that graduates of four years course in colleges approved by the State College and University council may be graduated after a residence of one year.

Students from high schools will be admitted to the present course in the fall of 1910 on the basis heretofore established and the regulations for the admission of high school graduates to the third year of the new course will be formulated at a meeting in November and announced next year.

Hunt Them Down.

What punishment should be inflicted upon the person who would deliberately set fire to his neighbor's barn, destroy the building and contents, and burn to death the owner of the property while the owner was trying to save his property? Any one guilty of a crime like that, would find no mercy at the hands of the average citizen, and would be lucky if he escaped being hanged to the first tree he came to.

Is the man less reprehensible who deliberately sets fire to the woods, and destroys his neighbor's timber and imperils the lives of those who go to help put the fire out, and in some instances cause their death? Only last Thursday, James Bell, a prominent lumberman who lived on the north side of North mountain in Cumberland county, died from burns received while fighting fire in the mountain near his home a few weeks ago.

In fighting the fire, he was suddenly surrounded by flames and much of his clothing was burned from his body before he could be rescued. His sufferings were great until death relieved him.

Mr. Bell was sixty-five years old and is survived by a wife and seven children. He was the first and only human victim of these many disastrous mountain fires.

The time is here when more drastic measures must be taken with those who fire the mountains and whom a few are hanged, and the rest sent to the penitentiary, that class of persons will learn that they cannot destroy other people's property and escape punishment.

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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

Samantha Mellott and Bertha Clevenger are visiting among friends in Chambersburg this week.

Miss Mary Keyser, of this place, is visiting her sister at Shady Grove, Franklin county, and other friends at Waynesboro.

Mr. Ralph Truax, of Needmore, and Miss Bessie Sharpe, of Indiana, were guests last Sunday in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. George B. Mellott of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grissinger and daughter Lucille, of this place, accompanied by Mr. Grissinger's mother, Mrs. Adam Grissinger, spent last Sunday with relatives in Mercersburg.

Mrs. W. T. Runyan and Miss Mildred Dunlap were visiting Mrs. Runyan's daughter, Mrs. R. M. Nell, in York, Pa., and returned home Monday evening.—Shippensburg Chronicle.

Mrs. W. H. Elder (Dixie Robinson) of Morgantown, W. Va., with her eight months-old daughter, Elizabeth Robinson Elder, is visiting in the home of her parents, Col. and Mrs. Smith M. Robinson, on west Water street.

Mr. Allison Sipes, of Hustontown, was an early Monday morning caller at this office. He said the rain last Sunday had caused the streams to be so much swollen that it was with difficulty that he forded Licking Creek at Mellott's mill.

M. C. Greenland and daughter Mary, of Wells Valley, made a trip to McConnellsburg last Friday. While Mr. Greenland's health was nothing to brag of last summer, he came through the winter in fine condition and is now looking well and feeling well.

Samuel M. Clevenger, of Needmore, was an early caller at the News office yesterday morning. Sammy has not entirely recovered from the assault of the desperadoes who broke into his house some time ago, and he deserves the kindest consideration of his friends.

Mr. Mrs. James A. Sloan, of Columbus, Kas., are visiting in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Sloan, west Water street. "Jay" has been with the American Gas Company for several years, and is thoroughly familiar with the in's and out's of that business.

Eugene Lann, of this place, left Tuesday morning for Phoenixville, Pa., where he will be engaged in a clerical position in the Phoenix Iron Works of that city. Eugene is a good boy, and we hope he may enter upon his work with a determination to some day be president of the Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Laidig, of Hustontown, spent a few hours in town last Friday. Mr. Laidig is one of Taylor township's substantial citizens, who spent thirty-three years farming, and then bought a nice property in Hustontown, moved into it, and is now living a somewhat retired life. For some time, Mr. Laidig has suffered much from a persistent attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. G. B. Orr (Miss Lucy Bowers), formerly of this place, but now of Mount Vernon, Mo., is spending a few days in the home of Miss Bess and Linn Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson, in the Cove. Mrs. Orr has been visiting her sister Lillie, Mrs. G. W. Melly, in Harrisburg. She is returning to Harrisburg to-day, and on her way to her western home, she will visit Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy, at Saxton, friends in Altoona, and her step-sister, Mrs. C. E. Shaffer (Pore Helke), at New Bethlehem, Pa.