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FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Lamberson's Annual Report to the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg.

YEAR'S WORK VERY SATISFACTORY.

As a report of the schools of the county during the past year, the following is submitted:

In the county, there are eighty-two schools—one of which is a high school, three are graded schools, and the others are mixed. The township high school in Wells township was reduced to a mixed school on account of an insufficient number of pupils.

Sixty-five of the houses in the county are in good condition. Six of the rooms are without suitable furniture. The surroundings of many of the houses have been improved during the past year. A special effort has been made to have the sanitary conditions improved, with good results. Directors, in many cases, build and repaired out-buildings; teachers tried to keep them clean, the health inspector's work having a good effect.

Six public examinations were held, at which ninety-two applicants for provisional certificates were examined, of whom twenty-one were rejected. Four persons were granted professional certificates. During the year, one certificate was annulled. Three teachers resigned during the term, necessitating special examinations to fill vacancies.

Seventeen pupils from the district schools were examined April 2nd for certificates of attainment, three of whom failed.

Of our eighty-two teachers, eleven were State Normal graduates, fifteen held permanent certificates, six had professional certificates, and fifty had provisional certificates. Twenty teachers had no previous experience.

One township, Belfast, had a term of only six months. This was on account of having a tax rate of thirteen mills and an increasing debt by running the schools seven months. We hope that this condition of affairs will be speedily remedied in some way. We feel that it is too much tax and too little school.

In forty of the schools were placed text books on agriculture. Considerable interest was aroused among pupils, patrons, and teachers in the necessity of studying the subject. We hope to have more of the same work done better during the coming year.

We had a County Institute. There was not much fun during the sessions, but plenty of good, solid, practical instruction—such as would be useful to the teacher in her every day work. Our instructors were, Dr. John I. Woodruff, Dr. S. A. Martin, and Prof. W. M. Peirce. Their work was among the very best ever given here.

The Directors' Convention was held January 21st. On account of the torrents of rain and impassable creeks, the attendance was very small. Dr. Reed B. Teitrick of the Department at Harrisburg, was present. Those who missed hearing him, lost an opportunity.

In reviewing the entire year, we feel that it has been productive of much good. The present year can be made better if all are willing to help.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the assistance given to those engaged directly in the work—teachers, directors, patrons, all.

May we have your unfaltering support during the coming year.

B. C. LAMBERSON,
County Supt.

Jesse H. Daniels, a native of this county, but now a resident of Huntingdon, Pa., has been elected principal of the Orbisonia public schools. Mr. Daniels is a graduate of the Lock Haven state normal school, and a teacher of successful experience.

DESTROY THE CHICORY.

A Noxious Weed That Has Made Its Appearance in the Cove During the Past Few Years.

A pest that should have the prompt and vigorous attention of every farmer has made its appearance in this county, and if it is not choked out before it gets much of a start, will give farmers a great deal of trouble. It is noticed in the wheat fields on several farms in the Cove. It grows to the height of five or six feet, and branches out profusely, forming hundreds of seed bolls, and fastening its roots deep into the soil. On account of the strong vigorous growth of the pest, it robs the soil of the fertility that should go to the growing crop, and crowds out adjoining vegetation.

Mr. Albert K. Nesbit, on whose farm, the pest has gained considerable headway, sent a specimen to Prof. Surface, State Zoologist at Harrisburg and received this reply:

"The weed which you sent to us is chicory, the root of which is ground and browned, and used as an adulterant or substitute for coffee. I would advise preventing it from going to seed, as it is a pest very similar to the daudle in its habits."

James Henry, on his farm just north of town, is making a determined effort to eradicate it from his fields. He has a boy at work in his wheat fields with a grubbing hoe—for the plant has tremendous roots—taking the weed out before the seeds mature.

Smashing Aeroplane Records.

July 9 was a notable day in aeronautics. At Atlantic City the record of perpendicular aeroplane attainment was broken by Walter Brookings, who attained an altitude of 6100 feet in a Wright biplane. At Rheims there was a triumph in horizontal movement. One Frenchman made a world's record for distance by covering in a single flight 840 kilometres (211.14 miles) in 4 hours, 37 minutes and 45 seconds. Another Frenchman made a new speed record by driving a Bleriot monoplane five kilometres (3.10 miles) in 2 minutes and 56 seconds and ten kilometres in 5 minutes and 47 seconds.

These twin achievements in navigating the air are chiefly interesting in the bearing which aerial movement must have in controlling future movement on land and water. There will have to be many new departures in adjusting our laws, our trading our tariffs, our boundary regulations, our works of defense on land and sea, and our wars, of offensive or defensive, to the exigencies of overhead flight.

Game Increasing.

The annual report of Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, chief game protector, which was presented to the state game commission at its annual meeting last Friday shows that the encouraging conditions of recent years are continuing.

Since the law prohibiting shooting a deer without horns became effective, no Pennsylvania hunter has been mistaken for a deer. Song and insectivorous birds, quail, grouse, wild turkeys and others are increasing rapidly. Bear, like deer, are increasing in number.

Twins Die.

Virgil and Mervin Carbaugh, infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Carbaugh, near Big Cove Tannery, died a few days apart—Virgil, on the 6th, and Mervin, on the 11th inst. Both were interred in Union cemetery, the former on the 8th, and the latter on the 13th inst. Rev. John M. Diehl, of McConnellsburg conducted the funeral services. Virgil was aged 2 months and 14 days, and Mervin 2 months and 19 days. Death was caused by infection.

McConnellsburg Defeated.

On short notice the home team went over to St. Thomas last Saturday. St. Thomas came back. Many of the prophets predicted that being out of the arena so long she couldn't get back to form, but the knock out punch was there and the Speed Boys took the count of 8. It was a crippled team that went up against them, with Knauff and Scheideman out of the regular line-up, they presented not such a formidable appearance as usual, but they were game to the end. Possibly the feature of the game was Pat Fisher hitting. He lead with a single and a triple into deep center Spangler pitched for the locals and was a little shaky in patches. The game abounded in errors which accounts for the large score. Oh, the best of them get it, so don't be discouraged Fans. It will be a rejuvenated team that will go into the game on Saturday, so come out and see them get revenge. Lump of London caught for the locals in the absence of Scheideman and caught a fine game.

Score by innings:
St. Thomas 00403100x-8
McConnellsburg 00000000-0

Damage to Potato Foliage.

"Will you please write me what is the matter with the enclosed potato leaves, and send me a cure for the same?"

Thus wrote a lumberman of Marietta, Pa., to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, in sending some specimens of damaged foliage of potato vines to him for information. The following reply was sent:

"The potato leaves which you sent to us show the chief injury to be the Flea beetles, and next what is apparently the Early Blight. The preventive would have been to have sprayed with Bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead. Even yet it is not too late to prevent further damage from these causes. Use three pounds of bluestone and four pounds of lime in fifty gallons of water, and to this add from two to three pounds of arsenate of lead or one-half pound of Paris green. Spray thoroughly, and whenever it is washed off by hard rain, or once every two or three weeks. If the arsenate of lead is used. It need not be repeated as often as in using Paris green. This will also poison the potato leaves, so that the Potato beetles will not attack them."

Stock Subscriptions Solicited.

Shares \$10, each.
On the last page of this paper will be noticed an advertisement soliciting public subscriptions for stock in The McConnellsburg Carrying Company.

It is desirous of putting the very best service possible in operation; and in order to accomplish this, at least \$5,000 is necessary. The money subscribed will not fully equip the line for the best service, and anything short of the best is not wanted. It does not take an expert mathematician to figure out that it will be a paying investment. Nearly 4600 passengers were hauled by the stages last year. Express hauling amounted to over \$400,000. With better facilities traffic will naturally be increased. Don't make your investments in gold, copper, or oil stocks, where there is an uncertainty, but subscribe to a home enterprise, where local conditions need to be bettered, and where you can make your own investigation as to its worth. Send in your amount and we will execute your order. Shares \$10.

Prof. J. Willis Barney, a graduate of Elon College, N. C., class of 1910, and son of Rev. J. H. Barney, of Clearville, Bedford county, has been elected principal of the High School at Defiance, Bedford county. Term nine months; salary, \$90 a month. He was the twenty-sixth and last applicant.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

David T. Fields, Retired Farmer and Veteran of Civil War, Died Last Friday Evening.

HE HAD BEEN IN USUAL HEALTH.

Mr. David T. Fields, a retired farmer and veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on First street about twenty minutes after five o'clock last Friday evening. His funeral, conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner of the M. E. church assisted by Rev. J. L. Grove, of the U. P. church, and Rev. John M. Diehl, of the Presbyterian church, took place on Monday afternoon, and interment was made in the Methodist graveyard in this place.

Mr. Fields possessed a robust constitution and was in usual health up to the time of his death. Last Friday he was about town as usual. He ate a hearty supper at five o'clock, after which he went out to the kitchen porch to fix a mowing scythe for Will Reed, so that he and Mr. Reed might go and cut the grass in the Methodist graveyard, which is less than a hundred feet from his house. His wife had just left him on the porch and gone into the kitchen to wash the supper dishes, when she heard him make an unusual noise. She went to the porch and saw him attempting to hold on to one of the porch posts, but gradually sinking. She called for help, but before any one else could reach him, life was extinct.

The deceased was a son of Captain Jacob Fields and his wife Elizabeth Conrad Fields, was born in Bethel township, July 22, 1827, and was aged at the time of his death, 82 years, 11 months, and 16 days. When but a few years of age, his father moved to the top of Town Hill on the road leading from Whips Cove to Brush Creek valley, where David lived until he had arrived at the age of manhood, when he married Miss Amassa Haws, of Whips Cove, and went to housekeeping on the John Hoopengardner farm in Whips Cove. Two children were born to this union, namely, Alfred, now living somewhere in the West, and Jane living at home. The mother dying, Mr. Fields married her sister Rachel, and with her removed to Iowa. After the death of Rachel, Mr. Fields came East and married Sadie Mosser, a daughter of the late John Mosser, who at one time owned and resided on the farm now owned and occupied by Judge Peter Morton. After returning to Iowa, Mrs. Fields's health failed and he sold his property in the West and came back to Fulton county and bought the Mosser farm, already mentioned. Returning to Pennsylvania did not restore health to Sadie, and she finally died of tuberculosis. To this union, three children were born, namely Sarah, who died several years ago; John W., who resides in Oklahoma City, and in all probability, will be nominated for Governor of Oklahoma on the Republican ticket at the primary election on the second day of August—and Minnie, wife of Roy Bowman, living in Chicago. His last marriage was to Mary Hull, who survives him.

Mr. Fields was a veteran of the Civil War, having been mustered into service on the 21st of February, 1865, and mustered out with an honorable discharge on the 21st of July of the same year. He was a member of Company H, 97th Regiment, Pennsylvania Vol. In May, 1865, he suffered a sunstroke near Raleigh, N. C., was taken to the hospital where typhoid fever developed, and when he returned home on his birthday of that year, there was scarcely enough of him left, to use his own expression, to make a respectable shadow.

Several years ago, he sold his farm to Judge Morton, came to town, and had been living a quiet

Hessian Fly in the Wheat.

A Berks County farmer sent to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, some infested wheat heads, for information as to their condition. Professor Surface reported in regard to the same as follows:

"The insect which you sent to us on your wheat plant proves to be the Hessian fly. These are infested with parasites, and this leads me to think that the fly will not be bad this summer or next fall. There is no remedy for it at this time of year. To avoid the fall brood, it is best not to plant wheat too soon. I would advise that, at your latitude, you do not plant before the last week of September. If you plant sooner, you are quite liable to injure the wheat by this pest. However, I am hoping that from the evidence of little parasites in these specimens which you sent to us, they may do the work so well that there will not be much fly left in your region to infest the fall planting. Since these are so badly parasitized I would recommend that you do not permit the burning of the stalks or stubble this season."

Thrilling Experience.

Last Saturday afternoon C. B. Stinson was helping his brother Easton who lives on the James Henry farm near Knobsville, make hay. Something got wrong with the truck which prevented the hayfork from working. Charles got on the fork and was drawn up to the track next to the roof at the top of the mow to see what the trouble was, and just as he reached the highest point and was about to make an examination the fork became unlatched, Charles made a sure catch on the latch and was left suspended high and dry. The only thing left for him to do was to climb backward over the track until he came over the hay in the mow and then trust to dropping. This he did and dropped about thirty feet, with no apparent serious result. It was a pretty close call, however.

retired life until the time of his death.

Mr. Fields was a member of the M. E. church, a good citizen, and he believed there was a good living in this world for everybody that was willing to go after it.

LAYTON.

For the fourth time within four months, death entered the household of Albert H. Layton, of East Providence township, Bedford county, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, taking this time the devoted and beloved wife and mother of the home, Mrs. Sarah Catherine Layton. Three sons have preceded her to the eternal home: Ross, an estimable school teacher, who died of diphtheria on February 22, in his 19th year; Garrett, who died of membranous croup, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Rush Andrews, near Mattie, on April 5, aged 13 years, and Russell, who died on May 9, of diphtheria, in his 22nd year. These bereavements prostrated Mrs. Layton greatly, but she was confined to bed only about ten days. Her age was 46 years, 4 months and 24 days. Mrs. Layton was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvey Williams, and was a most estimable woman. She was a devoted member of the Christian church for many years, and will be greatly missed in the church and community. The afflicted husband and nine children survive the deceased. The children are, Blanche, wife of Rush Andrews, near Mattie; Alvey, Velma, Rush, Dewey, Edgar, Mabel, Dale and Nellie, all at home. Five brothers also survive her: Walter, Amos, Jonas, Ed. and John, all residing in that section of the county.

The funeral took place last Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and the services were held in Union Memorial church, where interment was made.

OFFICER RESIGNED.

Says He Did Not Have the Moral Support of What Are Supposed to Be the Law Abiding Citizens of Town.

The law-abiding citizens of McConnellsburg regret that Policeman Ross Doyle refuses to serve longer in that position. The Borough has never had an officer more conscientious and fearless in the discharge of his official duty than Ross, and he is just the kind of man the town has been looking for for many a moon. McConnellsburg is, perhaps, not better nor worse than the average town of its size; but it needs an officer to keep the thoughtless and reckless in line. To Ross, all men looked alike, and when he saw any one violating the law, and not willing to take friendly advice, he promptly took him in hand. Of course, there is a class of people that this does not suit, and they are free to express their opinion. The school teacher is seldom popular with those pupils he has to punish, or with their parents. But the teacher that would shirk his duty on that account would soon be asked to resign. It is the sworn duty of the officer to preserve the peace, and to promptly arrest those who will fully disturb the peace, or whose conduct or language is such as to make them a constant menace to the morals of society.

We hope Ross may reconsider his action in resigning, for we are here to assure him that he had the moral support of the order-loving, law-abiding citizens of the town.

Death and the Veterans.

The Pension Office at Washington has given out some figures indicating the extent to which death has invaded the ranks of the Civil War veterans during the fiscal year which closed with June 30th. The rolls of the office show that 32,000 soldiers died during the year, or an average of ninety per day. Notwithstanding this appalling death rate, the officials estimate that there will still be one veteran of the Civil War drawing a pension in 1955. Of the Federal Army of 2,213,365, only 999,000 were living in 1900, and the actual number of survivors on the pension rolls at the beginning of the new year was 593,901.

Baseball Festival.

The McConnellsburg Athletic Association will hold a festival on Saturday evening at the Court House for the purpose of procuring uniforms for the players. This method of securing the money has been chosen since our expenses in securing high class games has been so high the Association cannot stand the drain on the treasury. Come out and help your team secure presentable uniforms and you need never be ashamed of them when they go away to represent the town and county.

Hays—Martin.

Miss Carrie Viola Martin, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, East Washington street, Hagerstown, and Rev. Clifford Elvin Hays, pastor of the Lutheran church, McConnellsburg, were married Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in Trinity Lutheran church, Hagerstown, by the Rev. C. F. Sanders, professor of Gettysburg College, officiating. After spending a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Hays will return to McConnellsburg about the 8th of August.

Correction.

KIND EDITOR:—I wish to rectify the mistake made by some malicious person, in regard to me being employed at D. W. Kelso's. I was only visiting them for a few days, and have returned to B. Frank Wible's, where I am spending the summer.

MISS MARY HORTON,
Knobsville, Pa.

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

Misses Emma and Gertrude Hagmier of Philadelphia are guests of Miss Mazie Mellott this week.

Miss Joia Ransbeck, of Erie, is visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elvey, and other relatives and friends in town.

Howard Shimer and son Claire, of McKeesport, are visiting relatives in town. Howard has been suffering from an abscess on his face for some time.

Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Dohner, of Elizabethville, Pa., are visiting the latter's parents, W. S. Fisher and wife, and other relatives and friends in town.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson, of Baltimore, Md., is spending a two-weeks' vacation in the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson, at Webster Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields and four children are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Grissinger. Mrs. Shields is a daughter of the late Samuel F. Dively.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Locke, and their two interesting little children, of Homestead, Pa., have been spending the past ten days in this county taking their summer vacation.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout, of Red Lion, Pa., gave his mother and sisters a very pleasant surprise last Saturday, by dropping in and spending the time until Tuesday morning at his old home in this place.

Roy C. Cromwell and family and Wm. Youse and family went up to West Dublin Saturday and staid until Sunday afternoon with the family of Jonas Lake. Mrs. Youse and two children are staying a few days at Mr. Lake's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winters and son Guy and daughter Mary, and J. H. Evans—all of Everett, drove down in Mr. Evans' new Ford touring car last Sunday and spent a few hours in the home of Charlie Hixson and wife, in this place.

Mrs. L. H. Wible and son Hollis, of Harrisburg, are spending this week at their old home in town, and getting things in shape for the sale of their personal property here next Saturday, and their removal permanently to Harrisburg.

John Bard and grand-daughter Miss Bertha McClay, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Friday. Mr. Bard is one of Belfast township's leading contractors, and has about all the houses and barns on the string that he can handle.

Miss Nellie Kelso, who has her home with her grandfather Mr. Henry Anderson near Knobsville, returned Monday from a very pleasant trip of two weeks, during which time she visited her father, Mr. S. W. Kelso in Waynesboro, her uncle Charles Anderson at Altenwald, and her aunt Mrs. Savina Davis in Chambersburg.

After having spent several weeks in Chambersburg, Mr. George Finiff, Sr., returned to his home in Todd township last week. Before going away Mr. Finiff was in a bad shape physically. He was suffering from heart trouble, and his feet and legs were badly swollen. While in Chambersburg, he took a special course of treatment with the result that the swelling disappeared from his limbs, his appetite returned, and he came home as lithe and supple as a two year old. Mr. Finiff is a good citizen, and we hope he may live to enjoy many more years of usefulness yet.