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## THE WELLS VALLEY PICNIC.

Interesting Write-up by Prof. Geo. W. Alloway, a Former Fulton County Teacher.

EDITOR FULTON COUNTY NEWS—Being requested by friends present to write for publication something about myself and the picnic, I offer the following:

Forty-five years ago I was a little boy attending school at Wells Tannery. In the spring of 1865, my father, because of ill-health, moved with his family to Iowa, where we sojourned for a year and a half. My father's health becoming no better, we all returned to Broadtop City, where in a few months he died, and was tenderly buried by the noble order of Odd Fellows. The day following the funeral, I went to New Grenada to live with my father's uncle, John Alloway. After five years spent with this uncle on the farm, I was induced through the influence and kindness of H. H. Woodal, then superintendent of the Fulton county schools, to enter the profession of teaching. It is to him that I owe an everlasting debt of gratitude for his example as a man, his fidelity as a friend, and his personal help to me in my first struggle for a high education. His kindness to me in securing me my first school as well as his future help, shall ever burn bright on the altar of my heart and be a sweet incense of his memory. To me, the story of my life in its failures and successes, its sorrows and pleasures, its mistakes and attainments, its sinfulness and goodness, is stranger than fiction itself, and, whatever has been the ultimate success of it all, I owe partly to my own effort, largely to good and faithful friends, but more than all, to him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. In all my school days, I never had a poor teacher, and if any of them are yet living and their eyes should fall upon this letter, I hope they will accept my thanks for what they did for me, and I wish they would write to me. I had the pleasure of meeting one of my teachers, Miss Kate Wishart at to-day's picnic.

I shall not weary you nor your readers with a detailed biography of myself, but permit me to state that in 1872, I again returned to Wells Tannery to school. I was not then a little child, but a full grown youth with more or less consciousness of what life meant. Superintendent Woodal conducted a Normal School at this place, and I was one of many students. Everybody was full of enthusiasm and sociability, and the memory of that school is indelibly stamped upon the wool and fiber of my being. I taught school the following winter and then attended Superintendent Woodal's Normal at Saluvia. This was another successful term's work, but some of the near-by farmers may remember that we boys had a strong liking and a large capacity for good apples. At this school, I formed the acquaintance of a George Shoemaker (that may not be spelled correctly) and I remember he "stood by" me one day on the "Elihu cow" problem. I always held him in high esteem and I have heard that he is a minister of the Gospel. I very much desire to know his address.

I taught in Fulton county the next winter and then went to Huntingdon county, then to Mifflin county, and from there to my present home, Youngstown, Ohio, where I have been employed continuously for thirty years. In 1899, I began a thorough college course, and, after ten years hard study, I graduated in the classical course with the degree of A. B.

I have written more about myself than some people might think I should write, but I have written it for two reasons, namely: that Fulton county people may

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## Baseball Saturday.

For the second time this season, the Mercersburg boys will appear on the locals' grounds, Saturday afternoon, at 2:30, to retrieve the shut-out game handed them two weeks ago by our Speed Boys. Manager Kanauff informs us that owing to the weakened condition of his team two weeks ago, they were unable to put up the article of ball calculated to win games, and earnestly requested that we give them another chance on our diamond to make good, to which we agreed, providing they come over on high gear and make the joy ride for the Speed Boys a little more interesting.

The Hustontown Live Wires in charge of Manager Woodcock, will be here for the first time this season, Saturday, the 20th. This game, in all probability, will hinge the championship of the county, as already announced in these columns, and it is to be hoped that the fans will turn out in numbers that will justify the continuance of baseball in our town.

In connection with the schedule of the above games, the Management of the Association wishes to announce that unless there is a better attendance at the games, the season will close with the Hustontown game. The Association is unable to give the fans high class ball without funds, and unless you give your support by your presence at the games, the season will close on the 20th.

## WHIPS COVE.

Anthony Mellott and Scott Palmer, of Pleasant Ridge, were in the Cove last week looking for a cow.

Albert Garland and wife and Will Carnell, of Dott, attended preaching services and communion at the Whips Cove church last Sunday afternoon.

Blanche Plessinger, of Sideling Hill, was in the Cove last week.

Ed Seigle and wife, of Sideling Hill, were in the Cove Sunday.

D. C. Mellott was over in Bedford county last week.

Albert Deneen, of Dott, was in the Cove Tuesday superintending the threshing of his grain at the Hoopengardner heirs' place formerly occupied by him.

Dr. J. M. McKibbin has made several professional calls in the Cove lately. The sick are Leslie Hart, Marshall Diehl, and Minnie Diehl.

Rev. J. M. Kauffman passed through the Cove Monday on his way home from Cedar Grove.

Dan Gerehart and his father-in-law, of Franklin county, were in the Cove last week.

James Layton, of Iddo, was in the Cove Sunday looking after his interests in the way of threshing.

Fred Bennington, of Baltimore, was at D. C. Mellott's Monday night.

Albert Plessinger, off of two acres, threshed 84 bushels of oats, the grains on one head numbered 203. D. C. Mellott, our City merchant, off of two acres of wheat, threshed 58 bushels. Not so bad for this neck o' woods. We don't see any use in going elsewhere in order to raise big crops.

Harriet McDonald, of Bedford county, spent part of last week at the home of her parents, Isaiah Layton, sr., and wife.

## SALUVIA.

Mrs. Hattie Railing and children, and Mrs. Maria Betz, of Shippensburg, are spending a few weeks at the home of H. E. Austin.

L. R. Swartz, who has been employed at Broadtop, returned to his home at this place Saturday evening.

Blanche Schooley is suffering with a very sore finger.

Workmen are busily engaged in excavating the cellar for the new building to be erected for D. L. Grisinger, on his lot on North First street.

## FOR THE HUNTERS.

Brief Outline of Birds and Animals That May be Killed by One Person.

Now that the hunting season is fast approaching, "The News" herewith gives a brief outline of the game laws for the season, with the date of opening and the limit of fowls or animals to be killed by one person, and suggest that hunters save this copy for future reference.

Bear, unlimited, Oct. 1 to Jan. 1. Black bird, all kinds, unlimited, September 1 to January 1.

Doves (morning or Turtle), unlimited, September 1 to Jan. 1.

Deer, male with visible horns, one each season, Nov. 15 to December 1.

English, Mongolian or Chinese pheasant, ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season, October 15 to December 1.

Grouse (Ruffed), commonly called pheasant, five in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season, October 15 to December 1.

Hare or rabbit, ten in one day, November 1 to December 15.

Quail, commonly called Virginia, partridge, ten in one day, forty in one week and seventy-five in one season, October 15 to November 15.

Hungarian quail, closed for two years.

Webfooted wild fowl of all kinds, unlimited, September 1 to April 10.

Wild turkey, one in one day, two in one season, October 15 to Nov. 15.

Woodcock, ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season, October 1 to December 1.

Squirrel, fox, black or grey, six of combined kinds in one day, October 15 to December 1.

Shore birds, unlimited, September 1 to January 1.

Snake, Sack or Wilson, unlimited, September 1 to May 1.

Plover, unlimited, July 15 to December 1.

## WELLS TANNERY.

A very agreeable surprise was given Mr. William Harmon last Saturday evening by a number of his friends. It was his birthday.

W. Earle, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Schenck left his native health about a year ago and went to Missouri, where he found "the sweetest gal on earth" in the person of Miss Lois Fields. Since the second of August, Lois has been writing her name Mrs. W. E. Schenck. The happy couple have the congratulations of their Wells Valley friends.

Miss Mattie Hull, of Plainfield, N. J. and Mrs. E. L. Horton, of Newark, N. J., are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Schenck.

Rev. Mr. Peters, of Cumberland, O., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Baker. He and Mrs. Peters, the latter of whom has been spending some time in the home of her parents, expect to return home this week.

Quite a number of our local Odd Fellows attended the picnic at Everett last Wednesday.

John Truax is suffering much pain from a bruised foot caused by a piece of lumber falling on it at the Rockhill Company's mill a few days ago.

From the Leader-Courier, published at Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, last Friday, we clip the following: "Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edwards are entertaining the former's sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Bridenstine, of End, Pa.; Mrs. Belle Markley, of Altoona; Mrs. Janet Thornley, of Haverford College, Pa., and nephew, Dr. H. E. Thornley, of Philadelphia, who are all enjoying the good water and pure air of this Mountain City."

Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, drove down in his Crawford auto on Tuesday and spent part of the day in town.

## Stalk Borers on Tomato Vines.

A Justice of the Peace of Juniata, Pa., forwarded to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, a tomato stalk which he said had been attacked by a pest that is new in his section, and is causing much damage.

Professor Surface gave the following information which will be found useful to all who are growing tomatoes:

"The insect which you sent to us in the stalk of tomato, is known as the Stalk borer. This bores through the plant, and, as you say, soon destroys it. I have many reports of this pest each year boring in the stalks of tomatoes and various other plants, as well as sometimes corn.

"This larva, or worm, goes into the ground and spends the winter as a chrysalis or pupa, then transforms into a winged moth in the spring and lays eggs on the stalks of plants, and the next generation of boring larvae then develops. There is really no remedy for it after it once enters the stalk of the plant. The best thing to do is to cut off and burn the infested part so as to get rid of the pest and prevent its increase in numbers.

"As this borer lives mostly in the stalks of large weeds, it is very important that the large weeds be mowed during the early part of each of the months of July, August and September, so as to destroy these borers before they come to maturity. This together with the pulling and burning of infested plants, and the burning of vines of tomatoes and potatoes, as soon as the crop is gathered, will do as much as anything toward helping you to keep it in subjection, and in preventing much more serious damage next year.

"This is one of the destructive pests of potatoes, having recently increased considerably in this State, but if the stems of potatoes and tomatoes are sprayed well with either Paris green or arsenate of lead, this should kill the larvae before they enter the stalk and just after they hatch from the egg, on exactly the same principle as the Codling moth is killed by the arsenical poisons on the apple by hitting it when starting to eat its way through the fruit."

## "Worked" the North American.

Some one of the few hars still running at large, worked Tuesday's North American for the following:

"Fulton county, where they haven't had a real corn crop for three years, will be lucky to get a quarter crop again this year. The buckwheat belt has been as dry as powder, it is reported, and in many sections the corn is past saving. Discouragement is the tune everywhere. Pasture fields are brown and in many places wells have gone dry. Fine cattle were sold publicly last week as low as \$10 and \$12 a head, farmers refusing to buy because they had no feed."

The truth is, that not in many years has Fulton county had as fine crops as last year; and those gathered this season up to this time, are much above the average. The corn crop this year, with few exceptions, on light land, is excellent. The hay crop is unusual in good and housed in perfect condition. The statement about cattle selling at a low price on account of a scarcity of feed, is in keeping with the rest of the paragraph.

## SHARPE.

The festival at G. W. Bishop's on Saturday night was largely attended.

Abner Schriever, of Belfast, spent Sunday at Mr. Bishop's. Nora Strait, who is employed in the home of E. B. Corneilus at Hancock, visited friends here Sunday.

There will be a festival at Needmore on Saturday night. Everybody go.

## APPLE CROP SMALL.

So Says State Official at Harrisburg After His Investigation.

Unlike the wheat, oats and hay crop, which have been phenomenal at this year, the apple crop will be small.

"Taking the whole state in consideration," said Economic Zoologist Surface recently, "there will probably not be more than half a crop of apples this year. Last year the crop was better, but because of the smaller crop this year and the utilization of improved orchard methods the prices to be obtained will be higher than those that prevailed last fall.

"The apples in the eastern part of the state are very much more abundant than in the western part of the State. The frosts of the late spring injured the trees in the western and northern parts of the commonwealth. Few trees were effected by the frost in Dauphin or surrounding counties.

"The dry weather of the past few months will have considerable to do with the cause of the smaller crop, but this is not entirely to blame. Orchard owners all over the state are beginning to learn that apples grow better in alternate years. Last year the crop was good, although not full crop, this year it is smaller and all things being equal, next year the apple crop will be good again.

"The owners of orchards are learning through the division's experimental orchards how to take care of their trees and reports from all the orchards under the supervision of that followed our directions show that the apples are doing very well.

"One strange thing about the apples this year is that on healthy trees that have been sprayed, there are limbs that are near the breaking point with fruit while other limbs on the same tree are practically bare. In some orchards that have been properly looked after there are also some trees that are full while right next to them are trees with very little fruit on them.

Pennsylvania is becoming one of the best apple states in the country. The demand for Pennsylvania apples is forging right ahead. I am almost daily in receipt of letters asking about the crop this year, and there are many dealers who never came in to Pennsylvania before, who during the past few years now buy their apples here. While Pennsylvania apples cannot compete with Arkansas and Missouri in raising Ben Davis apples, it can raise some apples better than any other state in the Union. No place can such perfect York Imperials be raised as right here in Pennsylvania."

## Fletcher Discharged.

The shooting to death of J. W. Blake who formerly lived in the Little Cove, by George Fletcher, also a native of that section about twelve miles from Hancock, was told in the NEWS two weeks ago. Since that time Fletcher has been discharged from custody by Justice Maloney, of Romney, W. Va., who conducted the hearing.

It was shown that Blake, who had followed the Fletchers from Mercersburg to Romney, knocked Mrs. Fletcher down several times, and when Fletcher interfered Blake started after him, threatening to kill him. Fletcher sought a warrant for his arrest, and when the officer went to serve it he found Blake dead. Three prominent citizens of the vicinity of Sylvan went to Romney and testified as to the reputation of the two men. Fletcher broke down when the Justice told him he was free.

Mrs. Mae Bair and Mrs. Fannie Mumma, of Saluvia, have spent the last ten days visiting friends in Tyrone, Altoona, Johnstown, and Pittsburg.

## Kerlin.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Fraker) Kerlin, wife of Jonathan Kerlin, died at her home at Fort Littleton, Sunday evening, August 7, 1910, aged 73 years, 6 months, and 1 day. The funeral took place on Tuesday, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Fort Littleton.

Mrs. Kerlin was a sufferer from heart trouble, and she had been in declining health for a long time. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church from her childhood, and was a most excellent woman.

Besides her husband, she is survived by the following named children: Ira, Albert, and Enoch, Knobsville; Irvin and Mary (Mrs. Jacob Dunkle) at Fort Littleton; Lemuel, Tyrone; Jonathan and Mrs. Priscilla Stewart, Altoona; Frank, at McKeesport; Dr. Peter E., Cleveland, O.; Margaret, wife of Jacob Long, Hagerstown, Md.; and Amanda, wife of Charles Smith, Butler, N. J.

Mrs. Kerlin was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fraker, many of whose descendants are living in the neighborhood of Fort Littleton and are among the very best people in the County.

## Curculio--Stung Fruit.

The owner of a plum orchard at Dover, in York county, wrote to Prof. Surface, Harrisburg, in regard to a beetle which he stated had stung the fruit. He wanted to know whether a strong disinfectant put at different places in the trees would keep the beetle away. The professor replied:

"The insect stinging your plum is the Curculio. This injures all the stone fruits, or the plums, peaches and cherries. It is now too late to do anything toward protecting this year's crop. If, shortly after the blossoms fell, you had sprayed with two pounds of arsenate of lead in each fifty gallons of water, you would have protected the fruit. I do not think there is anything that will repel the beetle by its odors; and, besides, the fruits are now injured, and there is nothing to do but to pull off those that are damaged and destroy them. Be very sure that all fallen fruits are destroyed promptly by burning or feeding the pigs. This is the best means of helping to insure freedom from injury to next year's crop. Prepare to spray next year either with arsenate of lead or Paris green, shortly after the blossoms fall, and again in about three weeks from that date."

## END.

A. D. Berkstresser and wife spent from Friday until Sunday with their daughter Mrs. S. B. Coy at Saxton.

Miss Bessie Willett is visiting her cousin Mrs. W. H. Barnett at Minersville.

John T. Ready is spending part of his vacation with relatives in the Valley.

Mrs. H. M. Edwards is getting better.

The End base ball team reorganized last Saturday evening.

Teddy Repper, a Girard College boy, who was spending his vacation with relatives, returns to Philadelphia this week.

The Stork visited Mr. John Riders leaving a little daughter.

Some of our people took in Walnut Grove camp last Sunday.

F. E. Cunningham the hustling DeLaval Agent spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cunningham.

Harry Edwards expects to take a little outing this week.

Mrs. Chas. Brown, of Altoona, visited relatives from Thursday till Tuesday, and from here will go to Lancaster County to visit her husband's people.

B. E. Stevens and family attended the "Maddensville camp" last Sunday.

## 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

S. L. Bernhard, of Dott, was a town visitor on Monday.

Ex-Commissioner S. C. Gracey of Taylor, was in town Tuesday.

Norris Hoover, of Hustontown, was a visitor to the County Seat on Tuesday.

Alexander Mellott, near Needmore was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Miss Clara Elizabeth Martin is spending this week with friends in Franklin county.

Thomas Johnston and Robert Fleming attended the Maddensville camp meeting on Sunday.

Mr. Samuel G. Kline and son Rube, of Belfast township, were in McConnellsburg, last Friday.

Carey T. Layton and Edgar A. Diehl, of Whips Cove, were in town Monday attending to business.

Marshall McKibbin, of Hancock, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. George A. Harris, on Sunday.

Misses Anna Harr and Nora Vallance, of this place, attended campmeeting at Maddensville, Sunday.

Marion Wolf, daughter of Rev. A. G. Wolf, of West Fairview, is the guest of Mary Irwin this week.

Mrs. Edward Doyle and four children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. Wm. Doyle and family in the extension.

Mrs. Frank Daniels and daughter Helen, of Philadelphia, are visiting in the home of her father John V. Stouteagle.

O. H. Jackson, of Yeadon, Pa., spent Sunday with the family of his brother-in-law, Geo. W. Reiser, of this place.

Miss Beatrice Myers, of Hencock, was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Geo. W. Hays and wife, several days last week.

Mrs. Alice Conroy and Miss Elsie Torbeck, of Baltimore, Md., are guests in the family of Jas. W. Rummel, of this place.

Edward Reiser, of New York City, is spending his summer vacation with his parents J. G. Reiser and wife in this place.

Misses Maya and Edith McElDowney passed through town last Saturday evening enroute to their home, returning from a pleasant visit of two weeks in Clearfield.

Miss Bess Morton and brother Peter, who spent the past week very pleasantly with their brother, T. Roy Morton at Petersburg, returned Tuesday evening.

Agnes Patterson, of Mercersburg, spent from Saturday until Tuesday with his cousin Miss Meta Frymar, south Second street.

Miss Minnie Reiser, after spending several weeks with friends in Lancaster and other eastern cities, returned to her home in this place on Friday evening.

Roy Cromwell and family went up to Maddensville campmeeting last Saturday and returned Monday morning. Roy says there was a big crowd there Sunday, and the dust was "something awful."

Thomas Walker, of near St. Thomas came over on Sabbath and returned on Monday taking Mrs. Walker and their little son, who had been spending the past week with Mrs. Walker's parents, home with him.

Frank St. Clair and wife, of Washington, D. C., arrived in town on Wednesday night of last week on a visit to Mrs. St. Clair's parents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer. After spending several days here Mr. St. Clair returned to Washington leaving his wife here to extend her visit.