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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.

HESS.

Mrs. Lydia Hess departed this life on Monday evening of last week, at the residence of James McKee near Hustontown after a short illness of Bronchial Pneumonia, aged 77 years, 6 months and 15 days. Her remains were interred by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Cedar Grove Christian church on Wednesday following—he having preceded her in death about fifteen years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. R. Logue. Mrs. Hess was a daughter of Amos Sipes deceased, and is survived by two daughters—Mary, married to James McKee, of Hustontown, and Alice married to Morgan Barton, of Crystal Springs, Pa., also, by four brothers and one sister namely Emanuel Sipes of Hustontown, Mrs. Elizabeth Hess, of Everett; Amos Sipes, of Cassville; George W. Sipes, of Saluvia; and Lewis Sipes of Locust Grove. She was a consistent member of the Christian denomination for more than fifty years, and died in the hope of a blessed immortality.

SNIDER.

William C. Snider, a native of Thompson township, this county, died in Johnstown, Pa., on Tuesday of last week aged about 63 years. His remains were brought to this county, and interment took place at the cemetery at Rehoboth church on Thursday. The deceased had resided in Johnstown about eighteen years. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Blanch, married to a Mr. Lehman, and Bertha, the wife of Rev. Koehenour—both of that city.

The deceased was a son of the late Jonathan B. Snider, of Thompson township, and is survived by six brothers and a sister, namely, Thomas, George, James, Jonathan, Jesse, John and Asenath, widow of the late Cyrus Mentzer residing in McConnellsburg.

HAMMIL.

Harvey Franklin Hammil died in Harrisburg on Wednesday morning of last week, after a lingering illness caused by stomach trouble. His remains were brought to the home of his mother at Fort Loudon, where funeral services were conducted Friday morning by Rev. Laadis of the Reformed church, after which his remains were taken to Union cemetery in Ayr township for interment.

The deceased was a son of the late Alex. Hammil, and a brother of Landford Harry Hammil, of the City Hotel, McConnellsburg. His mother's maiden name was Jennie Gordon—a daughter of the late Hon. Peter Gordon, of Fort Littleton, and she resides now at Fort Loudon. Besides his mother and Harry, he is survived by one sister, Miss Nellie, a teacher in New Jersey; George, of Pittcairn, this state, and Charlie, living in Washington.

MELLOTT.

James Ernest Mellott, son of Luther W. Mellott, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Seth Mellott, just west of the Bridge, at the west end of McConnellsburg, last Thursday morning, aged 14 years, 3 months, and 26 days. The immediate cause of his death was typhoid fever. Interment Friday in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church in Belfast township.

CUNNINGHAM.

Mrs. Christiana Cunningham, widow of William Cunningham, of Wells Valley, mother of County Commissioner W. L. Cunningham, and sister of the Congressman John Cessna,

Recent Weddings.

DICKSON—PECK.

In the city of Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday of last week, Mr. Mark S. Dickson, son of Ex-Postmaster, W. S. Dickson of this place, was married to Helen Fore Peck, formerly of this place, but later, of Buffalo. The groom holds a lucrative and responsible position with the Standard Oil Company, and the bride is possessed of those qualities of mind and heart that will make her a helpmeet in the truest sense of the term. Their many McConnellsburg friends extend to them their most sincere felicitations.

HESS—WOLFE.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Mary Miller, at Emmaville, Sunday evening, Jan. 8, 1911, when Mr. Aaron Hess and Mrs. Margaret Wolfe were united in marriage by F. M. Lodge, J. P.

On account of the recent deaths of the bride's brothers, only a few of the most intimate friends and relatives were present. They left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon.

AKERS—WINTER.

Otis G. Akers, of Cherokee, Iowa, and Miss Martha Winter, of Locust Grove, Pa., were married Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at Needmore by Rev. A. G. B. Powers. Miss Winter is a daughter of the late Morgan Winter. Mr. Akers was reared in Bedford county, and went west when young and has prospered. He is now thinking of locating in the east.

Airship Shops Employ Most Skilful Artisans.

Three years ago, the man who would have described his occupation as a "finisher" for airship propellers would have been greeted with jeers and possibly pointed out as a fit subject for an institution for the feeble minded. Today, the making of aeroplanes employs hundreds of men and has given rise to at least half a dozen new lines of endeavor. The construction of the frail-looking machines that glide so swiftly and gracefully through the air is a delicate operation and calls for the utmost skill. The February number of Popular Mechanics Magazine contains two pages of views taken in modern airship shops, where the various parts of construction are in progress.

In France, the building of aeroplanes has become a well recognized industry employing hundreds of the most expert mechanics. In England, there are several factories, and here in the United States, at least two big firms and many smaller concerns are engaged in the business, the large returns already received giving promise of increasing profits for the future.

A Course in Milling.

Pennsylvania is the first State in the Union to install in its State College a course in milling which will teach young men the scientific as well as the practical methods, and in addition be a headquarters for scientifically conducted experiments on commercial milling. The importance of the technical training of experts for this industry can be somewhat appreciated when the enormous quantity of grains which goes into these mills annually, is known. Industries such as the iron and steel, cotton, leather, and so on, have been more progressive, and by demanding technical training for their leaders have profited greatly during the past twenty years.

died at her home in Wells Valley last Sunday afternoon, after a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral, conducted by Rev. Flegel, of Three Springs, took place on Tuesday and interment was made in the cemetery at the Valley M. E. church. Mrs. Cunningham was aged almost 77 years, and had been a resident of Wells Valley a long time.

CLOSE CALL.

Republican Printing Office Narrowly Escaped Burning Out Last Saturday Evening.

About 8:30 o'clock last Saturday our citizens were alarmed by the cry of fire, and it was soon ascertained that the cause for the alarm was in the Republican Office building, nearly opposite the City Hotel. Besides being occupied by the Printing Office, it is also the residence of Edward D. Shimer and family. The basement of the side of the building used as a printing office, is divided into two rooms—the rear, being used for fuel, and the front, which contains a fireplace, is used as a stock room. The fireplace has been closed by a fire-board for a long time, and the fire is supposed to have originated from a spark dropped down from an up-stair's pipe hole, and ignited the deposit of soot in the fireplace, which in turn, ignited the fireboard, and from that the whole interior would have been enveloped in flames in a very few minutes if it had not been discovered in time.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Shimer, who was up in her sitting room. She detected the odor of smoke, and went down to the basement on her side of the house, where everything seemed to be all right, but upon opening the door between her part and the printing office part, she beheld a sight that made her think for a moment that her home was doomed. The prompt application of water which, fortunately, was within easy reach, saved the property from total destruction. The loss which is about \$100.00 is covered by insurance.

Beecher Wished Him Well.

At a conference a young minister said to Henry Ward Beecher: "Mr. Beecher, my congregation has delegated me to ask this question of you: We have in our congregation one of the purest and most lovable men you ever saw. He is upright, honest, generous, the heartiest supporter of the church we have—the friend of the poor—the beloved of little children, a veritable saint—but he does not believe in some of the generally accepted dogmas. Now where do you think he will go after death?"

Mr. Beecher was equal to the occasion. Hesitating a moment, he said:

"I never dare say where any man will go after death, but where ever this man goes he certainly has my best wishes."

Fulton County Bank.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fulton County Bank held on Thursday of last week, the board of directors serving during the past year were unanimously re-elected, and the organization remains just the same.

The regular annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared, and \$2,500.00 set apart to the Surplus Fund, making the capital and surplus \$28,000.00.

The confidence imposed in the strength of this old and established Banking Institution, and the security it offers to its depositors has enabled the directors to submit the best report in the history of the bank, which, of course, is very gratifying, and justly a matter of pride.

Postmaster Woollet Re-appointed.

Mr. S. B. Woollet, received a telegram from Washington last Friday informing him that the Senate had confirmed his appointment as postmaster at McConnellsburg, for four years more. Mr. Woollet has been postmaster continuously since the first of August 1897. Four years ago this office was changed from a fourth to a third-class, and hence the appointment is now made by the President.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Merchant Replies to Article of Farmer in Fulton County News of January Fifth.

[An interchange of opinion and an impassioned discussion of public questions is calculated to bring together those interests that often seem so widely diverse. The article "Farmer" a few weeks ago, in which he discussed the relations existing between the manufacturer and the consumer, has brought out a counter article from the standpoint of the merchant.—EDITOR.]

MR. EDITOR:—I am a native of Fulton County, and at present engaged in the mercantile business in a thriving Pennsylvania town outside the borders of Fulton. When any one speaks in a slighting way of my native county, it makes my Irish blood hot.

In your paper of the 5th of January, I read an article written by a person calling himself a plain farmer. Now, I wish to state that this same farmer has been misinformed on one point, at least, the price of rice.

I have recently been through one of our rice growing states, and know that rice cannot be bought for 80 cents for 60 pounds. The price of rough rice, to-day, is \$7.70 for 350 lbs., or 2 1-5 cents a pound. For commercial purposes, this rough rice is separated into six grades, namely, screenings, ordinary, fair, good, prime, and choice. The price of screenings, to day, is 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 c. per pound, and is sold for chick feed. To the price of rice there is not one cent added from the time it leaves the grower, until the retailer has it in his store. This, of course, does not include freight. The average broker gets 5 cents per sack for selling the rice to the jobber, and the average rice-grower is a man of means, who puts his product on the market at the best advantage possible to himself.

Plain Farmer next turns his attention to the drummer, referring to the drummer's enormous expenses, and that the people who buy the goods from the retailer are the people who in the end settle the drummer's bills. Now, there is a sense in which this is true. But it would be utterly impracticable for the merchant to get along without the jobber.

It goes without argument that the merchant is a useful citizen in a community. No one would like to buy a home and settle in a county where stores were prohibited by law. Now, Mr. Farmer, let us reason together. If you were to go into the store business, would you not, before selling a pound of rice or sugar, count just what it had cost you to lay down in your store before deciding what to sell it for? Then, you would not want to sell it at exactly what it cost you, or you would not have any pay for handling it. If there were no drummers, you would have to pay car fare and hotel bills to make a trip to the city every few weeks to buy goods, and would not the cost of those trips have to be added to the cost of the goods? and that in turn paid by the customer? Suppose there were no jobbers or wholesalers, then the merchant would have to make a trip to the rice grower for his rice. The rice-grower, of course, would have no sugar. The merchant must make a trip to the sugar producer, who, in turn, has no coffee. Now, the merchant sails away to South America for coffee, and so on. If all these expenses were added to the few bags of coffee he would sell in a year, or the rice or sugar, the price a pound would be many times what it is. The truth is the middle-man as he is sometimes sneeringly called, is indispensable to trade conditions, and helps to place goods on the consumer's table at the smallest possible price.

The average profit that the

N. L. FINIFF HURT.

Injured While Working for the C. V. Railroad Company, and now in the Chambersburg Hospital.

Nicholas I. Finiff, formerly of this county, but for some time an employee of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, was helping to move some ice from one of the Company's buildings near the C. V. depot in Chambersburg on Wednesday morning of last week. A heavy cake of ice struck him and knocked him to the ground a height of about fifteen feet. His companions picked him up and carried him into a nearby office; medical aid was summoned, but it was found necessary to take him to the hospital where he still remains. Fortunately no bones were broken, but he was severely bruised about the shoulders and limbs, and will probably have to stay in the hospital for some time. This is the second accident for Nick in the last eight months, and his little daughter, who had to undergo an operation last July, had a recurrence of her former malady on the last day of December, but is improving again.

Quarantined.

The family of Philip Cooper, near Rock Hill school house has been quarantined on account of a case of diphtheria, and it is reported they are in want. About two weeks ago Mrs. Cleve Deshong came to town with a very sore throat and applied to Dr. Mosser for treatment. Mrs. Deshong is a daughter of Mr. Cooper and she was sent to his home and the whole family has been quarantined. It is reported that they are in great want for provisions. This is a chance for our people to bestow charity and that at once as they are in serious want.

Card of Thanks.

James McKee and wife desire to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during the sickness and death of their mother, Mrs. Lydia Hess.

average grocery jobber makes is 6 to 8 per cent gross profits. It is the immense volume of business that the jobber does that enables him to sell goods at such a close margin. There are a few instances, I will agree, where we could dispense with the middle-man.

"Plain Farmer" speaks of McConnellsburg as being a good enough business place for an isolated town. I have been in a great many towns in Pennsylvania, and I am familiar with the prices charged by the retailers in those towns. In justice to the merchants in McConnellsburg, I am here to say that they are selling you better goods for the same money, than nine-tenths of the towns in the State. I will, also, say that most of the merchants in McConnellsburg are up to date. In my town, the price is from 5 to 20 per cent. higher for groceries, dry goods, hardware, notions, shoes, gent's furnishing goods—in fact, higher in all lines. When you buy goods that are in style and in season from the large department stores, you pay much more than you pay McConnellsburg merchant will charge.

The average person relies on the word of his merchant as to the grade and quality of goods offered, but this is true: The merchant with years and years of experience is deceived once in a while in the quality of the goods he has bought.

It is a question whether the "plain farmer" bought the same quality of goods in Hagerstown that he priced in his home store; for a person not accustomed to handling oil cloth could not tell Potter's brand from some of the many cheaper grades.

MERCHANT.

Surprise Party.

A very pleasant event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Kline in Lacking Creek township last Thursday. Mrs. Kline was going about her morning work as usual when her brother Henry Deshong came and asked her to go along and spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sipes. Mrs. Kline assented to the proposal and soon they were gone. They returned to Mrs. Kline's home about 6 o'clock in the evening and found about forty of Mrs. Kline's friends and neighbors assembled in her home preparing ice cream and chicken swallow for supper. James Mellott furnished some fine music with his graphophone. The evening was pleasantly spent, and about 10 o'clock all departed for their homes wishing Mrs. Kline many more such occasions.

Those present were: David Kline and wife, Isaac Layton and wife, Roy Sipes and wife, Richard Deshong and wife, U. S. Deshong and wife, James Mellott and wife, George Strat and wife, Henry Deshong, Homer Sipes, Elizabeth Mellott, George Fagley, George Wink; Sherman, Edna, Ethel, Maude, Mary R., Helen, Clyde, Mattie, Ada, and Elvy Deshong; Sherman and Wilda Truax; Chas. and John Hockenberry; Elmer, Orion, Rose and Veda Mellott; George Wink; Donald, William and Maurice Polk.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

A very pleasant surprise party was given E. E. Akers on his 50th birthday, when about 10 o'clock his friends began coming until a large number were present. All report a good time. Also, a party was given the young people in the evening. They enjoyed themselves in playing games. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Ada and Lizzie Hixon, Essie Williams, Clara Duvall, Julia and Nora Schenck, Minnie Lynch, Frances Whitfield, Mary Clevenger, Lyda and Celia Barton, Clara Hanks, Blain and N. B. Hixon, L. Duvall, John Selling, John Ott, Phil and Troy Barkman, Mason Poe, Howard Conner, Walter Gilland and Elton Barton, Marshall Lynch, Will and Elmer Clevenger, Talmage and Hobart Barton, Howard Whitfield, Russel and James Akers, Ross Barton, Homer Akers, George Ensley, Treverton Jackson.

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School Reports.

Report of Vallance school for the fourth month ending January 16, 1911. Number enrolled during the month: Males, 7; Females, 9; total, 16. Average attendance, males, 6; females, 8; total, 14. Per cent. of attendance: males, 94, females 97. Those who attended every day were LeRoy McClure, Mary Batdorf, Harvey Raker, Stella Brant, Pearl Bishop, Deway Brant, Irene King, Raymond Bishop, Maria Mellott, and Harry King. Those who attended 19 days—Russel Wible, Grace Croft, and Zena Deshong.—Maude E. Strait, Teacher.

Report of Oak Grove school for fourth month, ending Jan. 20, 1911. Number enrolled: male, 10; female, 6. Average attendance: male, 7; female, 5. Per cent. of attendance: male, 84; female, 91. Honor roll: Frank Morgret, Earl Morgret, Goldie Plessinger, and Goldie Wright. Our attendance has been reduced by an attack of whooping cough.—G. F. Spade Teacher.

Report of Emmaville school for the fourth month ending Jan. 18, 1911. Number of pupils on roll: male, 6; female, 10; total, 16. Average attendance for month: male, 5; female, 10; total, 15. Per cent. of attendance: male, 90; female, 97; average, 93. Those who attended every day were: Mildred and Fred Dixon; Marden and Walter Bard; Mae and Vance Barton; Bessie and Jessie Spade; Raymond and Harold Smith.—Ella F. Barton, Teacher.

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

J. H. Edwards of Hiram, spent Friday last in our town.

H. C. Miller of Burnt Cabins, was in town on Saturday.

John Mentzer of Burnt Cabins was at the County Seat on Saturday.

Emory Riehl, of Locust Grove was in town on Saturday on business.

Dr. A. K. Davis of Hustontown was greeting friends in town on Monday.

J. F. Lewis, of Franklin Mills, was a county seat visitor one day last week.

Judge D. T. Humbert of Thompson township spent Saturday in town.

Denton Hendershot, of Warfordsburg, was on our streets on Monday last.

Samuel Stevens, of Clear Ridge was a business visitor to town on Thursday last.

E. M. Hendershot of Webster Mills was attending to business in town on Monday.

Heury Anderson, of Knobsville was at the county capital on Thursday of last week.

A. R. Williams of Dickey's Mountain was registered at the Fulton House, on Saturday.

W. C. Davis a resident of Hustontown was a business visitor to town on Monday of this week.

Sylvester W. Cunningham, of Fort Littleton, was attending to business in town on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Kendall Johnston, of this place is visiting her son Paul and other friends in Philadelphia.

H. B. Ramsey and Samuel Stevens, of Clear Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Ira Barnhart, of Thompson township, was a caller at the NEWS office while in town last Saturday morning.

Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton, accompanied by his son John, were business visitors to town on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter, of the Cove, spent the time from Saturday until Monday, on a visit to friends in Path Valley.

Mrs. J. H. Kendall and her little son Nelson, accompanied by her sister-in-law Miss Ruth Kendall, spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Corder W. Snyder and wife, of Gem, were in town last Friday. Corder has purchased the Harvey Lynch property in that village, and intends to make extensive improvements to it.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hohman returned on Friday, the former from Williamsport, Pa., where he was serving as a petit juror in the U. S. Court, and the latter from visiting friends in Harrisburg.

W. H. Peck, one of Belfast township's enterprising citizens, was in town on business last Thursday. Will is getting the lumber out to build a barn as soon as the weather becomes favorable for out-door work.

Harry Comerer, who holds down a nice position in the ticket office of the Pittsburg Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, in Pittsburg, returned to the Smoky City, Monday after having spent a week visiting his McConnellsburg relatives.

A. J. Mellott and Jacob Miller, two of Whips Cove's jolly citizens, spent last Wednesday night in town. Andy was over for the last load of his goods in moving from the James Henry tenant house in Tod township, back to his farm in the Cove. Mr. Miller is a Bedford county man, who came into the Cove a few years ago and purchased the Abner Mellott farm upon which Mr. Miller now resides.