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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.

### JOHNSTON.

James Finley Johnston, a prominent citizen of Ayr township, died at his home on the farm four miles south of McConnellsburg, at three o'clock last Sabbath afternoon. The funeral took place yesterday, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Mr. Johnston was in McConnellsburg on Thursday, January 19th attending a meeting of the directors of the Fulton County Bank, of which he was one. Having a cold, he went to bed rather earlier than usual that evening, pleuro pneumonia developed which ran into acute nephritis last Friday.

The deceased was a son of Archibald W. and Jane Kendall Johnston, and was born on the 25th of May, 1856 hence was aged 54 years, 8 months, and 1 day. He was a model citizen—a Christian gentleman—public spirited, and will be greatly missed in the councils of the promoters of progress in his township. He was a ruling elder in the Associate Presbyterian church, and in hearty sympathy with every legitimate effort to advance the welfare of the church.

Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Lizzie Morrow, February 9, 1882, and to this union two children survive, namely, Robert W. of Newville, Cumberland county, and Miss Mary Jane, a teacher in Ayr township. The wife dying on the 30th of November, 1889, he was again married on the 14th of October, 1896, to Miss Margaret Hood, of Lawrence county, Pa., who with their two children, Walter and Ralph, survives.

### LAIDIG.

John W. Laidig, a veteran of the Civil War, and a representative of one of Fulton county's oldest families, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor at Hustontown last Friday night, aged 76 years, 4 months, and 23 days. The funeral took place on Sunday, and interment was made in the Hustontown cemetery.

For more than three years, Mr. Laidig had been practically helpless, his condition resulting from a stroke of paralysis. Almost two years ago, he was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who are nephew and niece of the deceased, and in their home he was tenderly cared for until death mercifully put an end to his suffering.

Mr. Laidig was a member of the G. A. R., and his remains were borne to their last resting place by six of his aged comrades. Before being stricken with paralysis, he was a man of physical vigor, and of unusual industry and thrift. In business transactions, he never gave any one an opportunity to question the integrity of his intentions. His wife died several years ago, but a large family of children survive, namely, Mrs. J. V. Deavor, Hiram, Pa.; Andrew P. Laidig, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Joseph Mc. Laidig, Dudley, Pa.; Mrs. Belle King, Cando, N. Dak.; Frank W. Laidig, Maple Hill, Iowa; Mrs. R. W. Cutshall, Webster Mills, Pa.; Mrs. R. D. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Olive Wilds, Fort Littleton, Pa., and Mrs. Maggie Dean, Tyrone, Pa. Besides the children already named, he is survived by three sisters—Mrs. Rebecca Parker, Scottsdale, Pa.; Mrs. Sarah Ann Cutshall, and Mrs. Lydia Ann Heefner, Hustontown, Pa.

### CUNNINGHAM.

Christianna Cessna Cunningham, of whose death brief mention was made in the News last week, died on Sunday, January 22nd, at her home in Wells Valley, this county, from bronchial pneu-

monia. She had been an invalid for many years, although her final illness lasted but three days.

Deceased was born on the old Cessna farm near Rainsburg, March 7, 1834, and was at the time of her death aged 76 years, 10 months and 15 days. She was a sister of the late Hon. John Cessna. On October 23, 1853, she was united in marriage with William Cunningham, a school teacher in Friend's Cove. They later moved to Wells Valley where her husband died April 23, 1886. Since then Mrs. Cunningham made her home with her oldest son, ex-County Commissioner William Cunningham, who owns the Cunningham home farm, and formerly lived in Friend's Cove. The following survive: William Cunningham and Mrs. Rachel Edwards, of Enid; Mrs. Anna Rhaesa and Dr. H. B. Cunningham, of Juniata; Mrs. Myrtle Pollard, of Seattle, Washington; John Cunningham, Hastings, Nebraska; Reuben Cunningham, Olean, New York, and Jessie Cunningham, of Altoona.

Funeral services were held the following Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Martin C. Flegal, of Three Springs. Interment was made in the Methodist graveyard in Wells Valley.

A beautiful floral tribute was made by the teachers of Penn school, Altoona, where Jessie Cunningham, a daughter of the deceased, teaches.

### RICHARDS.

Joseph L. Richards, a well known citizen of Ayr township, and a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home near Big Cove Tannery, on Wednesday afternoon of last week in the 68th year of his age. While he had been in declining health for about three years, he was only confined to his bed about three days, and the immediate cause of his death was mitral regurgitation.

Besides his wife, who, before her marriage to Mr. Richards was Miss Maggie Byers, of Greencastle, he is survived by six sons and three daughters, namely, Charles, Henry, and William residing in Ohio; Aaron, Curtis and James, living in Ayr township; Jessie, wife of A. S. M. Brubaker, of Waynesboro; and Ida, wife of James Gordon, and Goldie May, wife of Ira Diehl, both residing in Ayr township.

The funeral took place last Saturday and was conducted by his pastor Rev. A. G. B. Powers, of the Christian church, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Mr. Richards was a veteran of the Civil War, and had some experiences in prison life that did not fall to the lot of any other in this county. Being in the service at the close of the War, he was detailed to Andersonville, Ga., to assist in the supervision of the removal of the bodies of the brave boys in blue that had been starved to death in that horrible pen, into a national cemetery. Mr. Richards was a man of good mind, and it was very interesting to listen to him telling of his varied war experiences.

### BENDER.

Mrs. Susan Bender, wife of Henry Bender, died at her home in Mercersburg, on Monday morning of last week, aged about 80 years. Her maiden name was Keigrice and she was born at Sideling Hill in this county. She went with her husband, Henry Bender, to Mercersburg in the year 1866 and they resided there ever since. She is survived by her husband; one sister, Mrs. Whitney, wife of Rev. Whitney of Bloomsburg, Pa. and two brothers, Porter residing in Cumberland county, this state, and the other at the Soldier's Home in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. E. Harms of the Lutheran church; interment in Fairview cemetery at Mercersburg.

## Great Week for Harrisburg.

Last week was a great week for Agriculture, Horticulture, and allied interests at Harrisburg agricultural societies were in session there, including the State Board of Agriculture, The State Horticultural Association, The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association, and The Pennsylvania Dairy Union. This was the week of the Annual Meeting of such organizations, and not only were there papers and discussions on important subjects by experts and practical men, but there was also, an exhibition of Pennsylvania products that has never before been equalled in this State.

The interest in fruit production has been greatly stimulated by the work of Professor Surface, State Zoologist, and his inspectors and demonstrators. The demonstration method has proven, in the different counties of this State, that all that is necessary for the production of fine fruits in very profitable quality is to use modern methods in the care of the trees and the control of pests.

### WHIPS COVE.

Simon C. Layton spent last week in the service of Uncle Sam on the route between Sideling Hill and Hancock. Jennie and Ruth Roarabaugh spent part of last week in the homes of D. C. Mallott and Nathan W. Mellott. The series of meetings in progress at the Jerusalem church is not so well attended. Miss Myrtle Mills is quite ill with whooping cough. Will Martin has pneumonia. Among those who called at the home of Denton Hoopengardner Sunday were Mary Ann Layton, Rebecca Engle, Isaiah Layton Sr., and Edward F. Mellott. Mr. Hoopengardner is suffering from an attack of gripple. Watson Plessinger, who was down with gripple, is able to be out again. Howard Mellott continues quite ill. D. C. Mallott is logging for Stetler. O. D. Akers and wife were in the Cove Sunday. Alfred Layton and wife and little daughter were over Sideling Hill Sunday. McClellan Diehl of Breezewood was in the Cove Saturday and Sunday. Job Winter and wife were in the vicinity of Buck Valley Thursday. Flossie Plessinger called on her sister Mrs. Frank M. Diehl at Amaranth last Saturday. Those who were at the quilting party at Geo. Diehl's last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Wils Conner and daughter Julia, of Crystal Springs, Mr. Dowds of Greensburg, Bertha Diehl, Maria Mellott, Nettie Diehl, Curtis Diehl, Fannie Diehl, Edith Layton, Emmaline Diehl and Flossie Plessinger. Albert Plessinger is cutting logs to get sawed preparatory to building a new barn next summer. Those who called at the home of Watson Plessinger last Wednesday were W. V. Hart and wife, Jennie and Mildred Himes, Jennie and Ruth Roarabaugh, and Edward F. Mellott.

### WEST DUBLIN.

Clarence Hoover of Dane spent Tuesday of last week with the family of his mother Mrs. Eliza Hoover of this place. Harvey Clevenger has gone to Pittsburg where he expects employment running automobiles. Marjorie Clevenger has returned from Pittsburg where she had been employed the past few months. Albert King of Altoona spent a few days recently with his family in this township. Mrs. Margaret Kesselring of Hustontown spent Sunday with the family of her aunt Mrs. Eliza Hoover.

There is an effort being made to have additional telephone service in our community and there may be a short telegraph line in operation in the near future. Chester Brant is cutting timber for a new barn.

## DISASTROUS FIRE.

Three Stables and Their Contents, An Ice House, Automobile, Buggies, Went Up in Smoke.

### WAS WORK OF INCENDIARIES.

The most disastrous fire in McConnellsburg for many years occurred last Saturday night in which three stables and their contents, an ice house, and a nearly new Studebaker E. M. F. Thirty automobile were totally destroyed.

The fire, which is without doubt of incendiary origin, was discovered a few minutes before 11 o'clock in the stable just south of the M. E. church, on the Trout's Drug Store property. Across an alley from the Trout stable stood the stable of Albert Stoner and that of B. W. Peck, and in a very short time both of these buildings were burning. About twelve feet of the end of the Peck stable next to Stoner's was used as a buggy house and automobile garage, and in this was kept his automobile, buggy, &c., and as the entrance was from the alley, it was impossible to save any of the contents of the stables.

At the time of the discovery of the fire, nearly everybody was in bed, and by the time many persons got to the fire it had gained such headway as to make it impossible to do more than to save adjoining property. No town in the State has better water protection than McConnellsburg, and more willing and efficient fire fighters, but when men ran to the hose house, which is less than a square from the fire, they found that the incendiaries had taken the precaution to break the glass case that contains the key to the hose house, and which is easy of access to the first one reaching there in time of fire, and take the key away. This made it necessary to break open the house—all of which consumed valuable time; and when the stream was brought to play at the fire it was too late to save anything of the three doomed properties.

The loss is about as follows: Trout's, \$900.00; insurance, \$250.00. Stoner's, \$350.00, no insurance. Peck's, \$1,800.00; insurance, \$1,285.00 in the Fulton County Mutual.

### END.

Pauline and Edith Anderson are spending some time with their parents at Kearney.

Miss Annie Finnegan returned to Jas. Lockard's last Friday, after a month's visit at Gallitzen. Mrs. Beckie Edwards, who is spending the winter in Juniata, came home to attend the funeral of her old neighbor, Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. Edwards will return to Juniata in a short time. A. D. Berckstresser and wife spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. S. B. Coy, at Saxton.

F. E. Cunningham, the DeLaval agent, attended the Dairy Union at Harrisburg last week. After spending his vacation at his home at Enid, he begins work February 1st with promotion and increased salary. George R. Schenck, of Brush Creek township, spent Thursday night in the Valley, and sold his property at Enid to Peter Garlic.

Dr. Harry Cunningham, of Juniata, and Miss Jessie, of Altoona, were called home by the serious illness of their mother. Julius Rhaesa and wife, of Juniata, were in the Valley for the funeral of the latter's mother. Wm. Cessna and two sons Samuel and Thomas, and his nephew Howard, attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. C. A. Cunningham, last Tuesday.

John Stunkard and wife spent a day recently with the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Gracey, who is in very poor health.

S. W. Cline of Dublin township was a town visitor on Thursday

## DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

Most Successful Meeting of Fulton County School Directors Ever Held. Forty-two Present.

The seventh annual Convention of the school directors of Fulton county was held in the Court House, last Thursday afternoon and Friday forenoon; and in point of attendance and in the intelligent manner in which many of them took part in the discussion of the questions brought before them, the convention stands as one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, one-half of the whole number of directors in the County answered to their names at the roll call at the beginning of the sessions, although some of them had driven a distance of thirty miles to be present.

The officers for 1910 were re-elected to serve during the year 1911.

S. W. Cline, of Dublin; B. A. Truax, of Belfast, and M. W. Nace, of McConnellsburg, were appointed to serve as a committee on legislation.

T. H. Truax, of Thompson and Hon. S. L. Buckley, of Dublin, were elected delegates to the State Directors' Convention to be held in the city of Harrisburg.

"The Small-School Problem" was the first topic for discussion, and was opened by S. W. Kirk, followed by S. W. Cline and others. The Convention, however, soon headed toward the Centralization idea, and among others, the following points were brought out: 1. Many of our schools are too small to do good work, even with the most efficient of teachers. 2. Combining the very small schools with other schools would greatly increase the advantage of the pupils, and would be a great saving of money to the taxpayers of the district. 3. Fewer schools, would bring about a more uniform system of work. 4. Fewer schools and better results may be had at a reduced cost.

Dr. Chas. H. Gordinier was then introduced to the convention and he spoke on "Physical Conditions and Physical Condition." The learned Doctor recommended better houses, better apparatus, better care of the children, &c. In this connection, he discussed the proposed medical examination of all school children of the State.

The lecture in the evening on "Nozzles" was a masterly effort, and an intellectual treat to those who were fortunate enough to be present. The theme underlying the subject is "The Conservation of Force."

Friday morning roll call was answered by forty-four members. After devotional exercises by Rev. J. M. Diehl of the Presbyterian church, the subject—"The Monthly Meeting" was opened by Mr. Clem Chesnut, followed by many other directors.

Dr. Gordinier gave a very practical address on "The Director as a Supervisor."

He urged directors to a more careful and systematic supervision. More visiting by the directors was held up as a necessity in order to improve the conditions in our school work.

We say for this meeting having the largest attendance of any ever held, that it will result in great good to the schools of the county. Every director present showed a spirit of interest. The discussions of the directors was above the average. The ideas in every instance were along progressive lines. We can only say to those that were absent that you missed an opportunity that was worth your while. May the next of the kind be still better. The following is a list of the directors in attendance.

AYR—N. W. Hohman, D. L. Rinedollar, Samuel Mellott and George Humbert. BELFAST—B. A. Truax and

### NEEDMORE.

We are having colder weather since the rain last Sunday.

Jacob Smith and wife of W. Va., are spending some time with friends here and at Iddo, John McClellan and wife entertained several friends last Saturday.

C. W. Peck, of McConnellsburg, made short calls on friends Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Runyan who has been sick during the past few days is slowly improving.

Dr. D. E. Fisher made a business trip to Martinsburg, W. Va., last Saturday.

J. D. Mellott began custom-work sawing Monday.

Eli Peck is making preparations to build a barn in the spring.

The rain last Sunday evening made it impossible to cross the bridge Monday morning.

The Needmore Athletic Club will have an oyster supper Saturday evening, February 11th in the P. O. S. of A. Hall. Oysters will be served in every style.

### BRUSH CREEK.

Miss Clara Hanks is spending some time with friends in Pittsburg.

Misses Lucy Peightel, Bessie Akers and Pearl Barkman spent Sunday in the home of O. A. Barton and family.

John Lucas and wife of Everett, spent last week with the latter's parents, M. E. Barton and wife.

Carl, Donald and Mary Rohn spent Sunday with their grandparents, Amos Hixson and wife.

Mrs. Susie Wink spent a few days with Bert Bard and family.

Walter Barton spent last Sunday with friends in Rays Cove.

Mrs. Albert Spade spent a day last week with John D. Smith and family.

L. C. Mann, of Everett, was transacting business in our Valley one day last week. There will be a local institute at Buffalo school Friday evening, February 3.

### EMMAVILLE.

Lasten for wedding bells. A very jolly oyster-supper party was held at Aaron Hess's recently, when about 40 or more of his neighbors gathered in with oysters, etc. Robert Dixon and C. C. Smith each had a full wagon load from Emmaville, and report a great time.

M. P. Barton and family and J. F. Smith and family were pleasant callers at John D. Smith's last Sunday.

O. W. Plessinger has sold his farm to John Hymes, of Sixmile Run.

Our first-class hunter, Harvey Welch, caught two red foxes one day last week.

Our general lumberman on the N. B. Hanks farm, Harry Smathers, has had the Bell phone taken out of his house and a Bedford and Fulton put in. Harry is a hustler.

Clara Hanks and son Paul are spending some time in Pittsburg.

Scott Baumgardner.

BETHEL—Oliver Hill.

BRUSH CREEK—E. D. Akers, M. A. Barkman, John Martin, William McKee and Amos W. Duvall.

DUBLIN—Clem Chesnut, S. W. Cline, E. E. Fraker, John Naugle, George Glunt and E. M. Gelvin.

LICKING CREEK—Roy Sipes, Isaiah Sipes, Edward Sharpe and Joseph Mellott.

McCONNELLSBURG—S. B. Woollet, S. W. Kirk, M. W. Nace, E. D. Shimer, D. L. Grissinger and Harry Hamil.

TAYLOR—George Heefner, Howard Barnett, William Laidig and E. H. Kirk.

THOMPSON—S. L. Simpson, Thomas Truax, James Johnson and W. W. Douglas.

TODD—Clark McGovern, Enoch Kerlin, David H. Fore, George Finif and John Ewing.

UNION—John C. Parlett and Frank M. Diehl.

WELLS—William Sprowl.

## 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

Wm. Laidig of Waterfall was a town visitor on Thursday.

John A. Naugle of Burnt Cabins was in town on Thursday.

R. A. Litton, of Flum Run, was at the County Seat on Friday.

F. M. Lodge of Locust Grove, was seen on our streets on Thursday.

Hon. D. T. Humbert of Thompson township was in town on Friday.

Ralph Glenn of Webster Mills, was at the County Capital on Friday.

Isaiah Sipes, of Harrisonville was at the County Seat on Friday last.

Joseph B. Mellott of Saluvia, was at the County Seat on Thursday last.

Bennett Truax of Pleasant Ridge was a town visitor Thursday last.

Judge Buckley, of Fort Litterton, spent a couple days in town last week.

George Regi, of Knobsville was attending to business in town on Friday last.

W. W. Douglas of Thompson, was transacting business in town on Thursday.

F. M. Diehl, a resident of Union township was at the County Capital on Friday.

Amos W. Duvall of Akersville, was among the town visitors on Thursday last.

E. Mowery Gelvin, one of Dublin's successful farmers spent Friday in town.

G. J. Mellott a citizen of Bethel township was a business visitor to town on Friday.

L. A. Wagner of Laidig was attending to business in town on Friday of last week.

Clem Chesnut, of Hustontown, was in attendance at the School Directors' Convention.

T. H. Truax, of Sharpe, was attending to business in town on Thursday of last week.

M. A. Barkman of Brush Creek township was a business visitor on Thursday of last week.

L. W. Funk of Gem, the piano man was greeting friends on Thursday last while in town.

W. L. McKee one of the good citizens of Brush Creek township was in town Thursday last.

Howard Barnett, of Taylor township, attended the School Directors' Convention last week.

Wm. Sprowl, of Wells township, was a town visitor on Thursday and Friday is one of Wells townships' School Directors.

Scott Rinedollar and wife, of Everett, spent Sunday with Mr. Rinedollar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Rinedollar in this place.

B. A. Truax of Pleasant Ridge, one of the school directors of Licking Creek township attended the Directors' Convention last week.

Miss Ethel Freeman left on Monday for Philadelphia, where she will take charge of the care of Mrs. Frank Stoner who is there receiving treatment for rheumatism.

### School Reports.

Report of Jacob Lake's school for the fourth month, ending January 16th. Number enrolled: male, 9; female, 12; total, 21. Percent of attendance: male, 83; female, 69; total, 75. Those who attended every day were Blanche Mellott, Jessie Mellott, Ozzie Pitttry, Jeff Pitttry, Oscar Mellott, Callie Truax.—Maye Lake, teacher.