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FOUND DEAD IN FIELD.

William Bradnick, of Dublin Township, Victim of Epileptic Fits Died Suddenly Last Saturday

WAS CIVIL WAR VETERAN.

William Bradnick a soldier of the Civil War, died at the home of his brother George Bradnick near Knobsville, on March 11, 1911, aged 67 years, 6 months and 13 days. Interment was made on March 13th in M. E. church cemetery at Knobsville. Rev. Henry Hoop conducted the services.

The subject of this notice, was never married and made his home with his brother George where his death took place.

He had enjoyed fairly good health, excepting an occasional attack of fainting. On Saturday the day of his death, soon after dinner he told some of the family that he would go to a certain field about a quarter of a mile distant to fetch some nice kindling wood for over Sunday, and started off. Two hours had passed before he was missed, when his brother George went to search for him, and soon found him lifeless but still warm. So it is presumed that heart failure was the cause of his death. Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, was summoned as was also, Justice of the Peace John Hoover, and inquest held, with a verdict that death resulted from natural causes.

William was a good natured, unoffensive person, and was well liked wherever he was known. Two brothers, George and Irvin, both of Dublin township, and one sister Katie wife of Rev. David W. Kelso of Todd township, survive to mourn his loss.

Recent Wedding.

MARTIN-ZIMMERMAN

From the Dallas Center (Iowa) Times.
On Wednesday evening, February 1, 1911 at the home of the bride's father, Mr. H. T. Zimmerman, occurred the marriage of the daughter, Loretta, to Mr. David W. Martin.

Promptly at 8 o'clock as the strains of the wedding march were being played by Miss Ida Zimmerman, the bridal couple, accompanied by Miss Hatie Zimmerman, and Mr. Walter Grossman, and preceded by Lucile Zimmerman and Elsie Morgan each bearing a beautiful bouquet of flowers, took their places beneath a decorated arch. Rev. E. Weaver spoke in his pleasing manner, and the words uniting this couple for life.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white all-over-embroidered tulle. After congratulations, the bride and party proceeded to the dining room which was beautifully decorated; pink and white being used in the color scheme, where a three course luncheon was served.

The bride is one of the most accomplished young ladies of our community and the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Mar. of Ayr township Fulton County, Pa., has made many friends during his abode here.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mr. B. W. Logue, who has been living on the Logan farm in Ayr township, had a sale of his personal property on Tuesday next Tuesday, he expects to move to town into the Mrs. Hatie Randall property. Lewis Harris, from the Kendall property up the east extension into the property lately vacated by D. L. Rinehart; Mr. Rinehart has moved upon the farm at Back Run where Wm. Cutchall has been living several years; Mr. Cutchall, moved over upon the Patterson "back" place, Murray Ray from Patterson farm to the George Harman farm, recently purchased from Warrie Johnston.

DON'T SLUR UNCLE RUBE.

He May Have Hayseeds in His Hair, but His Pocket Has the Coin.

They may have hayseeds in their hair, but they have cash in their pockets—the farmers. Fifty years ago, the idea prevailed among farmers' boys that if they ever wanted to "be anything" they must leave the farm and go into the town or city. Hundreds and thousands of boys did this, only to find that they had "jumped out of the frying pan into the fire." No class of people under the sun are more thrifty, independent, healthy, intelligent and happy, than the farmer; and, if it's making money honestly and safely that you are after, the farmer has them all "skint." It is not merely the money he receives for his crop of wheat, corn, rye, oats, and buckwheat, that swells his bank account; for, it is not an unusual thing for a farmer to be raking in fifty dollars a month from his dairy and poultry products. His cloverseed adds anywhere from fifty to five hundred dollars a year to his income. A little attention to fruit trees and berries, adds from one hundred to a thousand dollars a year; and then, there is the live stock side—line. What the average farmer makes off his stock alone, would look good to the average town family. Here is just one instance: Some ten years ago, Mr. Bart W. Logue, of Ayr township, bought a mare—just an ordinary scrub. Last Tuesday he sold her at the sale—with foal—for \$65. But, the interesting part of the story about that transaction is this: at the same sale he sold five mules that he had bred from that mare, for \$635, which added to the \$65 he received from the mare, made an even thousand dollars.

Recent Deaths.

PITTMAN.

Mrs. Rebecca Deshong Pittman, died at the home of her son Jonathan near Sipes Mill, last Sunday night. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church.

Mrs. Pittman was the widow of the late John R. Pittman, who died on the 16th of February 1899. She was born July 1, 1827, and was aged 83 years, 8 months, and 11 days.

Mrs. Pittman was a consistent member of the Christian church for many years, and was possessed of many sterling traits of character. She is survived by the following children, namely, Ezra, of Pittsburg; Abram and Richard living near McConnellsburg; Susan, wife of George S'each, McConnellsburg; Jonathan, near Sipes Mills; and Alameda, wife of William Mellott, Brazoria, Tex.

SCHENCK.

Mrs. Christina Schenck, widow of the late William K. Schenck, died at the home of her son Geo. in Brush Creek valley on Tuesday of last week, aged 84 years. The funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ritchey, of Three Springs, took place on Thursday, and interment was made in the little cemetery at the United Brethren church in Wells Valley. Her home had been at Enid in Wells Valley until about two years ago, when she went to make her home with George, where she resided until the time of her death. Mother Schenck was well and favorably known by a large circle of acquaintances. She was a devoted member of the United Brethren church for more than threescore years. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom survive: V. D., of Wells Tannery; John and Mrs. Levi Truax, of Enid; Mrs. Margaret Wertz, of Bedford; Mrs. Emma Seeler, of Pittsburg, and George, of Brush Creek. A hymn that Mother Schenck requested should be sung at her funeral is "O Sing to Me of Heaven."

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UNFAIR, BUT MUST BE OBEYED.

Publishers Being Deprived of Privilege of Mailing Their Papers Without Affixing a One-cent Stamp.

A recent press dispatch called attention to a Western paper making its appearance with a one-cent stamp upon every paper; it was barred from the mails at the usual newspaper rate because the editor was not particular to remove from his mailing list the names of those who were more than one year in arrears.

This has called forth a general protest among the newspapers of the country. Their ground for complaint is based upon their right to conduct their business along what they consider advantageous lines to them. They claim that the Postoffice Department exceeded its authority and abused its power when the order was issued.

It would seem that a publisher should be permitted, if he so desire, to send his paper to any subscriber for any length of time without any interference on the part of the Postoffice Department, so long as he pays his postage; but that department dictates and there is nothing left for the publisher to do but to obey the mandate, just or unjust.

From the many comments called forth by the enforcement of the rule against the Western papers we reproduce four because they state the case in a nutshell:

"We are put in a class with scoundrels who publish fake literature, and are denied privileges, which seems to be unconstitutional. If I construe the ruling correctly, we must cut off some of our oldest subscribers."

"I do not think the government has a right to say how much credit we may give. I have had to take names off my list just because they were back one year, and it was a mere oversight in not paying before."

"The government has no more right to restrict the credit I give than that of any grocer; since I have spent my own money for this plant, and there has been no commission appointed to pass on my sanity or business competency, I am unable to see what right the government has to become guardian of my business affairs."

"The publisher should pay for his mailing privileges and then not be judged or dealt with as a beggar or inferior, but as a full-privileged citizen."

That the Department's order is unjust and unfair is quite plain but while it stands it must be obeyed. Time will come, perhaps, when it will be revoked.

By the present rate, we pay about 6 1/2 cents a year postage on every paper sent to subscribers outside of the County. Thus, you see, instead of getting a dollar a year for the News we have only 93 1/2 cents left after paying the postage. Now, if a name is not removed from the list just as soon as a subscriber is more than a year in arrears we run the risk of being "pinched" and compelled to put a one-cent stamp on every copy. This would mean an additional cost of 52 cents a year to the publisher, and unless that sum were added, to the subscription price the publisher would have to go out of business.

It's not a bit fair, but what are you going to do about it. There is no use to cross swords with Uncle Sam.

Local Institute.

The eighth local institute of Licking Creek township held at Siloam school Friday evening March 3rd was called to order by the teacher A. E. DeShong who appointed Director R. R. Sipes president. The following teachers were present: Mary Mellott, Maude DeShong, Maude Strait, Charles Mellott, Ally DeShong, A. D. Peightel and Katharine Hoop. Excellent literary work was given by the school.—Katharine Hoop, Secretary.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

Two Dwelling Houses Totally Destroyed Last Saturday—Bert Hann's and John Carbaugh's.

BOTH HAD SOME INSURANCE.

Bert Hann owns and lives on the Harris property, formerly known as the Spring Tannery property, a short distance from Greenhill in Licking Creek township. Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Hann was busy baking and doing her other Saturday afternoon's work, when she detected the odor of smoke. She opened the stair door and looked up, when she saw the whole upper story afire. It happened that Mr. Hann had gone away for a load of hay, and she was at home alone. She did what she could; but she did not cut much of a figure battling with flames that were rapidly consuming her home. She had some money of her own that she got hold of, and saved a few of the smaller and lighter articles on the first floor, but every thing that was upstairs had to go, including \$180 in cash that her husband, who was engaged in huckstering, had placed away in the house.

The loss was about twelve hundred dollars, on which there was \$750 insurance.

About half past eleven o'clock last Saturday night the town of McConnellsburg was awakened by the startling cry of fire, and the visions of burning stables filled the minds of most of the citizens until a glance westward, disclosed a fierce fire on the point of the Ridge a mile and a half west of town, and in the little village of Thomastown. It was formerly known as the John Hoopengardner house, but recently purchased on article of agreement from M. R. Shaffner, Esq., by John Carbaugh. It was recently occupied by Nathaniel Mellott who moved out a few days ago, leaving some potatoes, canned fruit and other things to be taken later. The house, which was one and a half story frame, was entirely destroyed. The house was worth, perhaps, \$400 with \$150 insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Post Card Surprise.

Last Saturday was our friend Thomas Johnson's 56th birthday, and he was very much surprised, when he went to the postoffice, to receive such a bunch of post cards, that he had to borrow a basket to carry them home. He wishes, through the NEWS, to thank his many friends for them. He received 170 cards, which came from the following places: Clatona, Neb.; Wampun, Pa.; Philadelphia, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Clearspring, Md.; Hancock, Md.; Mercersburg, Ft. Loudon, Millstone, Md.; Chaneyville, Pa.; Fort Littleton, Knobsville, Dickey's Mountain, Big Cove Tannery, Back Run, Dane, Clear Ridge, Hustontown, Cuto, and McConnellsburg.

School Directors to Hold Over.

In an opinion given to the department of public instruction Deputy Attorney General Hargest holds that the terms of school director, which have hitherto expired in June, will be extended by the act recently approved until January so that school boards will organize in January instead of the summer months. This means that all the present school directors will hold over until next January, when those elected next fall will take the place of those whose terms ordinarily would have expired in June.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henry, of Clear Ridge, spent last Saturday and Sunday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Stevens, in the east extension. Mr. Henry and his father N. B. Henry, have four barns and two houses to complete before harvest.

WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

An Interesting Article Written For the FULTON COUNTY NEWS By a Former Fulton County Boy.

Of St. Patrick, the apostle of Ireland, there is very little undisputed knowledge. The following statements gleaned from encyclopedias seem to express the facts: He was born in Scotland near Glasgow about 373 A. D., and died about 463 A. D. His father was a deacon in the church, and doubtless his religious instruction in his youth was done with care. His baptismal name was Sucat. When he was sixteen years of age, he was captured by pirates, carried to Ireland, and sold to a pagan Irish chief in the County of Antrim. (All Ireland was then pagan.) He lived as a slave six years. Then in obedience to what he thought was a divine command, he fled from his master, and after much hardship, reached the home of Martin, the famous bishop of Tours, France. This bishop was probably his mother's brother. He lived there four years, and then returned to his home in Scotland where he remained for several years. A strong desire to preach the gospel to the Irish was developed, and a few years later he went back to France and was consecrated to the ministry by Bishop Amator. (It was on this occasion he assumed the name of Patrick.) He began his missionary work in Ireland in 405 A. D., and all the rest of his long life was spent laboring there with wonderful success.

There are many legends gathered about him. Some of these represent him as escaping from his foes by miraculous agencies. The best known legend is, that he banished the snakes from Ireland. I give you this legend as near as I can as told to me by a Scotchman who was born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland. It is as follows: A Scotch man by the name of Patrick, visited the island of Ireland and found it to be a vast wilderness—full of swamps covered with a dense growth of grass and rushes and so full of snakes of all kinds that it made landing almost impossible for him. A happy thought occurred to him; he returned to the hills of Scotland, secured a shipload of the hardy hogs which at that time roamed wild over the hills of that country, took them to this wilderness of an island and turned them loose, telling them he would visit them in five years.

On his return to Ireland, after the expiration of the five years, a pleasant sight greeted his eye. Instead of the wilderness and swamps that he had seen before, a beautiful green country stretched out before him. The hogs had multiplied in numbers, had eaten the snakes, made roads through the swamps, and tramped down the tall grass and rushes; and, in their stead, the beautiful green shamrock was growing. As his boat neared the shore, the hogs recognized him, came running down the beach, and stood up on their hind feet to greet him. He noted their good work in reclaiming the island; and, also, that in doing so, a change had come over them. They were no longer the razor-backs that had roamed the hills of Scotland, but were sleek thrifty looking hogs, and in return for their good services, he converted them into people under the condition that they should always observe the anniversary of this day, which is the 17th of March, or they would be changed back into hogs. Hence, the Irishman and St. Patrick's day.

IRA COVALT, Philadelphia, March seventh.

T. H. Truax, of Thompson township, executor of the will of the late Ephraim Gregory, was in town attending to business connected with the settlement of that estate last Saturday.

FIFTY FRONT LINERS FOR 1911.

Will Fulton County Be One of Them? To The S. S. Workers of Fulton Co.

We can, and we must, make the Front Line position this year. All we need is your help. Let the slogan of every Sunday School worker be, "Fulton County must make Front Line this year." The requirements necessary are:—

1. County Organized.
2. Annual County Convention held.
3. Complete district Organization in County.
4. Annual Convention or Institute held in each district.
5. Statistics gathered annually and sent to state office.
6. Pledge made to State Association and paid.
7. County represented at state convention.
8. Fifty per cent. of schools have Cradle Roll Departments.
9. Thirty per cent. of schools have Home Departments.
10. Twenty per cent. of schools have Teacher Training Classes. (a class must take one examination before it can be counted.)

The Secretary will only be too glad to give information at any time. Let each Sunday School see that it has a Cradle Roll, a Home Department, and a Teacher Training Class. With the advanced methods, there comes greater efficiency.

The Annual County Convention will be held at the Sideling Hill Christian Church, May 25th and 26th.

Mr. W. G. Landes, the State Secretary, has promised to be at the convention, if he can leave his office.

J. M. DIEHL, Secretary.

HUSTONTOWN.

C. S. Keebaugh and W. A. Keebaugh with the help of W. N. Taylor and Irvin Miller burnt a fine lime kiln.

Mr. William Laidig, of Waterfall, was a visitor at George Laidig's.

Mrs. Minnie Denisar has been on the sick list.

Howard Fix and wife were callers in town last week.

The farmers took advantage of the snow Wednesday and many were seen in town.

George Regn was a caller at this place for a few hours last week.

James Fields and Jess Bloom passed through this place with a fine cow and calf.

The snow plow was once more seen on our streets Wednesday.

James Lyons and wife were business callers to this place.

B. H. Shaw with the help of Nick Roettger installed a water plant in the house of the former.

The automobile works have opened. Dr. McClain and his protege with the help of Harry Keller have been working at the automobile which was purchased by Dr. McClain in McConnellsburg.

Ex-County Superintendent Clem Chesnut and wife have been on the sick list.

The people of Hustontown are noted for their ingenuity in preparing puzzles. While others are noted for their sagacity in work.

Silas Mellott has returned from Wells Valley where he had been employed.

B. H. Shaw and W. G. Wink made a business trip to Burnt Cains last Saturday.

Elhot Smith and Edward Harr from Riddlesburg were visitors at the home of D. K. Chesnut.

James Reeder purchased a horse at George Sipes' sale.

Martin Mellott of Sipes Mill was a visitor at W. G. Wink's.

Judge Hoop was a caller at this place.

Samuel Strait and wife visited Jacob Strait's last Saturday.

The "goat" is being rode frequently.

Rev. McGarvey made a trip to the County Seat last week.

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

W. B. Karns, of Everett, was in town over Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, of Needmore, were in town Monday afternoon.

George and Irvin Bradnick, near Knobsville, were callers at the News office while in town Tuesday.

J. L. Grissinger and son Harry A., of New Grenada, and son Carl O., of Broadtop City, were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Mattie Stouteagle, of this place is visiting relatives and other friends in Chambersburg and in Waynesboro.

Mrs. A. C. Sipes and Miss Rella Reeder, of Hustontown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stunkard in Wells Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Booth, of Maddensville, spent the time from last Saturday until Monday visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Wm. Youse and family returned from Altoona last Saturday. On account of the advancing age of Will's father James, Will is here to take charge of the farm.

Mrs. George Steach of this place, attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Pittman at the Sideling Hill Christian church on Tuesday.

Hon. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart, who have been spending the winter at the Union Hotel, Everett, are returning to their home at Wells Tannery to-day.

Mr. Dyson F. Fraker, of Fort Littleton, was in McConnellsburg last Saturday. Mr. Fraker is looking well, and has been standing the winter first rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCurdy and son Arlington, of Mercersburg, drove over to McConnellsburg Saturday and spent the time until Sunday evening with relatives.

Miss Pearl Logue, a trained nurse, who has been at Johnson City, Tenn., for several months, is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Logue, and her sister Mrs. L. W. Seylar.

Mr. Parker Heikes, of Fort Shaw, Montana, spent the time from Saturday until Monday with friends in town. Parker is a son of Albert Heikes the well known coachmaker, formerly of this place but now of Great Falls, Montana. Parker owns a large ranch and is "growing up" with the country.

Brooks Sipes, of Pittsburg, spent the time from last Saturday until Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes, in this place. Brooks has a clerkship in the big department store of Boggs & Buhl of that city. He says there are 1499 other clerks in that establishment besides himself. So, you see, he does not claim to be the whole thing.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

James W. Mellott and Dott Truax attended singing at Antioch Saturday evening.

Our assistant postmaster, H. H. Strait, is wearing a smile as long as a fence rail and as broad as a tooth pick, over the arrival of a brand new girl.

Henry Hann is on the sick list. Shives Bros. have moved their shingle mill to Stilwell Truax's.

The jolliest person that travels the road is Norman Mellott. See him when you will—rain or shine—he is just the same.

The Pleasant Ridge Ball Team expect to organize on Friday night. Indications are that they will have some good players. Well, here's wishing you success boys.