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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.

**WILLIAM HERVEY NELSON.**  
William Hervey Nelson, or Harvey Nelson as he was most familiarly known, died at the home of his cousin, John P. Conrad, in McConnellsburg, about two o'clock last Sunday morning. His funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

The deceased, the fourth of a family of seven children of William Sloan Nelson and his wife Mary Peoples Nelson, was born in Ayr township, this county, April 21, 1840; hence, at the time of his death he was aged 64 years, 11 months, and 19 days. He was a descendant of two of the County's oldest and most highly esteemed families.

After taking advantage of the facilities offered in the public schools of his home county, he continued his education at the academy at Waterloo, Pa.

When about twenty years of age, he entered the store of King and Nelson, McConnellsburg, as clerk. The "King" in the firm name, was George King, and the "Nelson" was "Harvey's" uncle John. The business changed hands several times, and Harvey was later associated as a partner with J. Thompson Myers, under the firm name of Myers and Nelson, and later, Dr. J. S. Trout was received into the partnership, and the firm name became Myers, Nelson & Trout. The business was finally closed out in 1874, and Mr. Nelson gave up attention to farming until 1877, when he entered the office of Robert A. McDonald, prothonotary, of this county, and at the election in the fall of 1881, he defeated Mr. McDonald, who was a candidate for re-election, and Mr. Nelson served two terms, retiring in 1887.

The next half-dozen years were spent on his farm in Ayr township, when he succeeded D. B. Nace as cashier of the Fulton County Bank—Mr. Nace going to Chambersburg—and he held that position until the time of his death.

Fulton County has not produced any more substantial and honorable citizen than was Mr. Nelson; and few men have enjoyed the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens to any great degree. Being unmarried, and possessing considerable means, he was in a position to befriend those who were less fortunate than himself, and many there are today, who, in his death, mourn the loss of a personal friend. He was the senior Elder in the Unit. Presbyterian church of this place.

He received the name "William Hervey" from a celebrated preacher of that name who was a great favorite of Mr. Nelson's parents. He is survived by the following named brothers and sisters: James Peoples Nelson, John Sloan Nelson, Johnston Nesbit Nelson; Martha Jane, wife of John F. Kendall; Susan Margaret, wife of John Neuroth, and David Alexander Nelson. The brothers and sisters all live in the Big Cove, except, Johnston, who resides on a farm near Cantsville, Ohio.

**WILLIAM POWELL.**  
The friends and relatives of William Powell were greatly surprised on hearing of his death, which occurred at his home in Anderson, Ohio, March 17th at seven o'clock. Mr. Powell was apparently in the best of health, and had almost reached the time when he fell on the door and expired immediately. Mr. Powell was born in Bethel township, this county, Jan. 4,

## Local Institute.

The local institute committee of Todd township submits the following report for the year 1911.

Institutes were held at each of the different schools of the township. All teachers took an active part in the local institutes both, in and out of, the township.

Mabel O. Fore, teacher of Woodburn was present and took part in 5 different institutes of the county; Blanche Peck, teacher of Knobsville, 6; Blanche Brant, teacher of Douglas, 6; Mary O. Ott, teacher of Scott's, 6, and John Kelso, teacher of Summers' 7, making a total of thirty.

We express our thanks to the County Superintendent, visiting teachers, directors and patrons for assistance given.

MABEL O. FORE, Sec'y,  
MARY OTT, Ass't Sec'y,  
BLANCHE PECK, Pres't,  
JOHN KELSO, Vice Pres.

1840, and was married March 27, 1863 to Margaret E. Booth, who survives. To this union were born five sons, three of whom survive him: James S. Powell, Ashtabula, Ohio; Charles C., of Kinsman, and John H. of Austintown.

He was a son of Isaac and Mary Ann Powell and was the youngest of ten children, all of whom preceded him to the beyond except one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hendershot, who was 89 years of age March 25th, and she has been confined to her bed for about two months. She has her home with her daughter Mrs. "Dock" Mellott, near Mercersburg. He had been a devoted member of the Methodist church for forty years and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Knight at his home. The remains were buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Jefferson.

### MRS. JOHN H. WILT.

Mrs. Martha Matilda Wilt, wife of John H. Wilt, died at their home in Waynesboro, Pa., on Thursday night of last week, aged 72 years, 8 months, and 3 days. Death was due to heart trouble and a complication of diseases; in fact, Mrs. Wilt had been an invalid for nearly three years. About three weeks ago, she was taken critically ill, and much of the time during that period she lay unconscious. Her funeral took place at ten o'clock, Monday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery at Waynesboro.

Mrs. Wilt's maiden name was Lohr—a sister of Joseph Lohr, of Hustontown, and she was married to John H. Wilt fifty years ago last December. They resided in McConnellsburg until the spring of 1892, when they removed to Waynesboro. Besides her husband, she is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Tempie Keyser, Philadelphia; Annie, wife of W. H. Nesbit, McConnellsburg; Mary, wife of J. H. Morgenthal, and Carrie, wife of Samuel E. Spangler—both residing in Waynesboro.

### JOHN MILLER.

John Miller died at his home in Dublin township, Sunday morning, April 9, 1911, aged 66 years, 9 months, and 22 days. While Mr. Miller had been in declining health for a long time, the immediate cause of his death was dilation of the heart. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown.

The deceased was a son of the late Philip Miller, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Ann Gaster. John Miller was married to Jane Heeter, daughter of George Heeter, who survives him, with two children, namely, Irvia of Dublin township, and Mary, wife of Harry Ramsey, of Clear Ridge. The deceased was a brother-in-law of our townsman Solomon L. Miller, his sister Mary Ann having been Solomon's first wife.

## SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

**William Truax Killed Instantly in Flouring Mill at Belle Grove, Md., Last Saturday Morning.**

While working in a flouring mill at Belle Grove, Md., last Saturday morning, William Truax, aged 19 years, 11 months, and 24 days, son of Jackson Truax, formerly of Balfast township, this county, lost his life.

At the time of the accident, William was attempting to put on the smutter belt, and in some way, was caught by the main shaft by the coat on his right side, and in a moment every stitch of clothing was torn from his body—even the shoes—and his body was thrown violently several feet distant. The miller and fireman noticing the jar, hastened to him, but he was unconscious. Drs. McKibbin, Watson, and Sugers were called, but he was beyond the power of human help, and died at 8 o'clock Saturday. His funeral took place Monday. He was a member of the Belle Grove Band, and of the P. O. S. of A., the latter of which had charge of the funeral services.

He was an excellent young man, and had a host of friends.

### Rev. D. W. Kelso, Surprised.

Last Friday morning as Rev. David W. Kelso, was down in a field superintending the picking of some stones, he was surprised to see a number of buggies and carriages, approaching his home when it suddenly dawned upon him that this being April 7th, was the 70th anniversary of his birth.

He at once returned to the house and extended a cordial welcome to his good friends and neighbors who had thus assembled to congratulate him upon his long years of usefulness in their midst and to wish him many more years of happiness and prosperity.

He was delighted with a down-pour of 240 beautiful birthday cards from the following points:

Altenwald, Burnt Cabins, Ft. Littleton, Knobsville, Hustontown, Waynesboro, Maddensville, Dane M. Connellsburg, Dancannon, Minorsville, Johnstown, Mount Union, Harrisburg, Altoona, Marks, Harrisonville, Mapleton, Shippenburg, Sewickley, and Norristown, Pa., Muskogee, Crescent, Okla., Cannon City, Colo., New Castle, Ind., Silver City, New Mexico, Hagerstown, Md., Highland, Leona, Kansas; San Bernardino, Cal.; Festus, Mendon, Ethel, Hardin, Salsburg, Musseloff, Mo., and Wightownshire, Scotland.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: D. W. Kelso and wife, Lewis Kelso, wife and children Blanche, Bard and Turrence; Reuben Helman, wife and children Bertha, Hazel and Norman; Wm. Kelso and children Mira and Ralph; George Kelso and daughters Mary and Julia; Sam'l Wilson, wife and daughter Lola; Grover R. Peck and wife; John and Wash Kelso; Irvin Bradneck, wife and children Frank and Emma; Melvina Hershey; John Crouse, wife and children Gayle and Cecil; A. L. Wible and wife; John Glunt and wife; G. W. Wagner and wife; Mrs. George Wagner and daughters Ruth and Grace; Easton Stinson and wife; Blanche Crouse, Rush Wagner, Mrs. Charlie Campbell and daughter Ruth; Wm. Gunnells, Walter Anderson and wife, Verda Sharpe, Viola Anderson, Emma Grier, Blanche and Wilbert Peck, Jacob Sharpe and wife, Christ Spannuth, Harriet Ashwell, Emory Glunt, Clarence Seville, Ralph Johnston and Robert House.

The entire group was assembled and photographed by C. E. Seville.

### B. O. P.

D. C. Rhodes, of Mercersburg, attended Harvey Nelson's funeral Tuesday.

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

**Interesting Write-Up on Fulton County in Philadelphia Sunday Ledger of April Second.**

### DESCANTS UPON BEAUTIFUL SCENERY.

Within the boundaries of the State of Pennsylvania and not more than 150 miles on a direct line from the city of Philadelphia is a mountain county, having a population of less than 10,000, which is as much a separate and distinct State, because of its isolation, as any of the neighboring commonwealths, and which boasts as its chief claim to distinction in the eyes of the world the fact that it has neither a railroad nor a poorhouse within its confines.

Situated on the southern border, about half way between the eastern and western bounds of the state, Fulton county is surrounded by the forbidding walls of the Big Tuscarora and Sideling mountains, both towering at least 2,000 feet above the little valleys enclosed between them, and presenting a barrier which has halted all attempts to introduce any new methods of transportation but the old time horse and wagon established in the district, long before the county government was formed, by the settlers who passed over these mountains on their way to the west.

Of late years, automobiles have been passing through on their way east or west, and the occupants have received a passing glimpse of the wonderful beauties of the place, but for the ordinary traveler there are only the stage coaches, which travel at a snail's pace over the mountains into the quiet precincts of this forgotten district. As a result, the natives, except those in the one town, McConnellsburg, class most of the visitors as either drummers or peddlers.

The eastern approach to the mountainous district is reached from Mercersburg, a town on the Cumberland Valley Railroad, and consists of a road which winds up the sides of the Big Tuscarora mountain a distance of four miles before reaching the top. The ascent is sharp, the road, although a turnpike, is not the best, and the combination prevents weary coach horses from dragging visitors to the top in less than three hours.

McConnellsburg, a quaint little town of about 800 population, nestles at the foot of this barrier, and when first seen by a stranger from the mountain top resembles one of the villages sold by toy dealers. It consists of one long street, the Bedford pike, with several side streets branching out from it. The houses are of frame construction, surrounded by large plots of ground, upon which are raised the vegetables consumed by the families during the winter months.

Several old hotels, built during the days of the wagon trains to the west, accommodate travelers who find their way into the town. They do it in the good fashion of ancient road houses. The court house, which is the largest building in the town, is a fairly modern construction having been erected about fifty years ago, but as it was patterned after the colonial buildings of the south, its large pillars supporting the overhanging roof, it does not affect the general old fashioned appearance of the town.

The public square or "diamond," as it is called, presents a pleasant sight to the tired gaze of the dweller in the built up cities of the East. The Washington House, a brick hotel built in a rambling style of architecture, denoting a number of designers and builders, confronts the old Court House, with the grass plot and cross roads of the diamond separating them. Trees of all sizes grow at random around the square. This portion of the town

## DATE OF PRIMARY CHANGED.

**Will Be Held on the Last Day of September, Instead of the First Saturday of June.**

The bill before the legislature to change the date for the holding of the Primary election from the first Saturday in June to the last day of September was passed finally last week, and the Governor promptly affixed his signature, thus making it applicable to this year. This date, however applies only to the odd-numbered years; in even-numbered years, they will be held in April.

is built on a knoll, overlooking the rest of the valley, and from the bell tower on the Court House it is possible to see not only every part of the town, but many of the scattered farmhouses in the vicinity.

The site for the town was presented many years ago by a man named McConnel, and one of the provisos made by him was that the common or strip of land entirely surrounding the town be kept clear of buildings. Today, although the town has outgrown the limits of the gift, the wide commons remain as they were in the days of McConnel, sodded and open to the families and stock of the townspeople.

To reach the county from the west is even more difficult than from Mercersburg. Everett, a small town on the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad, is the gateway to a long series of sandy roads leading over two or three mountains, all of which are at least 2000 feet high. From the north, it is possible to get in by driving 25 or 30 miles over roads which are roads in name only, and which cross many hills undignified by the title of "mountains," but which nevertheless present difficult problems to the poor animals attached to your equipage.

Hancock, a thriving town in Maryland, having two railroads, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland, to keep it in touch with the world, presents the best method of approach to this district, which nature has made so beautiful and which she has protected from the common herd of sightseers so thoroughly that it is a rare occurrence when one meets persons who have visited it.

The county was settled long before the Revolutionary War and many of the present inhabitants can trace their ancestry in a direct line to the men who went from that district, at the opening of the war to join the riflemen of what was then known as Bedford County, on their march to Boston to help Washington drive out the English. In many of the houses of these old families it is possible to find flintlock rifles, which are without doubt the same guns used by these Revolutionary heroes. Furniture which would gladden the heart of an antiquary is seen stacked in old garrets and in the lofts of barns. A modern cabinet maker would put it into condition for use with very little trouble and would no doubt sell it for a sum far exceeding the value of the property of the original owner.

These men were strong, hearty representatives of the pioneer type, which settled the West, and their numerous descendants have not lost the vigorous strain of their forefathers, as evidenced by large families seen in every farm house.

It is estimated that there are at least 400 families living in the county who can trace their origin back to the men who fought Indians and English in the conquest of what was then the West. One name, that of Mellott, has several hundred families representing it, all descendants of three brothers of French extraction, who settled in the county long before any attempt was made to establish a government. The supposition is

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## QUIET WEDDING.

**Miss Emma Ray Became the Bride of Walter Rotz, at the Home of Her Mother, Tuesday Afternoon.**

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Agnes Ray on east Water street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the bride's pastor, Rev. Clifford E. Hayes, pronounced the beautiful ceremony of the Lutheran church that united in marriage Miss Emma Nora Ray, and Mr. Walter D. Rotz, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rotz, of Todd township. The bride is one of McConnellsburg's best young ladies, and the groom is a splendid young man. He is a marble and granite cutter, and is employed in the Forbes Granite Works, Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotz expect to go to housekeeping in Chambersburg in a short time, where they will be at home to their many friends.

### NEW GRENADA.

John Mills made a business trip to Ithaca, N. Y., to Altoona, Pa., and other places.

Cloyd Black visited friends at Saltillo a few days.

Ernest Cunningham spent a few days with friends in Mount Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, of Mount Union, spent Sunday with Arthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Cunningham.

The sick in our community are all improving.

Who goes fishing without any bait? Referred to Levi Truax.

Work at North Point mines has closed down. The miners were directed to square up their rooms, and bring out their tools.

Cloyd Black, Bert Heeter, Samuel Alloway and Guy Alloway secured twenty cans of Brook trout from the State Hatchery at Spruce Creek, and deposited them in Roaring Run, north of New Grenada, in Coles Valley. Now, every citizen in this section should feel that he is a member of a vigilance committee to see to it that these fish are protected according to law, and to see to it that any person violating the law by fishing out of season, or in a way contrary to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, should be promptly arrested and punished without fear or favor.

Henry Truax is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grippe and pleurisy. He was unable to be out to attend to his sale last Saturday.

Edgar Cook and Dallas Keith visited the latter's parents, James Keith and wife.

Robert Alexander, of McConnellsburg, closed his term of teaching at No. 4 school on Tuesday. Robert taught the school very successfully, and made many friends while here. We wish him abundant success in whatever he may undertake.

The roof of Wm. H. Lockard's house caught fire last Sunday. By the prompt and faithful help of his neighbors, the flames were extinguished in time to save the property from anything worse than a few ugly holes in the roof.

### DUBLIN MILLS.

Snow! rain! mud!  
Robert Bratton, seems to be improving very slowly, he not yet being able to sit up alone.

John Grissinger, Jr., son of Allen Grissinger of this place, is seriously ill with typhoid fever in Trough Creek valley at the home of his brothers.

Harry Benson is employed at Mrs. John Hess's.

Arthur Roher has improved his dwelling house by putting up a kitchen to it.

Mrs. S. C. Gracey and mother-in-law passed through this place last Sunday.

B. B. Booth recently purchased for himself a cart and buggy. A horse, next, Blaine.

Mrs. Wm. Miller has been spending the last week with her mother, who is at the home of David Laidig.

Edward Brant was a business caller in our town 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

Biddis Lynch, of lower Ayr called at the News office while in town Monday.

Frank C. Bare and Geo. Wilds, of Fort Littleton were among the County Seat visitors Monday.

W. H. Nesbit and wife attended the funeral of the latter's mother, Mrs. John H. Wilt at Waynesboro, Monday.

Hunter Fraker of Fort Littleton has been in an automobile factory in Philadelphia since the first of March.

Ruth Roettger, of Wilson College Chambersburg, is spending this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Roettger.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaMaster, of Mercersburg, spent from Saturday, until Monday with Mrs. LaMasters father Daniel E. Fore, Esq.

Misses Marion and Jessie Sloan returned home last Friday after having spent six weeks very delightfully with relatives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton and his son John H., of Burnt Cabins, were in town Tuesday attending the funeral of W. H. Nelson.

Miss Carrie Greathead, who is teaching in the graded schools in Johnstown, is spending her Easter vacation with her mother Mrs. Geo. W. Greathead.

C. W. Crouse, one of Webster Mills' busy men was in town a short time last Friday. "Neal is a hustler, and does not have time to come to town very often, but he never forgets the printers.

Thomas W. Walker, wife and little son William Sloan, of Franklin county, spent the time from Saturday morning until Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan.

Vet. R. W. McKibbin, of the U. S. army, stationed at Fort Meade, S. Dak., is home on a sixty-day leave of absence, and is spending this week with his family in the home of Mrs. McKibbin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall in the Cove.

Aaron Layton and Andy Mellott, two of Whips Cove's good citizens, came over to McConnellsburg last Sunday, spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhn, and after attending to some business Monday forenoon returned home in time for a good day's work Tuesday.

### SIDELING HILL.

Sunday School was reorganized at Cedar Grove Christian Church April 1st, with the following officers: Superintendent, Albert Bivens; Assistant Superintendent, Alfred Peck; Secretary, Charles Hess; Treasurer, Samuel Winter; Teachers—Olive Plessinger, Albert Bivens, Gilbert Mellott, Charles Lewis, Alice Wilson, Lola Griffin, Ethel Peck and Connie Hess; Librarians, Miss Ada Plessinger and Mapel Winter.

Sunday School was organized at Bedford's Chapel (Methodist Church) April 2nd, with the following officers: Superintendent, Thomas Downes; Assistant, Job L. Garland; Secretary, Miss Goldie Akers; Treasurer, Geo. F. B. Hill; Teachers, Ottilie Hill, Job L. Garland.

### Total Eclipse.

There will be a total eclipse of the sun April 28.—The eclipse will be hidden from many sections of the U. S. by darkness, but it will be seen slightly here just at sundown or perhaps a few minutes before. The eclipse will begin about 6:50 o'clock in the evening.