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LOCAL HISTORY.

Wells Township Schools, Houses, and Teachers of Sixty to One Hundred Years Ago.

FOR THE NEWS BY M. M. HORTON.

Continued from last week.

In 1857, a census of the people, in No. 1 district, between the ages of six and twenty-one years showed the number to be 104, too many for the accommodations afforded by the old Gibson school house and for one teacher to instruct properly, so a determined movement was inaugurated to secure better school facilities. This move encountered strong opposition outside of No. 1 district. However the members of the board of school directors were willing to build a new school house and voted an appropriation of \$187.50 to pay for building one. This sum was too small to pay for what the people of No. 1 district wanted. Some of them insisted that two new school houses be needed, one near the present residence of Mr. A. S. Greenland, the other at Wells Tannery, while others wanted one house of two rooms to be erected near the old Gibson house and on other side of the main road from it. The discussion of the matter waxed warm then warmer until two school houses or one graded one became the subject of conversation in homes, in shops, on the road when people met and even at church on Sunday—outside of course. Wells Valley people never saw such a time before and not since, unless, perhaps, in 1898, when the township supervisors bought a stone crushing machine to be used in preparing stone for use on the public roads. The school directors refused to decide the question at issue and appointed J. K. Clippinger and Wm. Horton, the first in favor of two school houses, the latter and advocate of one graded one, a committee to go together, see every taxpayer ascertain how he stood, and report the result of their investigation to the school board. The committee did their work well and reported a majority of voters as being in favor of one school house of two rooms. This report did not suit a majority of the members of the school board; so they rescinded the action of the board, appropriating \$187.50 to pay for a new school house.

At a meeting of the board of school directors on May 29, 1858 the controversy was ended when Mr. John Wishart appeared before the board and proposed to build a two room school house which would be satisfactory to everybody for the sum of \$112.50, regardless of cost to him. His offer was accepted, and W. A. Gray, Capt. George White and J. M. Patterson were appointed a committee to superintend the construction of the building.

Mr. Wishart more than fulfilled his bargain, because he donated the land on which the building was erected and the ample grounds surrounding it. The building, together with the arrangements for heating and lighting cost him \$800, but this sum, by no means covered its cost because there were large donations of material, labor, etc., by a number of public spirited citizens. The entire cost was more than \$1,000. It occupied the site of the present No. 1 school house.

The building was of heavy plank containing two rooms separated by six large folding doors which, on occasion, could be folded to the sides. Church and Sunday school services were held in it regularly. A fine chandelier of 16 burners suspended from the ceiling and 6 globes containing 24 burners around the walls furnished a brilliant light on occasion of night meetings of any kind. There were three outer

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NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS.

Those Who Have the Management of Affairs in the Lodges of Odd Fellows in This County.

District Deputy Grand Master S. M. Andrews, of Warfordsburg, has completed his tour of installation of officers in the six lodges of Odd Fellows in this county, and reports the condition of the order in his jurisdiction as being very satisfactory. The following shows the officers installed for the current term:

WARFORDSBURG, No. 601.

N. G., David M. Kern; V. G., Emery Booth; Sec., H. K. Markley; Treas., W. B. Ranck; R. S. N. G., S. M. Andrews; L. S. N. G., Wilson Zimmerman; W., Frank Ranck; Con., George W. Fisher; R. S. B. C. Powell; L. S. S., Edward Brakeal; Chap., L. H. Hendershot; I. G., Job T. Bernhart; R. S. V. G., Andrew Bishop; L. S. V. G., James H. Kern; Rep. to G. L., Geo. W. Fisher.

WELLS VALLEY, No. 607.

N. G., Paul Baumgardner; V. G., Joseph Horton; Sec., B. R. Alexander; Treas., Harvey Wishart; R. S. N. G., Charles Earley; L. S. N. G., Samuel Shoop; W., J. C. Horton; C. A. S. Edwards; R. S. S., Roy Barnett; L. S. S., F. E. Cunningham; C. J. A. Wishart; R. S. V. G., J. E. Woodcock; L. S. V. G., Warren Anderson; R., to G. L., Charles Earley.

McCONNELLSBURG, No. 744.

N. G., A. W. Grissinger; V. G., Geo. W. Clouser; Sec., J. B. Runyan; T., C. B. Stevens; R. S. N. G., E. S. Unger; L. S. N. G., R. N. Shimer; W., F. K. Stevens; C., B. Frank Henry; I. G., E. D. Shimer; R. to G. L., E. D. Shimer.

HARRISONVILLE, No. 710.

N. G., Edward Swope; V. G., J. Nelson Daniels; S., V. Loy Hollinshead; T., Hiram Clevenger; R. S. N. G., R. M. Sipes; L. S. N. G., J. J. Mumma; W., George W. Sipes; C., Geo. A. Schooley; R. S. S., L. J. Hockensmith; L. S. S., L. I. Deshong; C., Ephraim R. Mellott; I. G., Bert Haun; R. S. V. G., Elmer Mellott; L. S. V. G., Frank E. Mellott.

FORT LITTLETON, No. 484.

N. G., Hayes Locke; V. G., David Fraker; S., F. C. Bare; T., S. L. Buckler; R. S. N. G., A. L. Wible; L. S. N. G., Robert Cromer; W., D. F. Fraker; C., Chas. Richardson; R. S. S., L. P. Morton; L. S. S., A. S. Jones; C., J. W. Fraker; O. G., D. W. Cromer; I. G., J. B. Fraker; R. to G. L., Robert Lock.

WATERFALL, No. 773.

N. G., A. D. Berkstresser; V. G., S. C. Gracey; S., Frank S. Thomas; T., Jacob S. Black; R. S. N. G., Rossell Stans; L. S. N. G., W. R. Foster; W., R. L. Alloway; C., L. L. Cunningham; R. S. S., Joshua Martin; L. S. S., John Gracey; C., William Alloway; O. G., Frank Benson; I. G., Jacob S. Black; R. S. V. G., L. L. Cunningham; L. S. V. G., H. M. Edwards; R. to G. L., Richard L. Alloway.

Rat Week.

One of McConnellsburg's progressive citizens called at the NEWS office and suggested that the town observe a rat week. That the old "bug" is infested with rats is only too well known to many housekeepers. These same rats are now ready to destroy hundreds of "peepies" as fast as they are hatched out and placed where the rodents can get at them, besides the destruction they do to walls, granaries, cellars, &c. There is very little use for one family to begin a war on them; but when the whole town takes up the matter and spends a week in applying poison, setting traps, clubbing their brains out, or any old way that will put them out of business, we may expect to get rid of them. In order to carry out this suggestion, next week has been named "Rat Week," and it is hoped that from Monday morning until Saturday night, every family in town who are in any way annoyed by rats, will do what they can to get rid of them. In this way, during the time, attention can be given to the protection of dogs, cats, chickens, or anything else that might be injured by getting some of the rat poison.

Had Been in Palestine.

DEAR EDITOR:—Among the many interesting and profitable things we heard at the German Baptist meeting on Pleasant Ridge a few days ago, was the description of his visit to Palestine given by Rev. J. B. Barnhart, of Hagerstown. I wish everybody could have been there to hear them. On Thursday evening he told us about the city of Jerusalem as it is to-day. He gave us the dimensions of its walls—built thirty feet below the surface. He visited the Garden of Gethsamane, the garden of tombs—the place where Jesus was buried. He told of the wonderful fountain at Shilo; of his visit to the river Jordan, to the Dead Sea, to Bethany where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived; to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Mr. Barnhart says that on the spot where the stable stood in which the Saviour was born, there now stands a church in which two congregations worship—one a Greek Catholic, and the other a Latin Catholic. In one end of the church is built a manger to show the exact spot where Jesus was born. The people in that country are very wicked, but they keep everything in perfect condition that has any relation to Christ.

Mr. Barnhart had a number of very interesting relics, one of which was a virgin's lamp. It was a piece of pottery five or six inches in length, oval at the ends. About an inch from one end was a small round hole which held the wick; about an inch and a half from the other end was a larger hole into which they poured the oil. He showed flowers that grew in the Garden of Gethsamane, and leaves from an Olive tree that grew in the same garden—said to be the largest Olive tree in the world. The tree is hollow; but the natives have filled the hollow place with stone to keep the wind from blowing it down.

The land is fertile. Wooden plows are used, and donkeys and camels are there just as in bible times. The women are the burden bearers. Wages very low. Mr. Barnhart said the people were the most starved depressed looking set he ever set eyes on. He saw lepers, and was at the place where the Mohammedans do to await the coming of Christ. But, I cannot tell the half he said. You should have heard him.

Mrs. —

Mothers' Day Next Sunday.

"Mothers' day" will be celebrated all over the land next Sunday by every race and creed.

Mothers' Day was founded by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, its general object being, as she phrased it, "a simultaneous observance throughout the world of the love and gratitude men, women and children owe their mothers." It is believed that this year's observance will be much more extended than that of last year. It should be known that there is no peculiar mark of distinction on the part of those participating in the general observance, beyond the wearing of a white carnation, or in its place a simple white badge. It is also a part of the day to place flowers on the graves of mothers who have gone before. In many of the churches the theme of the sermon will be "Motherhood."

Do You Smoke Cigarettes?

Prof. Rhodes of the Chambersburg High School gave to his class last Friday morning a demonstration that was most convincing. The Professor had captured a water snake near two feet long and had taken it with him to the school room. After having extracted the nicotine from two cigarettes he injected it into the snake and in less than fifteen minutes the snake was dead.

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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.

CHRISTIAN MARTIN.

Christian Martin, one of Ayr township's most highly esteemed citizens died at his home on the farm about two miles south of McConnellsburg about 10:45 o'clock last Sabbath morning (May 7, 1911), aged 75 years, 1 month, and 7 days. His funeral took place on Wednesday, and interment was made in the family burying ground on the old Martin homestead, now owned by Jacob Hyles.

The deceased was a son of the late Peter and Barbara (Hawbecker) Martin, and was born March 31, 1836. In 1862 he was married to Caroline Barkdoll, of Franklin county, and to this union were born three children—John, of Welsh Run, Franklin county; Mary, wife of D. W. Stuff, residing in Batavia, Ill.; and William, Greensburg, Ind. The wife dying in 1869, he was married in 1872 to Miss Lydia Hawbecker, of Clear Spring, Md. To this union, twelve children were born, of whom ten are living, namely, Miss Barbara, a teacher near Tyrone, Pa., during the past winter, but now at home; Samuel R., in business at Gambier, O.; Miss Lydia, a trained nurse, at Darling, Pa.; Amos and Jacob, farmers living in Franklin county; Aaron, farmer, living in Ayr township; David, residing at Dallas Center, Iowa; Paul and Clara, at home; and Silas, a twin brother of Paul, in the U. S. army, stationed at San Francisco.

For several years Mr. Martin had been a sufferer from chronic bronchitis, but the immediate cause of his death was heart failure. We was confined to his bed less than a week before his death.

He was not only Christian in name, but a Christian in character and spirit, and a most exemplary citizen. He was a life long member of the York Branch of the River Brethren, and for many years a faithful minister in that church. The widow and children have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this loss of the husband and father.

THOMAS ELLIOTT FLEMING.

After a protracted illness, the spirit of Thomas Elliott Fleming passed from earth at his home at Clear Ridge, this county, last Friday evening at 11:30 o'clock.

Mr. Fleming was born at the Fleming homestead near Shade Gap, Huntingdon county, Pa., March 25, 1852, and was aged 59 years, 1 month and 10 days. He was a son of James and Matilda (Wilson) Fleming.

After having taken advantage of the opportunities offered in his home public schools during his boyhood, he continued his education at Minwood Academy, and afterward taught school at the Jeffries Public School in Huntingdon county. March 1, 1877, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Campbell, a daughter of Robert George Campbell, who by her sweet, patient, and loving companionship through a period of 34 years, is now left to mourn the loss of a faithful husband. To this union 11 children were born.

All that was mortal of Mr. Fleming was borne tenderly to the cemetery at Clear Ridge on Sabbath last, and appropriate funeral services were held in the M. E. church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Luther McGarvey. He was very fond of music, and during the services, several of his favorite hymns were sung. Besides his widow, he is survived by five sons and three daughters: Robert James and John LeRoy, residing in McConnellsburg; Braddy Sharpe, at Waynesboro; Ira Lloyd and David Dwight at home; Mrs. Theodore Appleby (Adda Louella) Fannettsburg; Lillian Kathryn and Zelpa Gwendolyn, at home. He is also survived by five brothers and four sisters: Robert Morton Fleming, Richvale; Joseph Wilson, Waterloo; James Harper, Sallito; Wm. McGinnis, Neelyton; Dr. J. C. Shirleysburg; and Mrs. J. B. Gray and Mrs. J. S. Appleby, Shirleysburg; and Mrs. Wm. Foreman and Mrs. James Foreman, Conneautsville, Pa.

Another Saturday-night Fire.

Last Saturday night after the town clock had finished striking the hour of twelve, fire was discovered in the large frame stable on the property of Mrs. Emma L. Daniels, widow of the late George B. Daniels, in the north end of town. While one or two men ran for the fire hose, which is housed on Water street east of the City Hotel, others gave their attention to extinguishing the blaze by the old-fashioned bucket method, and by the time the hose reel reached the place, the fire was under control. No one doubts that the fire was of incendiary origin. The "bug" had entered the stable, and started the conflagration in the middle manger, and when first discovered by Joseph B. Doyle, who had just before that returned from Mercersburg, and was on his way to the home of his father, the building was lighted up as brightly as though it contained electric arc lights. Had the discovery been made ten minutes later, the stable could not have been saved. The stable was frame, sided and painted, and had glass windows; hence tight enough that the fire did not have draught to make it spread rapidly. There was no hay, straw or other inflammable stuff in the manger, with the exception of the usual fine stuff that would likely accumulate, where live stock is not kept. The damage was principally confined to the loss of the mangers, upon which there was insurance.

A man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, sound judgment, and years of experience, his advice was much sought by his friends. He had served his township with numerous official positions and always with satisfaction to his constituents. He was the only justice of the peace in his township during the past ten years. In politics, he was an ardent Democrat, and his presence and voice will be missed in the local councils of his party. He worked at blacksmithing, and general repair work until about five years ago, when, on account of failing health, he closed the shop and gave his time to overlooking his farm.

During the past two years, he had been a great sufferer, and while everything within the province of medical skill, the loving attention and thoughtful care of wife and children was bestowed, his disease proved beyond control; and when the end came, he passed peacefully away to that rest that awaits the true believer in Christ. While strong in the Presbyterian faith and practice, he, during the last twenty years held his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church on account of there not being a Presbyterian church convenient to his home. He was a member of Clear Ridge Grange, No. 1366 since its organization, and had held every office in it.

One who was there. SALTY SENTENCE.

What It Costs To Sell Liquor in Michigan County.

Lewistown, May 5.—During the present session of the court of quarter sessions in this city. William Kohler pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and \$500 fine and the costs. This will keep him confined for more than a year. The case of Buffalo Bill Reager, who pleaded guilty of the same offense at the January term which has been postponed, was to day taken up. Reager was sent to jail on a similar sentence.

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EDNA FERREBERG KILLED.

Train Struck Automobile in Which She Was Riding Last Friday at Her Home in Ohio.

Mrs. Edna (Ferrenberg) Miller, was killed in Ohio last Friday while riding in an automobile. The details in our possession connected with the terrible accident, are confined to a telegram received last Friday evening by Edna's uncle, Councilman Thomas Hammil of this place, stating the bare fact that Edna had been killed that day by a train running into her automobile.

Mrs. Miller had just returned from California, where she had been attending the funeral of her daughter Milhe's husband, and the tidings of her death is a great shock to her many friends here, for she was a resident of McConnellsburg during her girlhood. We may be able to tell more about the accident next week.

They Had A Good Time.

A pleasing social event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brant in Taylor township last Wednesday evening. In the home Mr. and Mrs. Brant, which is one of those large, old-fashioned, colonial farm houses, is a large room which Mrs. Brant cleared of all incumbrances in the way of furniture, gathered up the young folks of the neighborhood, and on Wednesday evening turned them loose in the big room, and—did they have fun? Well, I reckon. They played all the innocent games that have ever been invented since the days of Adam, the girls all talked at once, and the boys tried to determine just how many conversations they could give respectful attention to at once. The star performance of the evening, however, was an old-fashioned bear dance by two nimble-footed young men which was so funny that the girls all laughed till they cried. At ten o'clock a recess was taken long enough for the hostess to serve an abundance of ice cream and cake; and then, there were more games. At a late hour in the evening, the young people thanked the genial hostess for the delightful time she had afforded them, and they returned to their respective homes. Those present were Raymond and Russell Gracey, James Cutchall, Joseph Shaw; Roy, Samuel, Rolla, Jesse and Ralph Laidig; Ira Lake; Dallas and Edwin Brant; Edgar Berkstresser, Russell Deaver; Rowland Mellott; Howard Kirk, Harvey Clevenger, S. H. Edwards, Alice and Jessie Cutchall, Gladys Gracey, Nannie Landers; Sara, Clara, Kathryn, Lillian and Claire Laidig; Ruth Lyon, Goldie Reeder, Margaret Kirk, Marjorie Clevenger, Mary Day Foreman, Myrtle Edwards, Elsie Bumgardner, Edna Chilcote, Frank Davis and wife; Joseph Edwards and wife; H. C. Brant wife and son Merrill.

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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

Jacob Clouser and wife, of Big Cove Tannery, spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. Mary Strat and son Hixson, of Licking Creek township, were in town shopping last Saturday.

Miss Anna Haun and her sister Miss Marion, of Saluvia, and Mr. John Hampton, were in town last Thursday.

Mr. Allison Sipes, of Taylor township, brought his daughter Ethel to town Monday morning to attend the McConnellsburg Normal School.

Aaron Knepper, one of Taylor township's substantial farmers, was in town attending to business last Friday, and was a welcome caller at the NEWS office.

C. M. Brant, of West Dublin brought his son Dallas to town Monday to attend the Summer Normal here. Dallas attended the school here last summer.

Jesse B. Snyder, of Thompson township, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg Monday, and called at the NEWS office for a friendly talk with the editor.

Emory Booth, of Altoona, spent a few days in McConnellsburg and vicinity during the past week. Mr. Booth comes over once in a while to "look after his farm."

Leslie McGovern, formerly of the Cove, but now a resident of Chambersburg, spent a few hours in town last Saturday on business. Leslie likes his new home very much.

Clayton Deshong, wife and daughter Lola, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Thursday. Mrs. Deshong and Lola were interested callers at the NEWS office.

Miss Mary Wilkinson, who had been employed in a large millinery establishment in Philadelphia is home with her parents, A. B. Wilkinson, and expects to remain at home until August.

Aley Cutchall, wife and two children Edna and Allen, of Sealea Huntingdon county, spent the time from last Friday until Sunday in the home of Mrs. Cutchall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fix.

Miss Barbara Martin, who has been teaching near Tyrone during the past winter, came home last week on account of the serious illness of her father Christian Martin of the Cove. Her father died Sunday.

Mr. Walter Reid Sloan, the efficient operator in the Western Union telegraph office in this place, spent the time from Friday until Tuesday in the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Clarence N. Trout at Red Lion, Pa.

Mr. R. Holmes Thompson, one of the clerks in the Tyrone post-office, came to McConnellsburg last Friday on account of the illness of his mother Mrs. M. A. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson's health does not seem to be improving.

Isaac B. Layton and wife, of Pleasant Ridge, came to town Monday. They have not been in very good health for some time, and came in to get some medicine from Dr. Robinson. We hope when the weather becomes settled that both will feel better.

Mr. Daniel Teeter, of Greencastle, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gress of Todd township, a few days during the past week. Eight years ago, Mr. Teeter passed through McConnellsburg on his way to Lanark, Ill., which trip he made on a bicycle, although at that time fifty-eight years of age.

Many children and a few grown-ups in Chambersburg are suffering from pink eye.