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ANOTHER FIRE.

The Fulton House Garage Burned Last Friday Night. Surrounding Property Escaped.

ALL AUTOMOBILES WERE SAVED.

The garage on the rear of the lot on which the Fulton House, or Rexroth hotel property stands, was destroyed by fire last Friday night.

The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock, and on account of its having been a warm summer evening, many persons had not yet retired. In a few minutes after the first alarm had been given a dozen or more men were there, the doors were battered in, and the automobiles backed out and taken away to places of safety. By this time, the fire hose was attached and effective work done. In less than an hour the fire was under control.

The garage was a two story frame building 20x35 feet, and originally built for a hotel stable. On account of there being another stable on the premises, and because of the increased automobile travel, the stalls were removed and the building fitted up as a garage. In one corner on the ground floor, a small box stall was reserved, in which a cow was kept at night. A door opened from the alley into the cow stable; and, also, there was a door between the cow stable and the part used as a garage. There was also a small opening in the cow stable through which the manure was thrown into the stable yard. It was through this opening that the incendiary crawled to gain entrance to the building. When he got into the cow stable, he opened the door and turned the cow into the garage among the automobiles. He then started the fire, and left the place through the outside door, leaving it stand open. The fire soon communicated with the second story which contained hay, and the whole upper part of the building was ablaze.

The garage contained three automobiles—all belonging to transient guests. One was a big Packard in which were touring a party composed of J. H. Seibert, son James and daughter Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Seibert—all of Somerset, Pa. J. H. Seibert is a lumber man, and D. W., is the County Superintendent of schools of Somerset county.

The second machine was a Cadillac Thirty, in which were traveling a Johnstown party composed of C. H. Bracken and wife, Miss Louise Bracken, and C. A. Byers and wife. These people were just returning from a delightful outing of ten days in which they had visited Pittsburg, Erie, Buffalo, New York, and Philadelphia. The third machine was a Warren Detroit, and was occupied by Dr. W. A. Marsh and family, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., these people were going east, and had just finished the first day of their outing. The total value of the three cars was in the neighborhood of \$8,000.00. While the machines were all insured, the owners considered themselves very fortunate that they did not have to collect the insurance and take chances of completing their journey afoot.

Fortunately, the night was calm, and the building was covered with a steel roof, otherwise, there would be a different story to tell; for, just across the alley to the north are the Hohman stables and slaughter shop, to the east are the J. W. Gresham stable and O. L. Gresham's automobile repair shop; a few feet to the west is the large hotel stable, and less than 100 feet to the south is the large hotel building. Had the fire not been arrested just when it was the conflagration would have been the most disastrous in the history of

OFFICIAL REPORT.

School Represented at the County Convention, Names of Delegates, and Contributions to Work.

Ayr.—Cito Union \$2.00, Olive Mellott, Annie Heinbaugh; Associate Presbyterian \$2.00, Ruth Kendall, Mary J. Johnston; Big Cove Tannery \$2.00, Rev. C. E. Hays; Rock Hill Union \$2.00; A. K. Nesbit, W. A. Johnston.

Belfast.—Needmore Union \$1.00, Mrs. J. J. Palmer; Pleasant Grove Christian \$1.00, Carcha Truax, Jennie Truax; Ebenezer M. E. \$1.00, Goldie Deshong, Violet Mellott.

Bethel.—Bedford Chapel \$1.00, T. K. Downes.

Brush Creek.—Akersville M. E. \$1.00, M. Barkman, M. M. Barton; McKendree M. E., Ada Barton.

Dublin.—Burnt Cabins M. E. \$1.00, H. H. Hertzler; Fort Littleton M. E. \$2.00, Mrs. Baldwin Fraker, Mrs. Cromer.

Licking Creek.—Green Hill Presbyterian \$2.00, Rebecca Daniels, Mrs. Berte Hann; Asbury M. E. \$1.00, Edgar Hann, John Mumma; Siding Hill Christian \$2.00, Milton Mellott, Mrs. U. S. Deshong; Siloam M. E. \$1.50, Myrtle Sipes, Thurman Strait.

McConnellsburg.—Lutheran \$2, Elizabeth Harris; Presbyterian \$2.00, Mrs. John M. Diehl; Methodist \$2.00, Blanche Morton; Reformed \$2.00, Laura Henry, Lillian Grissinger; United Presbyterian, Myrtle Stoutegale.

Taylor.—Center M. E. \$1.00; Dublin Mills \$1.00, Erra Clevenger, Lester Locke; Fairview M. E. \$2.00, Iram Clevenger, Edwin Brant; Hustontown M. E. \$2.00, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strait; Mt. Taber U. B. \$2.00, Gladys Gracey.

Thompson.—Damascus Christian \$1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Daniels; Rehobeth M. E. \$2.00, Mrs. Belle Shives.

Todd.—Knobsville M. E. \$2.00, Nina Kelso, Sallie Hoop.

Wells.—Pine Grove M. E. \$2.00, Grant Hann; Wells Tannery Presbyterian \$2.00, S. P. Wishart, William Sprow; Enid U. B. \$1.00.

Where delegates, or contribution, in the above schools are omitted, it indicates no delegates, or no contribution. No reports from other schools in county.

Individual contributions:—W. A. Johnston, M. M. Barton, S. P. Wishart, A. K. Nesbit, E. E. Mellott, R. R. Hann, Jacob Strait, Miss Mary J. Johnston, E. H. Kirk, Mrs. D. D. Deshong, E. H. Fohner, Miss Margaret Daniels, Mrs. Amanda Inler, Geo. W. Fisher, \$1.00 each. Miss Ruth Kendall \$0 cents.

J. M. DIEHL, Sec'y.

Nice Social.

Plum Run.—A very nice social was given the young folks of this place by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth. The evening was spent in playing games suitable to the occasion, also, some splendid organ and graphophone music helped to make the evening a very pleasant one. After all the merriment imaginable, refreshments, consisting of cake, lemonade, etc., were served in abundance. Those present were: Olive Ashmore, Ethel Truax, Mrs. Truax, of Illinois; Florence James, Mattie and Laura Winters, Mary Yonker, Bessie and Rhoda Weller, Anna Hielt, Amy Zimmerman, Nellie Hess, Ray Weller, Wilson and Ernest Zimmerman, Ora and Ira Douglas, Thompson James Frank McDonald, Iley Hielt, Emery and Erby Booth.

Issue 35,000 Auto Tags.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

Enthusiastic Convention Held at Akersville Last Friday Evening and Saturday Morning and Afternoon.

A Brush Creek District Sunday school convention was held at Akersville last Friday afternoon and Saturday. The address of welcome was made by Lewis A. Duvall, and the response given by James Garland.

S. E. Walters, W. H. Williams, and M. M. Barton were appointed to report nominations for an Executive Board to serve during the ensuing year. After due consideration, the following persons were reported to the Convention and unanimously elected: President, Amos W. Duvall; Vice President, Frank P. Plessinger; Secretary, James Garland, and Treasurer, M. E. Barton.

It was decided to hold two conventions during the coming year. The McKendree Church was selected as the place for the next convention, but the time will be fixed later.

Those who took active part in the discussions were M. E. Barton, Amos Duvall, Lewis A. Duvall, M. M. Barton, H. M. Barton, S. E. Walters, F. P. Plessinger, John N. Hixson, Wm. Duvall, Mrs. Alice Akers, and Mrs. Haslet Walters.

Well rendered recitations were given by Lizzie Hixson, Lula Schenck, and Ralph Duvall.

The convention was full of enthusiasm from start to finish, and shows that the workers of that district are thoroughly interested in the great work.

Were at Antietam.

On Monday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garland and two children, Helen and James, went down to Maryland to visit Moses Hill and family. Mr. Hill lives near the Potomac a short distance from the town of Sharpsburg, where the great battle of Antietam was fought on the 17th of September, 1862. Tuesday morning, Mr. Hill and wife accompanied their guests over the battlefield. They saw the old Dunkard Church that stood in the thickest of the fight, and that was used as a hospital for the wounded soldiers. Back of the church stand two old rusty cannons, said to be the last guns from which shots were fired during that memorable engagement. The Government has constructed macadam roads so that one may travel all over the battlefield, which covers several square miles of territory. Beautiful monuments standing here and there show where the important events in the day's struggle took place.

A tower 99 feet in height, stands in Bloody Lane, from the top of which, a splendid view may be had of the entire field.

The Memorial Day exercises began at 12:30. Uncle Joe Cannon, of Illinois, and Hon. Thomas H. Carter, of Montana, were to have been the speakers. They were not there, and Geo. A. Davis and Chas. D. Wagaman, prominent members of the Hagerstown Bar, and Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, were the orators.

When it is considered that Antietam is but 41 miles distant from McConnellsburg, an easy day's drive on splendid roads—there is no reason why most Fulton County people should not visit the great battlefield. It's wonderful!

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The total number issued last year was 33,346. It is expected to go almost to 40,000 this year.

A NONOGENARIAN GONE.

Thirteen Children—All Living; Seventy-Three Grand-Children, and Twenty-Four Great-Grand-Children.

WAS AGED 90 YEARS AND 2 DAYS.

David S. Mellott, one of Licking Creek township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Fernando Decker about 5:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, June 1, 1911, aged 90 years, and 2 days. His funeral took place on Saturday and interment was made in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church.

The deceased was a son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth (Hess) Mellott, and he was born May 30, 1821, in Belfast township, this county, and spent his entire life in Belfast and Licking Creek townships.

In 1853 he was married to Margaret Sipes, who preceded him to the grave about five years ago. To this union were born thirteen children all of whom survive, namely, Martha, wife of James McDonald, Jennie wife of Reuben Deshong; Tena wife of Chas. Wink and Henry I.—all of Deshler, O.; Ella, wife of T. J. Rohm, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of David Denisar, Cameron, Ill.; Leonard C., Packwood, Ia.; Irvim W., Richland, Iowa; Mary, widow of the late William Strait; Frances wife of Philip Strait; Nancy wife of Fernando Decker; George S. and John A.—all residing in Licking Creek township. He also leaves seventy-three grand children, twenty-four great grand children, and one sister Miss Zulah Mellott, of Foltz, Pa.

For many years Mr. Mellott was a member of the Siding Hill Baptist Church and a sincere and earnest christian.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastors Elds. Ahimaz Mellott and C. L. Funk. Eld. Funk preached from the text found in Job 14:14, 15. During the services several of his favorite hymns were sung.

MRS. REBECCA WILSON.

After having suffered a stroke of paralysis on Decoration Day, and another on the second day of June, Mrs. Rebecca Wilson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Lamberson near Hustontown, last Saturday, at the advanced age of 83 years, 9 months, and 27 days. The funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. W. McGarvey of the M. E. church, took place Monday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown.

During the last fifteen years, Grandmother Wilson as she was affectionately called by every one, had her home with her daughter Mrs. Lamberson, and during that time she has been totally blind. While unable to see the things of this world, she seemed to have a clear vision of her Heavenly home, and loved to talk and sing of the "Home Over There."

The high esteem in which she was held by friends in the community was evidenced in the profusion of flowers brought to the church—the casket being practically embedded in flowers. Mrs. Wilson had been a devoted member of the church for more than three score years, and she was faithful unto death.

JOSEPH SHIVES.

Joseph Shives a well known farmer of the southern part of Thompson township, died in a hospital at Martinsburg, W. Va., on Tuesday of last week, aged about forty years.

Mr. Shives was a robust man, weighing about two hundred pounds. Sunday evening the 21st of May, he complained of not feeling well, and rapidly grew worse. A physician was called who diagnosed the case appendicitis, and recommended that Mr. Shives go to a hospital for treatment. On Tuesday following, one week before his death, he went to the hospital at

About School Boards.

The following brief notes concerning the School Code which was recently passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor are of immediate importance:

All present school boards, except in independent districts, will continue in office until the first Monday in December. Full boards will be elected at the election in November, and take their places on the first Monday in December.

Present school boards can elect teachers who will serve through the ensuing school year.

Text books and school supplies will until January 1st, be selected and adopted under the old laws.

The present fiscal year will be extended by one month, and will expire on the first Monday in July next. The auditing of these accounts cannot be done until after the first Monday in July.

Present school boards will levy next year's school taxes, and can and should do it at once.

Present independent school districts will be abolished after July 1, 1911, but the courts may, upon petition, reconstitute them at any time after that time.

Miss Mary Jane Johnston is visiting friends at New Wilmington, Pa., and attending Westminster College Commencement.

Martinsburg, submitted to an operation, with the result already mentioned. The funeral took place from his home, and interment was made in the Shives burying ground, on the old Peter Shives farm. Joseph is survived by his wife Alice a daughter of Jacob D. Shives, and by three sons and one daughter, namely, Ellwood, Ernest, Theodore, and Viola.

GEORGE CLINTON MELIUS.

George Clinton Melius, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of Taylor township's best known citizens, died at his home near Hustontown, last Friday afternoon, aged 75 years, 3 months, and 23 days. The funeral services took place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Fairview M. E. church.

Mr. Melius was born in Frank county, Pa., February 10, 1836, and on the 24th day of November, 1859, he was married to Miss Mary A. Barnett, who survives him. To this union were born 14 children, 8 of whom survive, namely, Daniel A., Ridgway, Pa.; Frances D., Livingston, Indiana, Pa.; Charles C., Bedford county, Pa.; John W., Little Orleans, Md.; Philip B., near Hustontown; James A., Canton, Ill.; Joseph H., at home, and Lewis E., Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Melius saw hard and active service in the Civil War, he having been a member of Co. E., 49th Regiment, Pa. Vols., and was tenderly borne to his last resting place by comrades.

"Clint," as he was familiarly known to his friends, was a great big, good hearted, man ever ready to oblige a neighbor, even though at a sacrifice to himself.

RACHEL HESS McCORD.

From a private letter from E. C. Peck, of Kingman, Kan., we learn of the death of Rachel Hess McCord at her home in Newton, Kansas, on Friday, May 5th. Rachel was a daughter of Stillwell and Asenath Hart Hess, who many years ago, owned and lived on the property now owned by the heirs of the late W. H. Pittman, of Thompson township, and known as the Hesses Mill property. Stillwell Hess died February 15, 1874; his wife died August 2, 1878. The children were John (better known as Jack), Abner, Frank, William, Sally, Rhoda Mary, Amanda, and Rachel. With the death of Rachel, the last member of the family has passed away, with the possible exception of Mary.

BETHEL'S STATE HIGHWAY.

Written For The Fulton County News by Thomas K. Downes of Belfast Township.

For several years the citizens of Bethel township had been awake to the fact that no one thing aside from the public schools in which their children should receive an education, was of greater importance to them, than the improvement of their public highways. Good roads would cheapen the cost of marketing their produce, would add to the value of their farms, would add to their comfort in travel, and would show to the outside world that Bethel township possessed a class of citizens that were progressive; and, that in turn, would attract other progressive men who might be looking for a community in which to locate; for no progressive man will buy a farm and settle down in a community composed of hide bound mossbacks—not if he knows it.

Well, when the Commissioners of Washington county Maryland showed their public spirit in the making of a State Highway from Hancock to the Bethel township line, the Bethel township people said, "Why should not the road be extended through our township?" and application was made to the County Commissioners of Fulton County for the County's share of the expense; but to the everlasting shame of those officers, they refused. Not to be defeated in their purpose to have better roads, an election was held and a majority of the voters of the district said, "We will build the road independently of the help of the County. And they have done it.

The road which is now about completed from the Maryland line through the village of Warfordsburg and extending to Stigers' mill, is a monument that will perpetuate the memory of the faithful men through whose efforts the road was made possible, long after the small calibred commissioners shall have been forgotten. The work on the construction of this road was begun in the summer of 1909, the contract having been given to Samuel Stouffer, of Sharpsburg, Md. A force of eighty-five men were employed to start with, and from thirty-five to eighty-five men were employed much of the time until its completion. The foreman of construction was John Jamison, and the section boss, T. A. Crampton. These men were practical road builders of twenty-five years experience. The cost of the construction has been about \$9,000 a mile. The stone used, cost from 15 to 25 cents a perch. Eighteen to twenty-two horses and one engine were used to do the hauling. The Inspector was Harry Halfpenny, of Harrisburg.

The law under which this road was built provides that the State pay three-fourths of the expense, the County, one-eighth, and the Township, one-eighth. On account of the County refusing to pay its share, Bethel township pays its own share and the County's share, or one-fourth of the expense, notwithstanding the fact that Union, Brush Creek, Belfast, Licking Creek, and other townships find it very convenient to use it. They are welcome to use it, for it was not their fault that they did not help to pay for it.

The board of Supervisors of Bethel township in office at the time application was made for State and County aid, and through whose efforts much of the success of the enterprise is due, was composed of W. B. Stigers, president; Frank Ranck, secretary, and P. Howard Kirk treasurer.

The road is a delightful drive-way. It is a constant surprise to the farmers to find what immense loads they can haul over it with so little effort. Even those

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

John H. Brewer of Thompson was here on Saturday.

Ex-County Surveyor Jonas Lake was in town on Monday.

Geo. J. Mellott, of Big Cove Tannery, spent Thursday last in town.

J. E. Lanehart, of Needmore, was in town on business on Saturday.

W. R. Fields, of Clear Ridge, was at the County seat on Saturday last.

George Wilds of Fort Littleton was a business visitor to town on Saturday.

Grover C. Fields, of Clear Ridge, visited the County Capital on Saturday.

E. Mowery Gelvin, of Fort Littleton, was a business visitor on Thursday last, to our town.

Ex-County Commissioner Geo. Seigle, of Buck Valley, was greeting his many friends in town on Saturday.

Harry Clouser of Chambersburg spent from Saturday until Monday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clouser in this place.

Clarence Shimer, who has been in Altoona for some time, is spending a few weeks at the home of his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Shimer in this place.

Mrs. Dr. J. L. Myres, for some years a missionary under the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan, Alaska, spent several days last week visiting in the home of her uncle, Rev. J. L. Grove of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kline, of Licking Creek township, were in town last Saturday morning. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Kline have been in very good health lately, and they were in town consulting a physician and getting some medicine.

Miss Harriet Sloan of this place is on a visit to her uncle William Alexander's family in Everett. We hope "Toney" will have a pleasant visit as she no doubt will. While in Everett she will attend the High school commencement.

Mr. Oliver Hill, Treasurer of the Fulton County Mutual Fire Insurance company, was in town last Friday. His daughter Miss Carrie who is a student in the Summer Normal school accompanied her father home and remained there over Sunday.

Miss Mamie Holke spent the time during the past week in visiting her brother Will and family at their new home in Montgomery county. Mamie is very much pleased with her trip, and thinks her brother has made no mistake in buying a farm in that section of the State.

Rev. Horace N. Sipes, a member of the Pittsburg Conference of the M. E. church, and stationed at Blairsville, Pa., spent a few days in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes during the past week. Horace occupied Rev. Mr. Royer's pulpit in the M. E. church, in this place last Sunday evening, and gave the large congregation present a very able sermon on the life and character of the Apostle Paul.

who did not see their way clear to favor it at the time it was proposed are now enthusiastic in its praise, and would not give it up and go back to the old mud road, if it were to cost twice as much.

The beautiful little village of Warfordsburg is to be congratulated upon its being located upon this fine road, and more than ever, it becomes a desirable place to locate either for business or for residential purposes.