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DEATH'S HARVEST.

Grim Reaper Busy Gathering Golden Sheaves of Fully Ripened Grain From His Field.

DAVID HAUMAN ALMOST NINETY.

Mrs. MARGARET A. THOMPSON.

Mrs. Margaret Anna Thompson, widow of the late Theodore J. Thompson, died at her home in this place Sunday afternoon, June 18, 1911, aged 70 years, 8 months, and 27 days. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. John V. Royer of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Thompson was the eldest daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth Hohman, and was born in McConnellsburg on the 22nd of September, 1840. On the 22nd of June, 1864, she was united in marriage with Theodore James Thompson at the home of her parents by the Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, of the Reformed church. With the exception of a short time spent at Waterfall, this county, and a few years in Bedford, she spent most of her life of three score years and ten in the town of her nativity.

Her husband died eight years ago on the 29th of last March, and a coincidence worthy of note is, that she and her husband both died on the Sabbath day at practically the same hour—1 o'clock p. m.

While reared in the Reformed church, she spent most of her church life a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a faithful and exemplary member.

She is survived by four children, namely, Hon. Harry A. Thompson, editor of the *Tyrone Times*, Tyrone, Pa.; Miss Minna, at home; Ira D., with the State Health Department, Philadelphia, and Roy Holmes, general delivery clerk in the Tyrone postoffice.

JAMES STEACH.

At the ripe age of 81 years, 1 month, and 7 days, James Steach, one among McConnellsburg's oldest citizens, passed to his final reward at 11:45 o'clock, Tuesday forenoon, June 19, 1911, after an illness of nearly six months.

Mr. Steach was born in Franklin county, but came to this county when quite a young man, and spent the remainder of his life here. On the 6th day of February, 1855, he was married to Miss Sarah E. Wright, by the Rev. Stewart. Mrs. Steach died December 12, 1898.

James Steach was a veteran of the Civil War, he having served in Company H, 97th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out on the 20th of August, 1865.

For many years he was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and his remains were laid to rest in the graveyard of the Reformed Church in McConnellsburg.

He is survived by five children, four grand children, and 3 great-grand children. The children are Margaret Rebecca, wife of George Bishop, Thompson township; John W., Altoona, Pa.; Sammel, Everett, Pa.; Charles and George, McConnellsburg, Pa. The child, Annie, is dead.

EMMA RACHAEL MELLOTT.

Miss Emma Rachael Mellogg, daughter of Mrs. Harriet Mellogg, died at the home of her mother in The Corner, Ayr township, Thursday evening, June 15, 1911, aged 37 years, 10 months and 18 days, after a lingering illness of about four years. She possessed an estimable young lady with a host of loving friends and relatives who mourn her death. Miss Mellogg had been an active young woman in household and church duties until the peculiar disease possessed her about four years ago and gradually sapped away her vigor. She had been a member of the Big Cove Tannery

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AN ABOMINABLE NUISANCE.

Is the Common Housefly. Dr. Dixon Gives Some Helpful Suggestions.

The pesky house fly which is known to be responsible for so much diseasebreeding in addition to being an abominable nuisance, is the subject of a timely bulletin from the State Health Department. Dr. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, makes some helpful suggestions on how to get rid of the pest.

"Flies breed in the crevices of warm or moist horse manure, in decayed vegetables, decayed meats, cow dung, fowls, human excrement ashes contaminated with decayed vegetable or animal matter, in rags soiled by such materials and in the crevices of decayed wood. The vast majority of them, however, breed in horse manure.

"Horse manure bears nearly the same relation to the house fly that stagnant water does to the mosquito. If the fly were prevented from ovipositing in manure and similar substances this pest would be to a great extent a thing of the past. To accomplish this, no filth or decaying matter of any kind should be allowed to accumulate. Alleys should be kept clean and free from all such materials. Stable should have hard and smooth floors and be kept clean so that there is no place for manure to accumulate. The latter should be either removed and utilized at frequent intervals (twice each week) or stored in fly-proof bins or screened apartments. A good plan is to run it tightly into barrels that can be covered in such a way as to prevent access or egress by flies. In towns and villages a good plan is to have the manure collected twice each week as is done with garbage and ashes. When used in the open as a fertilizer it soon dries and disintegrates, ceasing to be a breeding place for flies.

"No privies or toilets accessible to flies should be permitted. Fresh unslaked lime or, if that be not obtainable, kerosene should be sprinkled freely in the privy vaults.

"All garbage, kitchen slops and waste should be kept carefully and tightly covered until removed and destroyed. "Caspids filled with sawdust or sand, are unsanitary. They should be cleaned every day. "Flies should never be allowed to settle on food of any kind. Various kind of food stuffs exposed for sale on the street are potent sources of danger since they are liable to be contaminated by flies which have walked or fed sputum expectorated on the sidewalk.

"Various methods have been devised for the destruction of flies, such as paper and wire traps, poison papers and various powders and solutions. "A piece of gauze eight inches long and five inches wide, tacked to a wooden handle fourteen inches long, makes an effective beater for striking and killing the fly.

"A solution made by adding two teaspoonfuls of formaldehyde to a pint of water sweetened with sugar and placed in saucers throughout the house will destroy many flies.

"The house fly problem at the present time demands the awakening of the people to the exigencies of the case and to the necessity of the adoption of vigorous preventive measures. The expense incurred to prevent disease from these sources would be vastly more than justified by the results obtained."

Prof. Ernest M. Gress and daughters LaRue and Margaret are spending a few weeks among their Fulton relatives and friends. Prof. Gress has been principal of the high school at Edgewood Park, Pittsburg during the last two years, and has been re-elected for another year.

QUICK RETRIBUTION.

Fred Clugston Wrote Threatening Letters Demanding Money and Was Apprehended.

SENT TO STATE REFORMATORY.

In court on Thursday morning of last week, swift justice was meted out to Fred Clugston when Judge Swope sentenced him to a term of not less than thirteen months in the State Reformatory at Huntingdon, Pa., and within an hour from the time he received his sentence, Clugston, in charge of Sheriff Harris, was on his way to prison. The story of the circumstances which led to Fred's entanglement in the meshes of the law is as follows:

Fred was born in Washington, D. C., where his mother now resides. His father is a boatman on the C. & O. canal. Fred is now 18 years of age. During the past four or five years Fred has been employed during the summer season on the farm of John F. Kendall, in Ayr township. Since last March he has been a farmhand in the employ of Morrow M. Kendall two miles south of McConnellsburg. Both his employers say that Fred was an excellent hand, and a nice young fellow to have about.

Fred thought it would be nice to have a horse and buggy. There is nothing wrong in having a horse and buggy, if a young man has the money first; but to get the horse and buggy first, and then try to get the money to pay for the outfit afterwards, may mean disappointment, worry, not to say more serious trouble. The sum seemed so much larger after it became a debt, than it did when his head was filled with visions of the good times he would have driving a nice team, and the savings from his monthly earnings did was not diminish the amount owed very rapidly.

Then he began to plan for a quicker way to raise the money. But here is where he "fell down."

On Sunday evening, June 11th, a member of John F. Kendall's family found a note at Mr. Kendall's barn. Fearing that it might cause their father to have a sleepless night, Mr. Kendall's daughters decided not to give him the note until Monday morning. The note read:

Dear Sir.—I wish to let you know that I wish a Hundred Dollars From you and to be paid over till tomorrow night if it is not why you will be sorry for it as your barn shall burn and make your house I will wait till the harvest is in before I burn your barn so you see I mean business so put the money in that letter box out at the end of the lane on big road do not fail or it will be your loss not mine if you say one word to any one about this you shall rue it and I will keep spys on you, if you try to trick me or woch me look out.

Yours Silly Sim. P. S. Have it there till to-morrow night and this letter with it.

This letter was given to Mr. Kendall Monday morning, and of course, disturbed him. The handwriting was recognized as Fred's.

After consulting with a few of his neighbors, it was decided to place a decoy letter in the mail box Monday evening and await results. When evening came, the letter was placed in the box.

It happened that on that same evening Fred had business at Webster Mills and drove down to that place, of course, passing the letter box. On account of the light of the moon he was able to see the letter in the box as he drove by; but for some reason, he did not stop at the box on his way down nor on his return. No one else came to claim the letter.

At Morrow Kendall's on Wednesday morning, Fred was the first to go to the barn. When Morrow reached the barn shortly afterward, his attention was called by Fred to a note sticking in the stable door. Morrow got the

note. It was written on an old envelope on both sides and not very plain. After trying to read it, Morrow got Fred to help decipher it.

The note read: June 13th. Mr. M. Kendall I hereby give you warning to place one hundred and fifty dollars in the hole by the gate by to-morrow night or your house and barn shall both shall be burnt and a lot of other harm done now do not fail. Silver Sims.

Morrow knew of the letter his uncle John had received, and knew that Fred had been suspected as the author of the letter; but when he realized that he, himself, was "up against it," it made him take a long breath. He felt pretty sure of his man, but he realized the importance of not making any mistakes.

"The hole by the gate—the hole by the gate?"—queried Morrow, thoughtfully to Fred; "there are two gates—the big one, and the little one, and both have holes by them. I wonder which one is meant?"

After careful deliberation, Fred expressed his opinion that the money would be found if placed in the hole by the big gate, and it was decided to put it in the hole by the big gate.

Morrow said to Fred that he did not have a hundred and fifty dollars about the house; that the sum asked was rather extravagant, and wondered whether the writer of the letter would be satisfied with a less sum—say a hundred dollars.

Fred replied that a man who would be bad enough to make a demand like that would be bad enough to do worse; and then added—"a hundred dollars might do."

"Well," said Morrow, "I think with your assistance we can get the man. We will put the money in the hole by the big gate, and then you and I will lay for him."

"That looks good," said Fred, "but I have to go to town in the evening where I expect to get some money, and when I return, we will watch for him."

After Fred had gone out to the field after breakfast to plough corn Morrow got busy with a few of his near neighbors, and plans were laid.

About five o'clock Wednesday evening, a few of Morrow's neighbors came, and a short time before Fred came in from work, the neighbors were secreted in the barn, where they remained until after Fred had his supper and started to town.

Fred did not return until about ten o'clock. Before his return the envelope containing the money was placed in the hole by the big gate, the neighbors distributed in nearby seclusion, and developments awaited.

At length Fred came, put his horse in the stable, went to the post by the gate, took the envelope containing the money, put it in his pocket, and—

But just at that moment those in waiting sprang forward, and commanded him to "hold up his hands," went through his clothes, found the goods on his person, and took him to McConnellsburg. Information was made before Justice-of-the-peace Conrad, he was formally arrested by Sheriff Harris, and in default of bail, was committed to the County jail.

The sessions of the June term of court had been formally adjourned Wednesday afternoon to reconvene in October. But, it happened that President Judge Swope had not left town, and upon being made acquainted with the circumstances ordered court to be called at nine o'clock Thursday morning, at which time he revoked the order of adjournment made the afternoon before and the Crier declared the court open for business.

Sheriff Harris brought the prisoner before the Court, District Attorney read the indictment, and the prisoner was ordered to stand.

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BRIDES AND ROSES.

Popular Young People Who Have Launched Their Matrimonial Boat Under Auspicious Circumstances.

THE "NEWS" EXTENDS GREETINGS.

LODGE—KIRK.

One of the most happy social events of the season took place last Thursday at two o'clock p. m., at the home of Mr. Howard P. Kirk, near Warfordsburg, this county, when his daughter, Miss Katherine K. became the bride of Mr. Geo. W. Lodge, a prominent young man of Brush Creek Valley.

The ceremony that made the happy couple husband and wife was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Dr. Webster of the Presbyterian church, Hancock, Md., in the presence of a number of invited guests. The decorations of the parlor, the color scheme of which was pink and white, were beautiful. The wedding march, Lohengrin, was rendered by Miss Fern Crist, of Warfordsburg, in a most pleasing manner. The attendants were Miss Nelle Morton, maid-of-honor; Misses Grace Lodge and Mabelle Kirk, brides-maids; Miss Birdie Kirk, mistress of ceremony, and Messrs. J. E. Palmer and C. M. Lodge, ushers.

The ushers led the bridal party on entering the parlor, followed by the mistress of ceremony, brides-maids, and maid of honor, and lastly came the bride leaning on the arm of her father—thus completing a picture that will long be remembered for its attractiveness. The bride carried white bridal roses and a shower bouquet of sweet peas, while the lady attendants each carried a large bouquet of pink carnations. After the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was read by the pastor, the silence was broken by the felicitous congratulatory words of those present, after which a delightful buffet luncheon was served—and the bride and groom left in an automobile for the railroad station at Hancock where they boarded a train and left for a honeymoon trip that will include Washington, Mount Vernon, Baltimore, Harrisburg, and other places of interest.

Mrs. Lodge was one of Fulton's successful teachers and is an estimable young lady—possessing those qualities that have won her many friends. Mr. Lodge is a promising young man who has many friends that wish them well.

MELLOTT—DECKER.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Decker near Saluvia this county a very pretty wedding took place at 5 o'clock on last Wednesday evening, when their daughter Miss Lois A. became the bride of Mr. Frank E. Mellogg son of Mr. E. R. Mellogg near Pleasant Ridge. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor Rev. W. M. Cline of Fort Littleton. The bride who is a pretty blonde was attired in a lovely gown of white silk. There were no attendants and the wedding was a quiet affair there being present only a few immediate members of the two families, due to the death of the bride's grandfather Mr. D. S. Mellogg in the home a short time ago. At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The bride is a very highly accomplished young lady with a charming personality which endears her to her many friends. The groom is a most excellent young man of upright character and of industrious habits.

A reception was given at the groom's home on Thursday where a bounteous dinner was served to several invited guests and after a few days visit among relatives and friends they will go to housekeeping at the home of the groom. The wishes of their many

WAS FORMER COUNTY PASTOR.

Dr. R. H. Gilbert, Wife and Daughter Hurt in Automobile Accident.

BERWICK, June 17.—Running at high speed this afternoon along the State Highway, between Nanticoke and Berwick, a nut came off the steering gear of the powerful auto of Dr. R. H. Gilbert, district superintendent of the Danville District, Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference, and as the chauffeur attempted to make a turn the steer gear turned in the handle and the car plunged through the guard rail down over a 75-foot precipitous embankment to the railroad track below completely wrecking the car.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Charles B. Owens, the latter Mrs. Gilbert's daughter, a bride of a week, were hurled from the car as it made its first run down the embankment. All four were rendered unconscious. At the Nanticoke Hospital, where they were taken, they regained consciousness. Mrs. Gilbert being the most seriously injured. All four were frightfully bruised.

Rev. Gilbert was pastor of the churches on the Hustontown charge several years ago and he and Mrs. Gilbert lived at Huston town.

Wilbur Mills Hurt.

Wilbur, son of Frank G. Mills of New Grenada, was sent to Canada a few weeks ago to put in repair a steam shovel that had gone bad. Word has been received that while Wilbur was at work on the big machine, a heavy door fell on him, crushing one of his legs so severely, that he had to be taken to a hospital for surgical treatment. A few days later, on the application of an X ray test, it was found that the bone would have to be re-broken and set again—an operation that is always more painful than the first injury. Wilbur's wife is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bergstresser, near Waterfall.

Miss Rebecca Smith, of Rogersville, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Cline at Fort Littleton.

friends go with them for a long prosperous and happy life.

VANHART—MELLOTT.

The home of ex-County Treasurer and Mrs. George B. Mellogg, McConnellsburg, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when their daughter Miss Mame Dora, became the bride of Mr. Eugene Clifton VanHart, of Lambertville, N. J. The beautiful and impressive ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church was read by the bride's pastor, Rev. John V. Royer, of McConnellsburg. The bride was given away by her father; Miss Gertrude Hagmaier, of Philadelphia, was bride's maid, and the wedding march was played by Miss Goldie Mason, McConnellsburg.

During the ceremony the couple stood under a beautiful arch of crimson roses made more effective by a rich background of luxuriant palms. The bride wore a pretty traveling suit of navy blue messaline with hat and gloves to match.

Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations, the happy couple were taken to the railroad station at Mercersburg, where they left on the 3 o'clock train for a honeymoon trip to include New York, Boston, and Atlantic City, after which they will reside in Lambertville, where the groom is a teller in the Amwell National Bank, of which his father, Mr. Frank VanHart is cashier.

Only the parents of the groom, the immediate family of the bride, Misses Gertrude and Emma Hagmaier, of Philadelphia, and a few close friends of the bride were present at the wedding.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Witter, of Waterfall, were in town Tuesday. Margaret Kirk, of Hiram spent a week visiting her friend Mary Baumgardner in McConnellsburg.

Mr. B. H. Truax, of Iddo, who had been spending a few days in this section on business, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanHart of Lambertville, N. J., were here yesterday attending the wedding of their son and Mazie Mellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Codell and little son Chalmers, of Waynesboro, are visiting Mrs. Codell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Valance.

Eld. C. L. Funk of Belfast township, spent last Sunday afternoon and night in the home of Jonathan P. Peck and family at Knobsville.

Mrs. W. W. Martin and son Livius, of Hagerstown, Md., are spending the week with Mrs. Martin's daughter, Mrs. Clifford E. Hays, in this place.

Hon. Samuel P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Everett on a business mission and went up to Bedford to attend the soldiers' reunion.

Mrs. Mary A. Kelly, who had been visiting in Chambersburg was called home last Friday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Susan Bishop, of Thompson township.

Elder J. C. Mellogg will hold services at Jefferson Mellogg's Saturday evening before the fourth Sunday of June, and at Needmore, the forenoon and evening of the fourth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ott of Tod, Mrs. M. M. Bender and Mrs. John P. Conrad, of McConnellsburg, spent from Saturday until Monday in the home of John Booth and wife near Maddensville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dunlap, formerly of this county, but now of Chambersburg, Route No 12, returned home Tuesday morning after having spent several days among their old friends and relatives in Fulton.

Norman V. Carmack, of Spokane, Washington, accompanied by his cousin William Carmack, of Chambersburg, were in town last Friday. Norman left his western home on the 26th of April for a trip east, and has been in Canada, at Niagara Falls, New York, Philadelphia, and has been visiting friends in this county and Bedford county during last week. Norman is enthusiastic over the opportunities offered by the Pacific slope.

Engagement Announced.

The bride-to-be in the following notice clipped from a Washington, Pa., newspaper, is a daughter of G. Nebraska Garland, formerly of this county, and a niece of Mrs. P. P. Mann of McConnellsburg. The clipping says:

"Miss Eva Jarvis was hostess last evening to the members of the F. N. S. club at her home 29 Summer avenue. A score of the members were present and spent a pleasant evening in needlework after which dainty refreshments were served.

"A pleasant feature of the evening was the announcement of the engagement of one of the club girls, Miss Jessie Garland, to Edward Burhenn, of Washington. The announcement was made on dainty handpainted cards tied to carnations, each guest being presented with one.

"Both Mr. Burhenn and his fiancée are popular young people. Their engagement will terminate in a midsummer wedding."