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MRS. J. NELSON SIPES

Died Last Week. She Was a Second-Cousin of the Late President Lincoln.

Mrs. Minerva Sipes, wife of J. Nelson Sipes passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 1911, shortly after noon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Kennedy in this place. In the evening after her body was placed in the casket, it was taken to her home, Corner of Water and Second St. and on Saturday morning her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Union Cemetery. The pall bearers selected by her some time before her death were her three sons, Brooks Lodge of Pittsburg, Clarence Lesley of Bellevue, Horace Nelson of Blairsville, Pa., her son-in-law W. R. Keller of Philadelphia, and two of her Sunday school class Horace U. and Wilson L. Nace.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor Rev. Royer of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. Grove of the United Presbyterian church.

Her children were all at the funeral except her daughter Mary living in Homestead, Pa., who was detained at her home on account of the illness of one of her children.

Mrs. Sipes had been a member of the Methodist Church for over half a century, and a teacher in the Sunday school for almost a like number of years. For the last thirty-five years she had been a resident of this place, and was well known for her many virtues and charities. Her hand was always open for the relief of the poor and needy of the town and community; and she performed all her charities with such becoming modesty that her right hand scarcely knew what her left hand did.

Mrs. Sipes was a woman of great piety, and was noted for her exemplary christian life, which was an open book. She lived the religion she professed; she was loyal to the church and all its benevolences and enterprises; and while she had health and strength, all the various means of grace found her in her seat.

Mrs. Sipes was a woman of more than average intelligence and refinement. While she was devoted to her bible and the best religious literature, she found time for the newspapers and magazines; and she kept abreast with the literary and political news of the world. In her home life, as in every other position, her life was above reproach; and it is there her loss will be most keenly felt. Her family, as life advanced, was brought more and more into a fuller realization of her true christian character. While she lived her children knew their home was in their mother's heart.

The ancestors of Mrs. Sipes were pioneers in the settlement of this country. On her mother's side, her grandmother Roseann Hanks Lodge, was a full sister to the father of Nancy Hanks, the mother of President Lincoln.

Recent Wedding.

LEWIS—TENLEY.

Mr. William H. Lewis and Miss Savilla A. Tenley, well-known young people of Six Mile Run, were married at Saxton, a few days ago, by Rev. F. W. McGuire. The bride and groom are spending their honeymoon in Altoona, Philadelphia and other points.

Mr. George H. Williams, of Big Cove Tannery, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. While looking around for a present for his mother, he could not think of anything that would give her more lasting pleasure than the Fulton County News a year, and he just plunked down a dollar and ordered the News sent to her address.

LOOSE DIVORCE LAWS.

If the Natural Orphan is an Object of Sympathy, How Much More So Is the Artificially Made Orphan.

In commenting on the three young men that were sent from our county to the Huntingdon Reformatory at the June term of court, the Fulton Democrat said that Cugston's mother and father separated when Fred was quite young. Miller's father and mother separated when he was a mere child and Rankin Keith's mother died when he was a child. So it is in many cases, if a boy does not have the tender care and advice of a mother, he is at a disadvantage in this world.

This observation of the Democrat led the Chambersburg Valley Spirit to say that the child that has lost its mother by death is indeed to be pitied. The influence of a mother, and her loving care and affectionate guidance is what has brought the human race from mere animalism through savagery and barbarism to the height of civilization that it now occupies, and the end is not yet. We may go so far as to say that even a bad mother is better than none at all.

What then shall we say of the laws which by too easily granting divorces have turned our courts into a manufactory of artificial orphans? What shall we say of the latest horror that has been perpetrated by our own state in increasing the ease of getting divorces, so that if one is rich enough it is not only easy but rather pleasant to put away a wife, without even the pretense of a trial by jury, without those ancient safeguards that the good old English common law threw about even the humblest citizen to protect him or her from oppression and injustice.

The legislature that framed the law and the governor who signed it have done an infamous thing in striking this gratuitous blow at home and the family. If this law is permitted to stand on the statute books countless numbers of boys and girls deprived of the maternal care that divine providence intended for them, will go the way of these poor Fulton county boys, the way of vice and crime to the prison and gallows.

Does not each one of us remember the mother love and what it meant to us all our lives? The love that approaches more nearly to the divine than anything else in human nature?

Intellect, sagacity, patriotism, bravery, all are sometimes referred to as Godlike in their quality, but the purity of a mother's love is lit from the great white light that streams from the throne of God itself.

We pity from our hearts the poor boy who was recently convicted in Fulton county whose loss of his mother came by nature's law, but, oh, far more pitiable is the case of those other two who were separated from their mothers through parental selfishness aided by a vicious and degenerate law.

Twelve Huntingdon county teachers will be compelled to take one or two year's advanced normal or college work as a result of missing an examination a few weeks ago. The permanent certificate examination was held the first of June in Huntingdon and about a dozen young men decided they would take the examination at the second gathering as there have always been two or three such chances here. The school code intervened and now the state board refuse to allow the local examining board to examine these teachers under the old law, as the new code permits but one such examination a year they have lost their chance. When they do take it, it will be under the new regime and all of them are short one or two advanced branches which they must get.

DR. O. L. METZLER MARRIED.

Former Fulton County Boy Wins Philadelphia Bride. Ceremony Beautiful and Impressive.

From Sellersville, (Pa.) Herald, June 30th.
At the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Annie Kelley, who resides at 14 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Oscar Leroy Metzler, P. D., was joined in holy wedlock with Miss Lillian May Wedeking by the Rev. William H. Beyer, pastor of the Hancock Methodist Episcopal Church at Girard Avenue and Hancock street, on Wednesday.

The ceremony was a beautiful and impressive although a very quiet one and the ring played an important part in its performance. Only a few of the near relatives and most intimate friends of the principals witnessed the event which took place at three o'clock in the afternoon. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Caroline Wedeking of Philadelphia, as honor maid and the groom by his brother, Robert Metzler, also of Philadelphia. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Metzler of Harrisville, Fulton County, Penna., were unable to be present.

Dr. Metzler came here from Philadelphia, where he graduated at the College of Pharmacy, purchased the Temple Pharmacy from Dr. C. D. Fretz and took possession of same on September first, 1910. He immediately began a regime of improvement which has made this shop the finest in Eastern Pennsylvania outside of the larger cities. "Expansion and beauty in improvement—regardless of expense" has been his watchword and it is thoroughly appreciated by the residents of the town among whom Dr. Metzler has made many warm friends by his genial, gentlemanly manner since coming here a short ten months ago. He and Mrs. Metzler will be heartily welcomed in the town's social circle and will be "at home" to their friends after August 15th at 109 Green street.

By a clever little ruse, the Doctor disarranged extensive "plans" which had been made for his reception upon the "homecoming" of his bride. A telephone message from Philadelphia to his assistant at the pharmacy late yesterday afternoon stated that the bride and groom would not reach Sellersville until today. But messages to a few intimate friends shortly after eleven o'clock last evening announced their arrival on the 10:50 p. m. car from Lansdale, they having used the Toronto Express to that point, leaving the Reading Terminal at 9:05 p. m. Safe in his own home when many of the would be reception committee had sought their downy beds, the Doctor turned the laugh and he and his bride are receiving the congratulations and best wishes of all.

To Cultivate Memory.

The best way to remember a thing thoroughly is to understand it, and often to recall it to mind. By reading continually with great attention, and never passing a passage without understanding and considering it well, the memory will be stored with knowledge; and things will recur at times when we want them, though we can never recollect the passages or from whence we draw our ideas.

Silas E. Peck, of Roaring Spring, has rented the vacant store room in the Black Block, now owned by Geo. W. Derrick, and will conduct an up-to-date novelty store there. Mr. Peck expects to have his goods here and be ready for business next week.—Everett Press.

The concert that had been announced for Cito A. M. E. church July 8th has been postponed to July 10th at 8 o'clock in the evening.

MORMONISM.

By Rev. A. E. Kemp and Read Before the Ministerial Association of Conneaut, Ohio.

The origin of the Mormon faith dates back to 1823, when Joseph Smith claims to have received a revelation from an angelic personage whose name was Maroni, who told Smith, at a certain place, on a hillside, and under a large rock, he had deposited gold plates containing the record of the former inhabitants of the earth and a fulness of the Gospel. Smith claims to have been directed to this place by an angel and he testified that, as revealed, he found these plates beneath the rock, and while there Maroni appeared to him and warned him not to move them, but to appear there each year for four years, when they would be delivered to him, and three years following, in 1830 he published the Book of Mormon.

The "gold sheets" were seven by eight inches and in book form, six inches thick. The deposit was in a rural district in New York State, where the Nephites and Lamanites were supposed to have resided. Maroni being the last of the Nephites.

THE SPAULDING STORY.

The original account of the origin of the Book of Mormon was rejected by the public in general, so the Spaulding story was brought forth. Solomon Spaulding, a clergyman, of Amity, Pa., wrote a romance, to which no title other than "Manuscript Story" was prefixed. Twenty years after Spaulding's death, Hurlburt, an apostate from Mormon Church, announced a resemblance between Spaulding's story and the Mormon Book and expressed his conviction that the work of Joseph Smith was nothing but Spaulding's romance revised and amplified.

Spaulding's manuscript was deposited in the library of Oberlin College, where it still reposes. The manuscript has upon it the signatures of several men of Conneaut, Ohio, who had heard Spaulding read it and knew it to be his.

In 1833, when Smith and many of his disciples were in Nauvoo, Ill., it is said of him that he entered into criminal relations with his female disciples, but when condemned and threatened, he claimed he had another revelation from heaven, commanding the Saints (the Latter Day) to adopt "The Order of Celestial or Plural Wives." A wife of an apostle, who denies the reality of the revelation says that she knew of such a revelation six or seven weeks before the date it was claimed. His own wife and sons disbelieved it and hold to the original faith of Mormonism.

Polygamy:—From Polus many and gamos marriage. Many-marriage or plurality of wives.

This is a condition that seems alike contrary to nature and reason. From the equality that exists in the two sexes, and from God having originally created but one male and one female, the intention of Providence clearly, is that one man should only have one woman.

Jesus says: "A man shall leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife," not wives, "and the twain (two) shall be one flesh," not (they) many. "For the husband is the head of the wife (not wives) even as Christ is the head of the church (not churches).

Some divine has said: "Polygamy may be good enough for men, but is a damnable curse for women." How true!

In defense of the system some one may say it has always existed, which speaks for its continuance. It is true that among Eastern, and I think without exception, heathen nations, that polygamy has existed from time immemorial. It prevailed before the flood, and was common among

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HEAVY TEAM.

Four Horses That Haul a Whole Carload Across the Mountain from McConnellsburg in One Load.

Fulton county horses are noted for strength and endurance. It has not been a great many years ago since the late Will Fisher drove one horse from McConnellsburg to Chambersburg a distance of twenty two miles, crossing the Tuscarora mountain, three and a half miles to the top and four and a half down the other side, overcoming an elevation of 1,300 feet—in ninety-four minutes, including a stop of four minutes. Now, it has remained for Earl Morton and his brother George P., sons of Judge Peter Morton to haul at one load with four horses from McConnellsburg across that same mountain a load that was all the Cumberland Valley railroad could take away in one freight car. This feat was performed last week, and neither horses nor wagon seem to be any worse for the record haul.

What did they haul? Feathers? No; wool.

Now Is The Time to Swat the Fly.

If you see a fly walking over the food and dishes, or alighting on your baby's face, remember that he is a messenger of disease and death, says the July Woman's Home Companion.

The rules for dealing with the fly nuisance, published by the Merchant's Association of New York, and widely circulated by them, are worth reprinting. We repeat our suggestion that an excellent work for any live woman's club would be to reproduce these rules on cards and distribute them broadcast.

Keep the flies away from the sick, especially those ill with contagious diseases. Kill every fly that strays into the sick room. His body is covered with disease germs.

Do not allow decaying material of any sort to accumulate on or near your premises. All refuse which tends in any way to fermentation, such as bedding straw, paper waste and vegetable matter should be disposed of or covered with lime or kerosene.

Screen all food. Keep all receptacles for garbage carefully covered and the cans cleaned or sprinkled with oil or lime.

Keep all stable manure in vault or pit, screened or sprinkled with lime, oil or other cheap preparation. See that your sewage system is in good order; that it does not leak, is up to date and not exposed to flies. Pour kerosene into the drains.

Cover food after a meal; burn or bury all table refuse. Screen all food for sale.

Screen all windows and doors, especially the kitchen and dining-room.

Burn pyrethrum powder in the house to kill flies.

Don't forget if you see flies, that their breeding-place is in near-by filth. It may be behind the door, under the table, or in the cuspidor.

If there is no dirt or filth, there will be no flies.

If there is a nuisance in the neighborhood, it would be advisable to write at once to the health department.

Chester Anderson, of Pittsburg, is in a serious condition as a result of the work of practical jokers on his wedding day. He fainted while trying to escape them when he recovered they tried it again. The second faint was more serious and he was carried to the bride's home. The wedding trip has been postponed.

Dr. C. H. Gordmier, who has been associated with the Shipensburg Normal School for the past six years, as instructor in English and Latin, will leave the institution at the end of the present term. Dr. Gordmier goes to Millersville, where he will take the chair of Latin.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Unusually Quiet in McConnellsburg. No Crackers. Stores All Closed. Heat Intense.

Tuesday was the quietest Fourth of July McConnellsburg has ever seen. The ordinance forbidding the use of firecrackers was obeyed, a lot of money that would have been uselessly wasted was saved, and the town was spared the usual din and danger incident to the "in" sane Fourth.

For the first time the stores were all closed, and the merchants and their clerks got a day of much needed rest. During most of the day the mercury played up among the nineties—standing at ninety-eight for several hours, and this with the humidity, made existence almost intolerable. The Band went up to Clear Ridge, where, according to announcement made two weeks ago, they had a big time. There was a big crowd, the entertainment was all that had been promised, the order was good, and everybody happy. The ladies aid society people had doings at Hustontown which attracted some people, and outside of this there was little outside the ordinary going on in Fulton county.

Pleasant Outing.

A party composed of E. R. McClain and wife, Ellis L. Lynch and wife, W. R. Sioan and wife, W. L. Nace and wife, W. H. Greathead, John H. Reisner, Ed H. Reisner, Misses Minnie Reisner, Emily V. Greathead, Gertrude Hoke, and Mary Pittman went out to Harrisonville Monday evening to spend the Fourth.

They took a tent along and pitched it on the banks of Licking Creek. In it the boys "slept" and the ladies of the party were furnished rooms in the home of Mrs. Thomas S. Metzler, who also furnished meals for the party during their stay.

Monday night the boys went fishing.

Anybody can fish. On that particular night, the fish had gone to the Potomac to spend the Fourth.

The party returned to McConnellsburg Tuesday evening delighted with their trip, and loud in their praises of Mrs. Metzler who had entertained them so splendidly in her home.

WEST DUBLIN.

Mrs. Frank Price spent a few days last week at the home of her sick aunt Mrs. Ripple of Shirleysburg who died last Thursday and was buried on Sunday.

Elsie Laidig of Dublin Mills spent a few days the first of the week with relatives about Laidig.

The dwelling house of Josiah Deaver was burned last Saturday forenoon.

E. H. Kirk has bought an automobile, not merely for pleasure, but for business as well.

The weather the past few days has been so hot that the farmers could not go on so rapidly as they wished with harvesting.

Albert King and wife recently returned from a trip to the Pacific coast, they saw the Grand Canon of the Colorado. Albert was twelve hours going from the top of the bank to the bed of the river and returning a distance of seven miles down and seven miles up. The path is a very zigzag one. Some ride down but Albert walked, thinking that the safer way. These canons extend for a distance of 232 miles and if one could descend perpendicularly, he could reach the bottom in about 5,000 feet. Another thing that was of great interest on the return trip was the Mormon temple in Salt Lake City. The roof as originally made was ten feet thick, and entirely made of wood, there being no iron in the roof—the pieces being pinned together.

The chestnut trees in this section are now in full bloom and outlook for a large crop of chestnut is very bright.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

J. H. Brewer, of Thompson township, was in town last Friday.

Mr. Geo. W. Foreman, of Wells Valley, was registered at the Fulton House last Friday.

Mr. Lloyd Price, of Laidig called at the News office a few minutes while in town last Saturday.

John D. Motter and family, of Altoona, are spending a vacation of ten days in the home of John's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter.

Miss Orpha Snyder of Needmore spent last Friday and Saturday with relatives in McConnellsburg.

Miss Grace Mosser, one of Altoona's successful teachers is visiting her brother Dr. J. W. Mosser and family at the Washington House.

Claire Shimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shimer of McKees Rocks, Pa., is visiting his grandmother Mrs. Annie Shimer east Water street.

Miss Mary Houston and her brother Knox, of Eau Claire, Pa., are spending part of their summer vacation among their many friends in town and the Cove.

Mr. Ira L. Peck, graduated from the Schisler Business College at Norristown last week, and is now spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peck at Knobsville.

M. A. Detwiler, of Three Springs, one of Uncle Sam's popular R. F. D. men, was in town a few hours Monday. Mr. Detwiler is recovering from a serious attack of blood poisoning.

A. M. Corbin, of Taylor spent a day or two in McConnellsburg last week. He says that Mrs. Corbin who had been in Bedford for treatment several weeks, is home very much improved in health.

John Rexroth Irwin has just graduated from Perkiomen Seminary, and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin. Rex was one of the Honor men, and took high rank among his classmates.

Miss Mary Jane Johnston, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Altoona, New Wilmington, Pittsburg and other places in the western part of the State, returned to her home in the Cove last Saturday evening.

Mr. Samuel M. Clevenger, of Needmore, spent a day or two in McConnellsburg last week. While Sammy is a good deal the worse for the experience he had with robbers a few years ago, he keeps on the move, and is busy now distributing religious literature.

Mr. W. H. Reisner, Hagersstown's leading jeweler, spent a few days during the past week visiting his brothers Jacob and George in this place. Harry spent his boyhood days in McConnellsburg and enjoys getting back to the old town once in a while.

Mrs. Mary A. Brewer of McComb, Ill., who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Watson Douglass at Plum Run, spent last week with her friend Mrs. Barbara Laninger in Mercersburg. Mrs. Brewer came east last fall and expects to remain about two years.—Mercersburg Journal.

James Henry of McConnellsburg, called to see us last Thursday afternoon. He was accompanied by B. E. Riffle of Louisiana, who with his family are at Shirleysburg, owing to the serious illness of Mr. Riffle's mother. Mr. Henry is a brother of Mrs. Riffle. We were very glad to greet both these gentlemen.—Mount Union Times.

Editor E. H. Kirk, of The Fulton Democrat, has just treated himself to a new fore door "E. M. F. Thirty" automobile. It was delivered to him last Saturday.