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## ATTEMPTED MURDER.

William H. Lockard of Wells Valley Fired Two Loads of Shot into the Body of J. Calvin Foster.

FOSTER LIVING. LOCKARD IN JAIL.

On Thursday morning of last week, J. Calvin Foster was shot twice by William H. Lockard near the latter's home in Wells Valley, this county. Dr. R. B. Campbell, of New Grenada, rendered the wounded man the necessary surgical aid, and Mr. Foster is now at his home with a fair chance of recovery if some unforeseen change in his condition for the worse does not take place. Mr. Lockard was brought to McConnellsburg Thursday afternoon and is now in the County jail.

The story of the unfortunate affair as told to our reporter is about as follows: Mr. Foster, who is constable of Wells township, is a farmer, and resides about two and a half miles south of New Grenada. On Thursday morning he arose early, went to the home of a near neighbor and ploughed a potato patch. This he finished about 6 o'clock, and started to go to John M. Schenck's to make a day in the hay field.

Mr. Lockard lives near the road leading from New Grenada to Wells Tannery and near the U. B. church. It was along this road that Mr. Foster was traveling on his way to Mr. Schenck's. Just as Mr. Foster was about to walk across the bridge over the little stream near the Church, and near Mr. Lockard's home, the latter appeared in front of his house with a shotgun and deliberately fired at Mr. Foster. Realizing that he had received the load of shot, Mr. Foster turned and started to retreat, when Mr. Lockard fired the second time with good effect. While by this time Mr. Foster was carrying two loads of shot—one in the front of his body and the other in his back—the blood was flowing from a score of punctures, he ran, succeeded in getting over a wire fence near Austin Stevens', and made his way to the lane running down to his home, and near to Ella Truax's, when his strength failed, and he was taken into her home by friends and Dr. Campbell summoned by Charles Deshong who is said to have been an eye witness of the whole affair.

The Doctor lost no time in reaching the injured man, and found Mr. Foster very weak from the loss of blood. Sixteen shot had entered his body, all below the head. The grains of shot were so deeply imbedded in the body of Mr. Foster, that the surgeon could not reach them Thursday; but on Saturday he removed one gran.

The fact that Mr. Foster has a habit of having his arms folded across his breast when he walks, is believed to be the reason that his death was not instantaneous with the first charge, as the outside of his left forearm is well punctured with shot, and the arms served as a shield for his heart and stomach. Two shot penetrated the lungs.

Justice of the Peace M. W. Houck was summoned and received the "information" from Mr. Foster, upon which a warrant was issued to the Sheriff for the arrest of Mr. Lockard. Thursday afternoon, Sheriff Harris accompanied by Harry Hamill, of the City Hotel, went to Wells Valley, and brought Mr. Lockard to town and committed him to jail.

After the shooting, Mr. Lockard went to the home of Justice of the Peace Houck told him of the shooting, and said that if the Sheriff came to New Grenada after him, that he would come down to New Grenada and give himself up, and thus save the officers the trouble of going up to Mr. Lockard's home.

The officers experienced no

## ELECTION FACTS OF INTEREST.

Candidates and Electors Should Make Note of These Dates.

For the information of electors and prospective candidates the following has been compiled, based upon the present election and registration laws and the new primary election law recently approved by the governor:

July 29—Last day for certificates from party chairman to county commissioners of offices to be filled in county and cities. No party committeemen or officers can be elected this year under the new primary law. Last day to be assessed to be a qualified voter at the fall primary.

August 5—Last day for commissioners to publish notice of offices to be filled. This includes all offices—county, city, borough, ward, township and precinct.

August 30—Last day to pay taxes to be qualified to vote at the fall primary.

September 5 and 9—Registry assessor at the polling places in boroughs and townships to receive applications from voters to register and to revise the May registration.

September 7—Registry lists to be returned to the county commissioners' office.

September 9—Last day to file petitions to have names printed upon official ballots. Ten names are required on petitions for city, borough, township, or precinct offices. Last day for commissioners to change polling places for fall election.

September 23—Forms of all ballots to be voted at the primary to be on file in commissioners' office and open for public inspection.

September 30—Fall primary, from 2 to 8 p. m.

October 3—Last day to file primary returns in office of county commissioners. Time expires at noon.

October 4—Commissioners commence at noon to make official count of primary returns.

October 7—Last day to pay taxes to be qualified to vote at the November election.

October 14—Last day to file expense accounts in office of clerk of courts if primary expenses have been over \$50.

October 17—Last day to file nomination papers for city and county offices.

October 23—Last day to file nomination papers for borough and township offices.

October 30—Last day for primary expense account to be filed with clerk of court if expenses have been over \$50.

November 7—Municipal election.

December 4—City, borough, township, ward and precinct officers elected on November 7 commence their terms. Expense accounts must be filed before oath of office is administered.

December 9—Last day to file expense accounts for county offices elect and for all candidates not elected.

George Kitzmiller of Chambersburg, and Miss Pearl Dunlap of Fayetteville, were guests of the families of Messrs. John Sheets and Frank Stoutage, part of this week.

trouble in making the arrest, and Mr. Lockard accompanied them to town without offering the slightest resistance.

It is a very unfortunate affair for both the parties concerned. Both men belong to old and respectable families in the neighborhood, and have been neighbors many years. No serious trouble was known to exist between them, and there is no known reason for the grave assault. Some liar has furnished a lot of tommyrot for the city dailies at so much per, about the parties concerned and about the capture. While there is something of mystery about the crime, there is nothing sensational.

## Camping Party.

An automobile camping party composed of J. M. Murdock, Gom. Walters, Joseph Heinichman, Milton Murdock, James Taylor, James Piper, Fred Waterman, Francis Grier, Philip Walters, Walter Ellis, and Francis Hurff—all of Johnstown, Pa., had their tents pitched just east of the covered bridge south of Webster Mills, from Tuesday, July 11th, until Monday morning of this week. They had been in camp near Gettysburg a few days prior to their going to the Covered Bridge. They traveled in big Packards and carried with them a cook, wigwam, four large tents, mattresses, blankets, stoves, table ware, &c., &c.

They found plenty of boating and fishing and a good base ball field, but our reporter is informed that the man who made rabbits and mice, and took pictures by mental telepathy, was out of his element when he appeared on the diamond.

The party enjoyed every minute of their stay, and the visitors who came to the camp by the score in the evenings, were delighted with the courteous treatment of the campers.

The captain of the camp, J. M. Murdock, was so much pleased with the location and surroundings of the camp, that he went to Johnstown on Wednesday and returned on Thursday, bringing with him Mrs. Murdock, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Heinichman, the ladies remaining until Friday.

A big Packard load from Johnstown came down Sunday and took dinner with the campers. They named it the "Be Joyful Camp."

## Recent Weddings.

### KING—THARP.

A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes, about eight miles north of town, on Wednesday at 11 o'clock a. m., when the daughter of Mrs. Hughes, Miss Clara Audrie Tharp was united in marriage to Mr. Harry Elmer King, son of William King who resides north of Cando. Rev. G. H. Quigley of the Methodist church was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was prettily arrayed in rose silk, while the groom wore the conventional black. Only the members of the two families and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served immediately following the nuptials.

The bride and groom are well known in this vicinity and have many friends who will join with us in congratulations and best wishes.—Cando Democrat of July 6, 1911.

### MELIUS—STRAIT.

On Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. McGarvey, of Huston town, recited the beautiful ceremony of the M. E. church, which united in marriage Mrs. Melinda J. Strait, widow of the late William Strait, of Clear Ridge, and Mr. Joseph H. Melius, of Huston town. Mr. and Mrs. Melius will at once go to housekeeping on the farm of Mr. Melius which is the late home of his deceased father, G. Chuton Melius. The News extends congratulations, and wishes them a long, and happy life.

## Another Game Preserve.

The state game commission, at its meeting in Harrisburg early this week took up the matter of establishing another game preserve, and it is possible that the fourth of its kind will soon be under state supervision on one of the forestry reservation tracts. The new game preserve it is intended to establish will be in the south central part of the state, and on one of the state forestry reservations located in Huntingdon, Perry or Fulton counties. The land will be excluded by wire, and there will be no hunting allowed.

## ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN.

Dennis Sipes Died at His Home in Saxton, Last Week. Buried in Wells Valley.

WAS VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR.

DENNIS B. SIPES.

Tuesday morning, July 11, 1911 at 1:30 o'clock Dennis B. Sipes, died at his home at Saxton, Pa., after an illness of about seven weeks—death being due mainly to the complications of declining years.

Mr. Sipes was born near Harrisville, Pa., March 4, 1826, and was aged 85 years, 4 months and 7 days. He spent most of his life in Fulton county as a farmer, mainly in Wells Valley. He belonged to the sturdy race of men who cleared the forests of Fulton and laid the foundation for its prosperity. October 16, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Co. H 155th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which company his brother Thomas was captain, and he marched forth in defence of his country, serving his nine months with honor, campaigning in Virginia and North Carolina, as a member of the valiant Keystone brigade.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Maria Clippinger who died in 1888. For over 45 years he was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was held in the highest regard; for integrity and steadfastness of purpose, were his cardinal tenets.

About seven and one half years ago he retired from active work on the farm, and moved to Saxton where he resided until the time of his death.

He is survived by the following, children: Mrs. H. S. Nichols, Oakes, N. D.; Mrs. J. B. Spangler, Steele, North Dakota; Mrs. J. A. Vauce, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. N. S. Edwards, Wells Tannery, Pa.; J. M. Sipes and Miss Ella Sipes, Saxton, Pa., and Thomas Sipe, Oakes, North Dakota. Also, the following brother and sister D. V. Sipes, McConnellsburg, and Mrs. J. W. Hoop at Dane, Pa.

The funeral took place on Thursday morning with services at the M. E. church in Wells Valley, conducted by Rev. Geo. Leidy pastor of the M. E. church at Saxton, and interment in the adjoining cemetery.

## Surprise Party.

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mort of Maddensville July 14th in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mort's birthday.

While Mrs. Mort was resting after a hunt for a turkey hen the crowd gathered. Mr. Mort was on his way to Waterfall to mill. Mrs. Mort was feeling very bad when the people gathered but she soon forgot it. Each one brought a basket loaded with something good to eat which goes along with a good time, and a good time they all had. Those present were: J. S. Mort and wife; John Mort wife and children—Blanche, Robert and Mary; Blair Mort, wife, and son Chester; George Mort, wife and children—Ernest, Esther, Clara and Naomi; Easton Stinson, wife, and daughter Lillian; Blaine Anderson, wife and daughter Margaret; Mrs. Frank Mort and son Donald, Emory Wible and wife, Henry Wilson and wife, Mrs. William Grove, Mrs. Martha Wible, Mrs. Mary Stinson, Myrtle Taylor, Rhody and Clarence Figard, and Velve Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Mort received many nice and useful presents, and a number of beautiful post cards. In the evening the group assembled and were photographed by Rhody Figard.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Among the visitors to town on Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strait of Hustontown,

## Report of Fulton County Schools 1910-11.

In this, our fourth annual report of the work done in the schools of Fulton county we have nothing startling to report. Our progress, if any, has been slow and not loud.

The eighty-two schools were filled with the best material available. There were a few exceptions to that statement, but we are glad to announce that the undesirable are being kept out where it is possible.

The teachers of the county, as a rule, showed a good deal of professional spirit and made efforts to increase their worth and efficiency. With but one exception, the teachers are paid the minimum salary. That is enough for some; it is too much for a few; and entirely too little for the many good teachers. If we are to hold our good teachers and get rid of the poor ones, the wages must be put on an equal comparison with other labor. The good teacher soon has offers of better pay with better conditions and under such circumstances she is not to be justly censured if she accepts. It is hard to keep the kind of material that we should have. Out of our county has gone some of the very finest material in the profession, because of the minimum conditions here. There is a solution to the matter. The remedy is mostly in our own hands if we will but work it out. We have too many small schools that are costing too much money and giving entirely too little in return to the child. Consolidation is one step in the right direction.

Three new houses were built during the year; one in Ayr, one in Belfast one in Bethel. They are all good rooms and are a credit to the boards by which they were erected. Other buildings were repaired. School grounds were cleared, and in many instances trees were planted in the lots by the teachers and children. Some of our schools were hindered in their work because of the failure of boards to provide supplies at the right time. We have in mind two schools that were supplied by the teachers at their own expense, for six weeks. Such conditions are due only to somebody's neglect or carelessness.

A strong effort was made to have a better attendance, but in the final result the attendance fell below last year. This was largely due to the breaking up of so many schools by contagious diseases being allowed to spread. The effort was not lost. It might have been worse.

The local institute work of the county was very good. The teachers took an active part. They not only attended for the sake of being present but that they might help to make the meetings better and that they might be helped. The interest manifested by the general public in these meetings was much appreciated. In many instances, one half of those present would be compelled to stand outside the building. Though these meetings are an old thing they are one of the very best things in the way of a working organization that we have. No able progressive teacher can attend one of the sessions without being better prepared to do something. To the township committees on this work we owe a word.

Another factor that played a good part in the work done during the year was the increased efforts on the part of boards to hold the combined monthly meetings, that is, a meeting once each month at which all directors and teachers were expected to be present for the discussion of school questions. These meetings as a rule were and should be private. May there be more of them next year. Where they were held regularly and conducted in a business like manner there was little complaint as to the manner in which the schools were conducted.

The spirit and interest in agricultural work is still growing. The demand for the more practical things in life is rapidly on the increase. Education along the line of bettering home life in the country is one of the problems that are coming up before the country school teacher.

Our Directors' Convention was held January 25th, and 26th. Forty-four directors were present. Dr. C. H. Gordnier was the lecturer. His work was of the highest order. We feel that those who missed this meeting lost an opportunity to better equip themselves for their work as directors. The sessions were full of lively discussions on every day questions.

All the teachers but one were present at the Teachers' Institute which was held November 14th to 18th. Two of our instructors were Dr. C. C. Ellis, Juniata College; Prof. O. C. Corner, Mansfield S. N. S. They were of the first order. Their work was practical and full of inspiration. When we say that State Supt. N. C. Schaeffer came to our institute, we need not tell you that the meeting was worth the time. We are under obligations to Dr. Schaeffer for his consideration, his great educational addresses, and his help to the superintendent in person.

During the year we held two public examinations, examined seventy-five applicants, and rejected eleven. In all, one hundred eighty-one visits were made. Fourteen local institutes were attended by the superintendent.

We wish to thank all who gave their assistance in this great work of educating the boys and girls and ask for your support during the future. We need it badly.

The most courteous treatment has been received by us at all times from the Department at Harrisburg.

Yours very truly,  
B. C. LAMBERSON,  
Co. Supt.

## Pleasing Event.

On the 18th of last month as the sun was shining brightly—just the kind of weather that calls for something to cool the system, folks began to assemble at the home of Mrs. Catherine Connelly bringing their baskets filled with good things that would make any editor's mouth water. O, those cakes, pies, custards, the gingerbread, ice cream, light rolls, chicken, ham—in fact everything that goes to make up a sumptuous dinner. There was so much of it, that the company concluded to wait until supper time and finish it up rather than carry any part of it home. Everybody had a great time, and went home happy. The occasion was the celebration of Mrs. Connelly's 52nd birthday. It was a very pleasant surprise for Mrs. Connelly and she received a number of nice and useful presents.

Those present were: Mrs. Katharine Connelly, Fannie and William Connelly, Mrs. Rufus Horton and children, Mrs. H. O. Wible and son Russell, Mrs. Louis Wible and son Lloyd, Mrs. Charlotte Wible, Grandma Wible, Beatrice Wible, Fannie Miller, Geo. Tice, wife and children; Tommy Jenkins, Merrill Brant, Helen Everts. Many more would have been present had it not been for the busy time of the year.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

## Gen. Koontz Gives Library.

It was found when the will of General William H. Koontz, who died July Fourth at Somerset, Pa., was probated Saturday that the feature of the will is the bequest of a public library to citizens of Somerset. It will be built around his own private library, which is to be held six years by his executor and former law partner, John G. Ogle.

During his life time Gen. Koontz gave away a fortune of probably \$1,000,000. The will shows an estate value at \$60,000.

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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

L. H. Wible, Esq., of Harrisburg is in town.

Geo. B. Sipes, of Andover was a town visitor on Saturday.

Rev. W. M. Chme, of Fort Littleton was in town on Monday.

Miss Mary Wilkinson left for Philadelphia on Monday morning.

Miss Annie Dickson spent several days in Harrisburg last week.

Geo. W. Glenn, of Webster Mills, was a town visitor on Wednesday.

James McElhane and wife, of Hustontown were town visitors on Saturday.

George Wilds of Ft. Littleton, was a business visitor to our town on Saturday.

B. Frank Henry of this place was a Burnt Cabins visitor on Wednesday of last week.

Jos. H. Lohr, of Hustontown, was a pleasant visitor to our office on Tuesday morning.

Samuel Rotz, of near Chambersburg, spent several days last week with friends in this county.

Mrs. T. W. Walker and son William are spending this week with Mrs. W's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan.

Miss Mary Sloan who was a delegate to the Christian Endeavor Convention at Atlantic City returned on Monday evening.

Mr. J. C. Hess, wife, and son, of Bethel township spent a few hours in town last Friday, and were pleasant callers at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wood, of Chambersburg, and Mrs. David Hoke and daughter Miss Hattie, of Altoona, were an automobile party that spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Miss Lillian DeHart, an employee of this office was in Mercersburg on Wednesday. She has been having trouble with her eyes and made the trip for the purpose of having them examined.

Thomas H. Luders, of Philadelphia, who spent part of his last summer's vacation with his friend Carl de Schweinitz, at the Washington House, is now again registered at the same place for a ten-days' rest and recreation.

Miss Kitty Crosby, who has been visiting friends in this place and vicinity for several weeks, left last week for Atlantic City. From there she will visit in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Brooklyn, and from there return to her home in Lowville, N. Y.

Prof. and Mrs. B. B. Purvis and niece of Newark, N. J., spent the time from Friday until Sabbath in the home of I. N. Watson and family. Mr. Purvis is a smelter in the firm of Riker Bros., Newark, N. J., and also a professor of music, and was returning from his vacation spent at his home in Cheraw, S. C.

Harry E. Gress, wife, and daughter Elizabeth, are spending a few days at Mrs. Gress's old home the Fulton House, Harry, who was a former principal of the McConnellsburg High School at \$50 a month, is now holding down a job as City Superintendent of schools of the City of Monessen, Pa., at a salary of \$2000 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sipes and their grand-daughter Miss Gertrude went down to Cumberland county last Friday in their automobile to inspect their farms. They returned to Chambersburg and spent the time until Tuesday morning, when they returned home. They had secured the services of Charlie Weicht, of Chambersburg, to manipulate the steering wheel, and they found him a very skillful chauffeur.