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VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS.

Ella E., Wife of William Hull, of the Racket Store, Died at Their Home Last Sunday Afternoon.

HAD BEEN SICK ONLY A FEW DAYS.

While it was known that Mrs. William Hull, wife of the senior member of the firm of Hull & Bender of this place, was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, the news of her death which occurred about four o'clock last Sunday afternoon came as a great shock to McConnellsburg people.

The first intimation she had of the attack was on Tuesday evening, of last week, and so rapidly did the disease develop, that in a very short period she was beyond the point when surgeons thought it prudent to risk an operation.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at nine o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove, of the U. P. church, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Hull was next to the youngest of nine children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knauff, of Ayr township, and the first to be taken by death. She was born January 20, 1872; died August 6, 1911; hence was aged 39 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

With eight others, including her husband, she became a member of the Reformed church in this place on the 18th day of October, 1892. Of the nine, she is the second to be taken by death—the late Charles E. Bender, being the first. She was united in marriage with William Hull on the 28th of April 1903, who survives her, together with their five-year-old daughter Catharine. Her brothers and sisters are Maggie, wife of John Lutz, Kansas; Miss Mary, Mrs. Mattie McIntyre, and Miss Nettie, McConnellsburg; Luther Knauff, Mercersburg; John, Marion, Daniel, Ayr township; and Annie, wife of Nathan Laninger, Montana.

Mrs. Hull was a devoted wife and mother, cheerful and kind to every one, and her sudden taking away is a loss felt by the entire town and surrounding community.

How They Scared Nev.

As Nevin S. Strait was working for J. R. Sipes last Saturday, he got a scare that knocked him out of a year's growth. And it was all thoughtlessness, too. People ought to be careful how they frighten any one. Some awful mischief might be done.

Well, as I was a sayin'—Nevin got a bad scare. He was just working along thinking that the next day would be Sunday, and that he would not have anything to do but rest and rest and go to Sunday school, when a messenger came to him almost out of breath saying, "Nev, you've got to come home right away!"

Nev thought something awful had happened, and he wanted to know what he was wanted at home for; but when the messenger would not tell, he nearly fell down from fright. He thought it must be so bad that they were afraid to break the news to him all at once for fear his heart would not stand the shock.

What could be the matter? Dropping everything he set out for home as fast he could go, while rising in his mind were visions of dreadful things that may have happened. Perhaps the house was afire; or his wife had tumbled down the cellar steps, or the baby had fallen into the well!

Coming into sight of his home and seeing pale blue smoke curling lazily from the chimney top he was assured that there was nothing worse in the fire line than that his wife was burning green wood in the cook stove.

Just then he noticed a lot of people on the porch and in the yard, looking kind o' solemn like,

ABOUT THE "BIG TREES."

Their Mention Attracted the Attention of That Botanist William F. Hughes.

EDITOR NEWS:—

In your issue of July 27th, under the headline "Big Trees," mention is made of two trees on the property of Mr. Charles F. Johnston, in Ayr township. One of these, a Cherry, is credited with a girth of fifteen feet, ten inches. Inasmuch as Cherry-trees have not the habit of growing to so great a size, it might not be amiss to inquire just where this measurement was taken. If at the base, the tree may not be superior to many of the same kind found all over the county. If from four to eight above the ground, however—the usual place of tree measurement—this cherry is assuredly a great one; and, it would be difficult to find another to surpass it. Who, of your readers, can locate a larger?

The other tree, a Willow, with a circular expanse of sixteen feet, two inches, is not exceptionally large for a tree of the kind; since old willows are frequently found with a girth of twenty to twenty-five feet, or more. Doubtless such are now standing along the banks of Cove and Licking creeks. Who will ascertain whether this be so or not—a profitable exercise for resting school-teachers, permit me to suggest. As a Tree-lover, I was pleased to note your reference to Mr. Johnston's trees. He is, no doubt, proud to possess them; and, will heartily welcome all who desire to look upon their beauty—especially those who, living while they do live, are not blind to the creations, great and small, with which God has beautified Mother earth. What would a landscape be without Trees—what, indeed?

Trusting that I have not by my article beggared you for space, and hoping that others may take up the subject and tell us all about the "Big Trees" of Fulton county.

I am, Sincerely, Yours,
WM. FINDLAY HUGHES.
(Born in McConnellsburg.)
Philadelphia, August 5, 1911.

Had a Good Time.

About twenty persons assembled at John Gladfelter's in Taylor township for a good time last Saturday evening and they had it. Fulton county people think they cannot have much of a time without having lots of good things to eat; and so this crowd put out of sight ice cream, cake, and other stuff enough to run a table at a Fourth of July Celebration. If you think our popular buckster George C. Sipes did not have a swell time, just take a squint at that scratch of his pate. It was not his fault; for the women had no business to be putting ice down his back. Not the least enjoyable part of the entertainment was the singing of James McElheney and the playing on the accordion by Mrs. Ramsey.

and then he was sure that the worst had happened—that they were there for the funeral. Braving up, he pushed his way into the crowd, when they suddenly became busy pulling his ears, and otherwise jostling him around—

Well, dear Editor, maybe you have been at birthday-surprise parties. If you have you know what followed—a big feed, lots of fun, baseball, and other amusements.

Those present were G. C. Strait and wife; J. Emery Sipes, wife, and children—Charles and Margaret; Frank Sipes, wife, and children—John and Fred; David Strait and wife; Paul Houck; G. B. Sipes, wife, and children—Wilbur, Morris, Clyde, Lula, Helen, Ethel, and Lester; Zella Ewing; Carrie, Ernest, Martin, and Willie Sipes; James Biesecker; J. T. Charlie, Alvin, and S. R. Strait; Roland Sipes, S. B. Deshong, and Nevin Strait, wife, and children—Olive and Lorenzo.

CONTAINS NO OPTION.

New Road Law Provides That All Taxes Must Be Paid in Cash.

The road law passed by the last legislature does away with the old system of working out taxes at the pleasure of the payer, and in the future the tax must be paid in cash.

The new law provides that the general supervision of township roads shall be in the hands of road supervisors, and they shall be elected for four years each. One is to be chosen this year. The board will thus be made up of the supervisors elected in 1909, 1910 and 1911. They shall organize by electing one of their number president and by electing a secretary and treasurer, who may be one or more persons and who may or may not be a township supervisor, but not a roadmaster. The secretary shall do the work heretofore performed by the township clerk, which office is abolished. The salaries of the secretary and treasurer shall be fixed by the board of directors, but the combination amount shall not exceed two per cent of the amount of money handled by the treasurer. The supervisors shall not levy a tax of more than ten mills without an order from the court, and the court cannot authorize the levying of more than ten additional mills.

Township supervisors must divide the township into one or more districts and may employ a superintendent for the entire township or choose a roadmaster for each district, such superintendent or roadmaster reporting to the superintendent once a month. The wages of either are fixed by the supervisors. The law does not prevent the supervisors from contracting for the maintenance or improvement of less than ten miles of roads.

A provision of the law permits supervisors of the township to unite with those of another in the purchase of necessary machinery.

On all road taxes paid before June 1, a rebate of 5 per cent will be allowed, and to all taxes paid after October 1, a 5 per cent penalty shall be added.

The new law takes effect December 1, 1911.

For Sheriff.

By reference to our column of political announcements you will find the card of James G. Alexander, of McConnellsburg, announcing his willingness to accept the Republican nomination at the September primaries for the office of sheriff of Fulton county. It was with a great degree of hesitation on the part of Mr. Alexander, and on account of the urgent solicitation of voters of both the old political parties, that he consented to allow his name to be used. Mr. Alexander felt that because he had been honored once by being elected to the office, that he should not be in anybody else's way this year. But his friends say because he made a good clean honorable record while serving the term to which he was elected several years ago, is the best argument why he should be willing to serve again if the people of the county want him. Everybody in the County knows Jim Alexander, and hence he needs no introduction from the NEWS or any other newspaper.

Painfully Injured.

Last Sunday morning as Miss Mary Goldsmith was about to descend the stairway leading from the second floor of her home on north Second street the heel of one of her shoes caught in the carpet and she pitched heading tumbling over and over, until she found herself in a much bruised heap at the foot of the stairway. Fortunately no bones were broken. She was carrying a lamp at the time and strange to say she was able to take good enough care of it to save it being broken.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

ROBERT GALLAHER.

After having passed the scriptural allotted time—three score years and ten—Robert Gallaher died at his home in Burnt Cabins, Friday, August 4, 1911, aged 71 years, 2 months, and 4 days. The immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis. He was formerly a resident of Licking Creek township, and removed from his home near Harrisonville to Burnt Cabins last spring.

Mr. Gallaher was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Greenhill, and his funeral, which took place last Sunday afternoon, was conducted by his former pastor, Rev. John M. Diehl, of McConnellsburg. He is survived by Mary Gallaher, who is his second wife; by one brother, Joseph Gallaher, of Cambria county; three sisters—Miss Jennie Gallaher, Burnt Cabins; Mrs. Thomas Briggs, Huntingdon, Pa.; and Mrs. Wm. Mathias, Burnt Cabins. The following children by his first wife survive, namely, Mrs. Geo. Mumma, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. John Mumma, Burnt Cabins; Mrs. Bruce Ramsey, Clear Ridge; Mrs. Wm. Valance, Hustontown; Elder Gallaher, North Dakota; Denton Gallaher, Burnt Cabins, and John Gallaher, Clear Ridge.

JOHN WESLEY FRAKER.

On Wednesday morning, August 2, 1911, John Wesley Fraker, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of Fulton County's most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home at Fort Littleton after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach, aged about 73 years. His funeral took place Thursday afternoon, and his remains were laid to their final rest in the cemetery at Fort Littleton.

Mr. Fraker was a son of the late Samuel Fraker, who for many years lived on the farm now owned by Rush Cline, and is a brother of Andrew J. Dyson, Henry and Elmer, well known citizens in the upper end of the County. He was married to Miss Kate Wilds, who survives him together with the following children: Mrs. Minnie Malone, McKean county; Wilbur, Burnt Cabins; Ernest, Pitcairn; Beaver, Fort Littleton; Ralph, Cora and Alice at home.

The deceased had honorable record in the Civil War, having been a member of the famous 77th of which, Captain Skinner, Captain Henry Wishart, Lieutenant J. Walker Johnston and other well known soldiers were members. On one of the bloody fields of the South he left an arm.

Mr. Fraker was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, an Odd Fellow, and altogether a most excellent citizen. Possessing high ideals of rectitude, he was always found on the right side of all public moral questions.

The family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in this hour of bereavement.

JOSEPH H. SIXEAS.

Joseph H. Sixeas, died at the Delancey hospital, Philadelphia on Thursday morning of last week, after undergoing the second operation for throat trouble.

The deceased was born in McConnellsburg thirty-two years ago, and with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sixeas, moved to Chambersburg during his boyhood. Several years ago he conducted a cigar store in Chambersburg, which he sold and since that time had been traveling in the employ of the American Company. At the time of his death he was a district manager and had charge of the territory in the vicinity of Philadelphia with headquarters in that city. He is survived by his wife and

TEACHERS MUST ATTEND.

New School Code Imposes Fines On Absentees at Institute.

The new school code contains so many new features that several years will elapse before all of its provisions are fully understood and in the meantime some persons may unwittingly incur penalties that they did not know threatened them.

It has always been understood that all teachers were required to be in attendance at the several institutes of the term, and received their salaries for the time they were in attendance, but no penalty was imposed in the event of absence except a possible reprimand from the superintendent.

But this is different now, and the delinquent will suffer pecuniary loss if he or she does not show up at the institute session and stay there all the time. Section 2108 of the code, provides in substance, that the school directors are required to pay from the district funds to the teachers employed in the public schools \$3 per day for each day's actual attendance upon the annual teachers' institute.

Section 2110 provides that payment for such institute shall be based upon the official reports, and the teachers absenting themselves shall forfeit to the school district a sum equal to that which they would have received, the same to be deducted from their salary for the month next following.

New Dog Law.

A new law regarding the killing of un-taxed dogs went into effect on July 15. Copies of the new act have been received at the court house. This new law has many features which are believed to be better than those embodied in the act of 1907.

All dogs must wear collars and tax tabs. A dog not wearing a collar and tax tab may be shot when found on the premises of another. In other words a property holder, a tenant, or an employee of a property holder or tenant may kill any dog found wandering on the premises provided the dog does not wear a collar and tax tab. The untaxed canine is considered a public nuisance.

The new law allows constables \$1 and tax collectors 25 cents for each un-taxed dog they kill. The constable is supposed to do the killing and the tax collector to assist. The previous act allowed the constable 50 cents for each dog and gave the tax collector nothing.

Evidently the legislature knew how difficult it is to induce constables to kill dogs. Constables desiring another term of office have been slow to kill dogs because of the ill will incurred in this manner. The new act imposes a penalty of \$2 on a constable who refuses at the request of a citizen to kill an un-taxed dog running at large in his bailiwick. The citizen making the request must report the refusal of the constable to the commissioners and \$2 for each dog will be deducted from the next bill of costs turned in by the constable.

Citizens wishing to keep dogs must place collars and tax tabs upon them. Then if they destroy another's property the owner of the property has recourse at law for damages. In case the dog wears no collar and tab and trespasses on private property he may be shot by the owner or tenant of the property or by the employee of either.

three children, also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sixeas, and these brothers and sisters; Shade, and Miss Carrie at home; William, in the west; Mrs. Shutzman and Mrs. Mary Tagg, both in Harrisburg. His remains were brought to Chambersburg for interment.

COMMON-SENSE SPELLING.

Brander Matthews Makes a Plea For Easily Understood Words.

"There never has been any period in the history of the English language when its spelling was not more or less uncertain and irregular, not to call it chaotic," writes Brander Matthews in an article "How Ought We to Spell?" in Munsey's Magazine. "Even at the present moment no two of the influential dictionaries are in agreement as to the proper spelling of several thousand words. Who shall decide when dictionaries disagree?"

"There is not, and there cannot be, any final standard of English orthography to which we can all appeal. We may regret this as much as we please but we cannot alter the fact. The spelling of our language is not fixed; it never has been and it never will be. It has always been changing slowly, and it will continue to change until that far distant day when English shall cease to be a living tongue.

"Our spelling will be simplified more or less in the future—that is certain, for it has been simplified more or less in the past; and the same force is at work now, as resistless as an avalanche. We can help this along; we can hinder it a little; or we can do nothing at all, looking on while the battle rages.

"When ever we happen to note any simpler spellings we may resolve to use them the next time of writing; if we shall recall a few of them from time to time. No one who has ever seen the and altho and thoro thus printed is likely to forget those simpler forms; and there is little difficulty in learning to use them, instead of the cumbersome though and although and thorough."

For Lice On Poultry.

From a poultryman in Chester, Pa., State Zoologist, H. A. Surface, received at Harrisburg a letter, stating that his poultry is infested with lice of different kinds, and asked what to do to destroy them. The reply was as follows:

"There are two distinct groups of Chicken lice, the little red ones which are mostly on the fowls at night, and remain during the day on perches or in the nests, or elsewhere in the poultry house, or near their roosting places; and, second, those which remain on the fowls practically all the time. These are generally larger, and gray in color.

For the former, the best thing to do is to spray the poultry house thoroughly with kerosene or kerosene emulsion, or strong lime sulfur-solution, or strong soap solution, or perhaps best of all a five per cent. kerosene solution. One part creoline in twenty parts of water will destroy everyone that it touches, and will act as a fungicide to destroy disease germs, as well as destroying the lice. At the same time, change the straw in the nests, burning the old straw, and spray or wash the empty nest boxes.

For the lice on the fowls, you should dust them with a mixture of flowers of sulfur, hellebore, tobacco dust, and pyrethrum, about equal parts, holding the fowls by the feet head downward, and rub this dust well into the feathers. I think you can obtain some literature of this subject from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C."

Mills—Carbaugh.

Married at the M. E. parsonage McConnellsburg, Pa., on Saturday, August 5, 1911, by Rev. Jno. V. Royer, Thomas R. Mills of Franklin county and Elsie Carbaugh of Fulton county.

Rev. Clifford E. Hays, McConnellsburg, Pa., has resigned as pastor of the McConnellsburg Lutheran charge. The resignation goes into effect October 30, 1911.

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

W. L. Stevens, of Taylor was a town visitor Friday.

H. K. Stevens of Laidig, was a business visitor on Friday.

Hays Locke of Ft. Littleton was at the County Seat on Monday.

W. H. Ranck of Hustontown was doing business in town Friday.

J. W. Woodcock of Hustontown was seen on our streets on Friday.

Samuel W. Peck, of Myersdale, Pa., is visiting in the homes of his uncles C. W. Peck and B. W. Peck.

N. M. Barton of Akersville, was a business visitor to town on Saturday.

Constable H. C. Grove, of Taylor township was at the County Seat on Saturday.

Joseph Hampton of Harrisonville was registered at the Washington House on Friday.

Helen Hanks, of Breezewood, has been visiting in the home of her cousins, Misses Mary and Nettie Stouteagle.

Adam Shafer of Somerville, Ill., is visiting his brother John in Todd township, near town and other friends in this vicinity.

Paul Johnston of Philadelphia was called to his home in this place last week by the serious illness of his mother Mrs. J. K. Johnston.

Miss Grace Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Stevens, Chambersburg, spent last week visiting in the home of her uncle Geo. A. Harris in this place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fulton and Catharine Glenn of Webster Mills are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Washbaugh and other friends here.

Misses Georgie, Blanche, and Jessie Woodall, of Chambersburg are spending ten days enjoying the ocean breezes at Ocean Grove after which they will visit their brother Harry in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James H. Kendall and Miss Ethel Kendall are visiting relatives in Ohio—the former her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston N. Nelson at Huntsville, and the latter her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Concord, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. John M. Diehl returned home last Friday after having spent the month of July visiting Mrs. Diehl's parents in Minnesota. They spent a day at Niagara Falls on their return trip, and say they had a very restful and enjoyable vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grissinger, of New Grenada, and the former's son Jimmy, wife, and baby, of Broadtop City, were early Monday morning callers at the News office. The party had driven down to the County Seat on Sunday and spent the time in town until Monday afternoon.

Sipes—Anderson.

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Emanuel Sipes near Hustontown at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 2, 1911, when his son John Z. Sipe and Mrs. Cecelia Anderson were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. Luther W. McGarvey of Hustontown.

The bride was gowned in a beautiful costume of tan silk. She has resided near Clear Ridge for a number of years. She possesses the essential qualities of a good wife and the groom is a highly respected and a successful farmer. A bright future is before them. Their many friends join in congratulation and best wishes.

The Hustontown calthampan orchestra tendered the usual salutations.