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## FIRST BREAK IN FAMILY.

Two Sisters, Mrs. John Ott, and Mrs. Martin M. Bender Die Within Period of Seventy Hours.

## MEMBERS OF GRISSINGER FAMILY.

The first break by death in the eight children composing the family of the late Andrew and Rebecca (Slates) Grissinger, occurred last Thursday morning, when the spirit of Anna Rebecca, wife of John Ott, of Todd township, passed peacefully to her final rest, after an illness of typhoid fever lasting less than a week. Everything was done for her within the realm of human agency, but the dread disease had fastened itself with such tenacity that its hold could not be loosened.

Mrs. Ott was born on the 31st day of March, 1855, and hence was aged 56 years, 4 months, and 10 days. She possessed many rare qualities of heart and mind, and was a devoted wife and loving mother, whose very life was centered in the welfare of her children. A consistent member of the Lutheran church, her family was taught that reverence and respect for the church that shall strengthen them for the duties of life, and cause them to put their trust in the great Heavenly father after their earthly parents shall have passed over. Besides her husband, she is survived by twelve children: Nellie, wife of George Knotts, Altoona, Pa., Anne, Clyde, Maude, Harry, Mary, Andrew, Roy C., Paul, Frank, Ross and Edna.

The funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. Clifford E. Hays, of the Lutheran Church, took place, Saturday morning, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

The next morning after the funeral of Mrs. Ott, McConnellsburg people were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Ott's sister Catherine, or Kate as she was more familiarly known, wife of Martin M. Bender, of McConnellsburg, her death having occurred early Sunday morning.

While it was known that Mrs. Bender was not in good health, the news of her death came as a great surprise, for she had been out to see her sister Mrs. Ott on Wednesday, and it was on Friday while her husband had gone to make arrangements for a team for himself and wife to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ott, that Mrs. Bender became quite sick. She continued to grow worse until death came as before stated.

Mrs. Bender was the eldest child of her father's family, and was born July 30, 1847, and was aged 64 years and 14 days. Like her sister, she was a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Her remains were laid to rest in the graveyard of the Lutheran Church in McConnellsburg on Tuesday morning, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Hays.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, John somewhere in the west; Harvey, of the firm of Hull & Bender of this place; and Mertie, wife of R. M. Downes.

Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Bender are survived by the following brothers and sisters: Jane, wife of David Rotz, Todd township; Daniel L., McConnellsburg; Belle, wife of John P. Conrad, McConnellsburg; Ada, wife of William B. Karns, Everett, Pa.; William, residing near Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa.; and Matilda, wife of John B. Booth, Madsdensville, Pa.

Charlie Dunlap of Kansas, has been in our midst for several days visiting friends here. Mr. Dunlap has been in Kansas for the past five years. His parents James Dunlap and family now of Fayetteville were formerly residents of this place. Charlie looks as though the world is using him well.

## FAMILY REUNION.

Descendants of Hon. and Mrs. John T. Richards Will Spend Ten Days at the Old Homestead.

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a family reunion of the descendants of the late Hon. and Mrs. John T. Richards at the old homestead in Buck Valley, this county. All of the children, grand-children, and great grand children (there is but one great grand-child) are expected to assemble at the old home next Monday. The women of the party are to be housed in the home of Letitia (Mrs. J. Clayton Hixson) and the men will occupy tents in the yard. One large tent will be used as a kitchen; another, for a dining room, and sleeping quarters will be provided for the men. Two well trained colored cooks from Germantown, Md., will have charge of the culinary department, and everything is in shape for a delightful time.

Jacob, the eldest son, residing at Clarksburg, W. Va., will be there with his son Findley and wife and their two children; also, Jacob's daughter Ella, Mrs. Kitzmiller, a widow with one daughter (the one grand-child), and an adopted son. Jacob's wife, who was Miss Huldah Eastburn of Hancock, died over a year ago.

J. Neepser is a physician residing at Fallsington, Bucks county, Pa. He will be accompanied by his wife, son, and daughter.

Letitia, wife of J. Clayton Hixson, and an adopted son and her husband, live on the old home place.

Albert is a lawyer and resides in Muskogee, Okla. He, with his wife who is a native of Kansas, and their four sons, the eldest of whom is an officer on the Battleship Oregon, will be at the reunion.

Rev. T. Davis Richards has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Germantown, Md., during the last twenty-three years, and comes with his wife, who was Miss Anna Carl, of Warfordsburg, and their three sons.

Cecil is a business man residing in Des Moines, Iowa. He has one son. Cecil's wife, who was a native of Iowa, has been dead several years.

Charles Howard, the youngest of his father's family, is a physician and lives in Dunkirk, N. Y. His wife is a native of Ohio. They have one son.

Mrs. Sarah M. Carver, of Philadelphia, the only surviving member of the immediate family of the father of Hon. John T. Richards, will be present very much to the pleasure of her nephews and niece, thus completing an assemblage of thirty-one persons.

On Sunday morning, August 27th divine services will be held on the lawn at the old home at 10 o'clock, at which time Rev. T. Davis Richards will preach a sermon. A very cordial invitation is extended to their old neighbors and friends generally to be present, and to take part in the song service.

## A. M. Corbin Announces.

The announcement of A. M. Corbin, of Taylor township, for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Fulton county at the primary election on the last Saturday of September, will be found in the column of political announcements in this paper. Mr. Corbin is one of Taylor township's leading citizens, and has proven his ability to manage his own business successfully and to maintain the esteem and confidence of his neighbors. Mr. Corbin is well known throughout the county, and is making an energetic canvass.

The M. E. Sunday school of Knobsville will hold their annual picnic Saturday, August 19th. Everybody is invited to come and spend the day.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### MRS. W. L. FIELDS.

Mrs. Hannah (Cromwell) Fields, wife of Mr. William L. Fields, died at her home at Clear Ridge, this county, on Tuesday evening of last week aged 50 years, 8 months, and 23 days. The cause of her death was tuberculosis, and she had been in feeble health for a long time. The funeral took place on Thursday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Cromwell U. B. church of which she had been a member for many years.

Mrs. Fields was an excellent woman and bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and resignation. She is survived by her husband, and one son Harry; also by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell, and by the following brothers and sisters: H. Irvin Cromwell, Sylvester and Thomas, Maggie Vincent, and Ida Brant, of Pittsburg; Miss Jane, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Lizzie Jones, New York.

#### MRS. PLESSINGER.

Mrs. Sadie Plessinger, wife of Amos Plessinger, died Monday, July 31, 1911, at her home in Belong township after suffering for several months of consumption.

A strictly honest christian lady in all her dealings Mrs. Plessinger won and retained the respect and confidence of those with whom she associated. At the time of her death Mrs. Plessinger was aged 61 years, 4 months and 28 days. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Daniel Garland and Harry Plessinger, near Siding Hill; seven grand children; one brother Jacob L. Hess, near Iddo; sisters, Mrs. Lewis Sipe, of Locust Grove, and Mrs. Mary Bedford, near Pleasant Grove Church. Interment at Pleasant Grove Church Wednesday, August 2nd in the presence of a very large crowd of friends.

#### W. M. RITZ.

William McKinley Ritz, aged 17 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ritz, died Wednesday evening, July 26th, at the Martinsburg hospital of acute Bright's disease. His death was a great shock to his family and friends as he was ill only a short time.

He was a very patient sufferer and a good Christian boy and will be missed by all. His funeral took place on Friday afternoon, July 28th at 3 o'clock in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of which he was a member. He is survived by his father and mother and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Wm. Bick, Allison Park, Pa.; Cora, Zellenopie, Pa.; Chester, May Breek, N. Y.; Oswald, Paw Creek, N. C., and Mildred, Achsa and Louise at home.

#### BERKSTRESSER.

After a short illness Jesse Herbert Berkstresser died Wednesday August 9th at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Berkstresser near Water fall, from the combined causes of tuberculosis and leakage of the heart. The young man had not been strong for several years but his condition was not alarming until about a week before his death. In fact, he had planned to go to Campmeeting, but on Saturday took a hemorrhage, which was followed by others up to the time of his death. He was a reliable, wellbehaved and promising young man, and his untimely death is greatly lamented by all.

Herbert was born January 21, 1883 and was aged 28 years, 6 months and 18 days. Interment was made at Center M. E. cemetery Friday at 10 a. m., services conducted by Rev. McGarvey, of Hustontown.

He is survived by his parents

## Recent Weddings.

### AMICK—SPROWL.

Miss Letta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sprowl, Wells Tannery, was married in Cumberland, Md., on Wednesday the 2nd inst., to Mr. Sherman Amick near Altoona. They returned to the bride's home the following Saturday where a reception was given, and the hearty congratulations of their many friends received.

### MCCALL—MELLOTT.

Married at the M. E. Parsonage McConnellsburg Saturday, August 12, 1911, by the Rev. John V. Royer, William A. McCall, of Mercersburg, and Jane Mellott, of McConnellsburg.

## Mercersburg Tight.

The Burgess and Town Council of Mercersburg is advertising the following self-explanatory proclamation:

At an adjourned meeting of Council, held August 1, 1911, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That after September 1, 1911, all places of business are to be kept closed on Sunday except Drug stores and Restaurants, the Drug stores to sell drugs and medicines and the restaurants to provide meals only. All persons after that date (September 1, 1911) selling cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos, ice cream, soda water, candy or any other luxury will be dealt with according to law."

According to Hicks, the weather man, who lives in St. Louis, we will doubtless have more hot weather during August with an occasional cool spell. Lack of rainfall will be disastrous to the growing crops. Some rains he claims will visit the Eastern States, but as a rule the drought will be extended pretty generally over the country and the results to vegetation will likely be serious. This drought will in all probability extend into September and perhaps later into the fall.

and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Myrtle Lamberson, Kearney; Mrs. Inez Waithen, Lock Haven; Mrs. Martha Heefner, Gracey; Mrs. Metz Cromwell, East Liberty; Ernest, Lena and Leonard at home.

The parents, sisters and brothers extend their thanks to the friends and neighbors who assisted during illness and death of the son and brother.

### EMANUEL FEGLEY.

Emanuel Fegley, a well known citizen, died at his home south of Needmore on Wednesday night of last week aged 59 years, 11 months and 10 days. While Mr. Fegley had not been in very robust health for several years, his last sickness was only of about three weeks' duration. His funeral took place Friday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hills Chapel. Besides his wife, who was Miss Rheumma Garland, he is survived by three children, Charles and Rosa, Tiffin, Ohio, and by Walter, residing in Ayr township, this county.

### DENEEN.

A ten or twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deneen, of Union township died at the home of her parents Saturday, the 5th inst. and was buried Monday. No further particulars obtainable.

### FISHER.

Mrs. Fisher, wife of Captain George Fisher, died at their home in Hagerstown a few days ago, and her remains were taken to Buck Valley and interment made in the cemetery at the Lutheran Church on Tuesday morning of this week.

### MOATS.

Mrs. John Moats died in Thompson township last week, and was buried in the cemetery at Damascus Church on Friday. Mrs. Moats was aged about 75 years.

## ANOTHER FIRE.

Big Frame Stable on the Property of the Misses Dickson Destroyed Last Saturday Evening.

### MIGHT HAVE BURNED WHOLE TOWN.

The friends who, during the past seven months, have been deliberately burning their neighbors' property, and endangering the lives of the sick, scored another inning last Saturday by burning the stable on the property of the Misses Dickson, within 200 feet of the center of the business section of the town. If a plot had been laid to burn the whole town, and destroy the lives of those who were lying at the point of death, no more auspicious moment could have been selected for the application of the torch. The weather during the days preceding had been unusually hot and dry; the water in the reservoir was so low that the supply was likely to be exhausted at any moment, and the wind was blowing in the right direction to carry the burning embers upon the roofs of the buildings along the main street and into the stables and other buildings northward.

It being Saturday evening and the weather pleasant, a large number of out of town people, as well as our own people, were on the street, and the town presented an unusually lively appearance. At half past eight o'clock, there was a sudden and powerful burst of flame from the Dickson stable (the old Dr. Duffield property), the wind carrying a shower of sparks and burning embers and dropping them down right in the heart of the town. Fortunately we have a few fighters in town who do not lose their heads, nor do they lose any time in getting the hose attached to the nearest plug and a stream on the fire, and it is to these faithful men, that the town owes its rescue from destruction.

In the stable were a horse, a cow, two buggies, a spring wagon, about two tons of hay, the same quantity of straw, grain, harness, &c. The doors were broken open, and the live stock liberated, and the vehicles taken out. A bucket brigade was formed at the street, and by the aid of ladders, and garden hose, the roofs of the nearest buildings were kept wet, until the danger was past, while the men with the main hose protected the adjoining stables and other buildings, and confined the fire to the Dickson stable.

Watch was kept up during the night, but the loss was confined to the destruction of the Dickson stable on which there was an insurance of \$150; the partial destruction of W. F. Stoutteagle's ice house, with no insurance, and the damage sustained by Isaac Watson's stable, which is insured.

In consequence of the wrought-up condition of the citizens of the Borough resulting from the persistence of the incendiary or incendiaries, it was felt that it was quite time to take steps that would lead to the apprehension and punishment of any who might be engaged in the nefarious business. Hence a detective was called from Harrisburg, who arrived Sunday evening and went to work on the case at once. By Monday afternoon, the detective informed the District Attorney that information should be made against Russell Sipes as one who probably knew something about the origin of, at least, some of the fires. No one citizen caring to take the risk of making the information alone, a number of leading citizens met at the office of the District Attorney and joining made the formal "information" before Justice of the Peace Conrad, who issued a warrant and placed it in the hands of Constable Steach at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Russell Sipes voluntarily placed himself

## TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF FRUITS.

Watering The Trees Is An Important Feature.

A fruit grower in the northern part of the State has recently written to the Economic Zoologist of the Department of Agriculture requesting to know whether there was any known method by means of which the size of his apples might be increased. Prof. Surface answered by giving the following recommendations:

"To increase the size of apples, I beg to say that there is nothing better than to water the soil abundantly, after having scattered one pound or two of nitrate of soda around the trees, a little farther than the branches extend. If the ground is sloping, it is well to make a bank around the lower side of the tree to hold the water. This should extend over an area nearly as far as the branches reach. If you can find it possible to soak several barrels into the ground at each tree, it will not only stop the dropping of the fruit, but will make it of much larger size.

"Also, the immediate thinning off of all damaged and inferior fruits will make larger and better fruits of those that remain on the trees, and will have a tendency to stop dropping.

"The dry weather has been unusually severe on practically all farm crops, and also on fruits. There never has been a season when good, thorough drainage and cultivation in an orchard has told such a story as this year. Fruits are staying on the trees where cultivated; those not cultivated are falling quite prematurely.

"By thinning one is able to get rid of the pests such as the Codling Moth, railroad Maggot and Curculio, if he will destroy by promptly feeding the pigs, burning or deeply burying, those which he takes off."

## He Likes Nebraska.

Our old friend Jacob Kauffman dropped into our sanctum Monday morning, for a little chat. He had been visiting his sister Mrs. W. M. Hann, and his niece Mrs. Wm. Fix. A few years ago, he sold his property on Pleasant Ridge, moved to Johnstown, and about two years ago he and his son George left Johnstown and went to Nebraska, where they remained until last March when they returned to Johnstown, and they have their home in that city now. Mr. Kauffman's brother Levi went to Nebraska some thirty years ago, and now owns two good farms, keeps an automobile, and lives in comfort. Jacob thinks Nebraska a great farming country, the land producing so much more per acre than that in the East, and the soil so much more easily tilled. Lumber for building purposes costs from \$45 to \$47 a thousand, and coal, upon which one must depend for heating purposes, costs \$8 a ton. Hence, it will be seen that advantages and disadvantages are round together wherever you go.

## A Pleasant Surprise.

Miss Luella Ladig was quite pleasantly surprised last Thursday on her birthday August 10th, by receiving a shower of fifty-five handkerchiefs from the following Post offices: Altoona, Saxton, Dudley, Hiram, Williamsport, Hustontown, Dane, Gracey, Ladig, Dublin Mills; New Grenada, Elnora, Colorado, Cando, North Dakota, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, and McConnellsburg.

She wishes to extend her many thanks to the relatives and friends who so kindly remembered her on her birthday.

in the hands of the Sheriff and is now in jail awaiting a hearing before the Associate Judges, set for Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. These are just the facts as they have transpired without any comment.

## 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

B. F. Wible, of Knobsville, was in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Cora E. Sheerer is visiting relatives in McConnellsburg. John Baldwin of Fort Littleton was a business visitor to town on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Mason and daughter Lois spent last Saturday in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Harry Wolf, of Philadelphia, is the guest of the family of Dr. A. D. Dalbey.

E. N. Akers and Miss Margaret Daniels of Sipes Mill spent a day last week with friends in town.

Morse Sloan of Pittsburg is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sloan of this place.

Miss J. Irvin Hull, of New York City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hull on north First street.

Misses Zoe and Jessie Mason returned home last Saturday evening from a ten days' outing at Atlantic City, Chester, and Philadelphia.

Misses Emily V. Greathead, Mary Pittman and Gertrude Hoke have returned from a ten days' visit to Pen Mar and Hancock, Md.

Mr. Thomas W. Whiteside, of Philadelphia, has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peck on north First street a few days this week.

Mrs. C. R. Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, and Miss Stella Sipes, were among the number attending "Old Home Week" at Greencastle last week.

Mildred Finiff has returned home after having spent three weeks very pleasantly visiting friends in Chambersburg, Scotland, Newville, Altenwald, and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Plank and three children, of Harrisburg are at the Fulton House, for a week's recreation. Mr. Plank is the proprietor of the Fink brewery in Harrisburg.

Mr. Henry Shue formerly of this place, but now employed in the Martin Carriage and Automobile Factory, York, Pa., is spending this week visiting among relatives in this community.

Mr. Cornelius Doyle, of Harrisburg, who has a three weeks' leave of absence from his employers, arrived in McConnellsburg last Saturday and is visiting among his old time friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Karns, and Miss Grace Karns—all of Everett, spent the time from Friday until Tuesday afternoon in McConnellsburg, during which time they attended the funerals of Mrs. Karns' sisters, Mrs. John Ott and Mrs. M. M. Bender.

Mrs. Chas. Hixson and two children Herman and Netha returned home last Friday evening after a two weeks' visit to Everett Brush Creek Valley and Whips Cove. Their Everett friends gave them several automobile rides, during their stay in that town.

Mrs. John LaMaster of Mercersburg spent last Friday and Saturday with her father Daniel E. Fore Esq. She was accompanied home by her daughter Miss Ivy LaMaster and by Miss Dorothy Brant who had been spending some time at Mr. Fore's.

Rev. G. W. McInlay, of Dudley, Pa., and his sister-in-law, Miss Cora Doran, of Burnt Cabins, were in town last Saturday and were pleasant callers at the News office. Mr. McInlay, held communion services at the Cabins for Rev. Chambers, Sunday morning; at Carrick, in the afternoon, and at Fannettsburg in the evening.