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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

JOHN HIXON.

John Hixon, aged 87 years, died at his home in Hancock, Md., Tuesday night August 8, 1911. The following sketch of Mr. Hixon is taken from Williams' History of Washington county:

He was born at Bethel Springs in Fulton county, Pa., Sept. 4, 1824, son of Joseph and Anna (Jaques) Hixon. Mr. Hixon's paternal ancestors came from England and settled in New Jersey; in that state his grandfather, Isaiah Hixon, was born and spent his early life. He removed to the vicinity of Clearville, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he pursued farming. Joseph Hixon, eldest son of Isaiah and father of John Hixon, was born on the paternal homestead in Bedford county, February 24, 1785. He obtained his education in the district schools. He married Anna Jaques. After marriage they settled on a mill property on Tonoloway Creek in Fulton county, Pa. Here Mr. Hixon carried on an extensive milling and lumber business. He died there October 15, 1863, and his wife June 17, 1859. They belonged to the old style camp-meeting Methodists. Mr. Hixon was a Whig and Republican. Their children were: William, Mary, Isaiah, Rachel, Eleanor, Sarah, Amos, James, and John, whose boyhood and youth were spent on his father's farm. While yet a small boy he began work in his father's sawmill. He learned carpentry in Fulton county and was subsequently employed on bridge construction gang of the B. & O. R. R. for several years. He came to Hancock some time prior to 1857 and in that year married Eliza, daughter of William and Mary Foutz Creager, who was born near Hagerstown, in 1826. When she was six years old her parents settled in Hancock, where she has since resided. Mr. Creager's occupation was wagon building. About the time of their marriage or soon after, Mr. and Mrs. Hixon took up their abode in the house in which they now reside, which Mr. Hixon built in 1858. It was originally the home of John Hancock, the founder of the town, who personally cleared the timber from the ground on which he erected his house. Until his retirement from active business a few years ago Mr. Hixon followed the vocation of carpenter and builder. During the civil war he witnessed many stirring incidents. When Jackson shelled the town he and his family were forced to flee for safety. On their return the house was occupied by Confederate soldiers. The children of John and Eliza Creager Hixon are: Helen August, who married Oliver Hightman of Frederick county, Maryland, the Rev. Charles E. of Minnestota, Warren Delano of Baltimore, Mrs. Jennie Conn of Hancock.

HEWITT.

The subject of this notice died on Friday morning August 18, 1911, after a brief illness of three days of paralysis aged 63 years, 6 months and 24 days. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Warren Hewitt, wife of her son with whom she had her home, after preparing breakfast called for Mrs. Hewitt to come to breakfast. She did not appear and after the family were seated at the table she went to the stairs and called a second time on receiving no reply she became alarmed and went to Mrs. Hewitt's room where she found her lying on the floor unconscious in which condition she remained until death. She apparently had arisen at her daughter-in-laws first call to come

THREE SPRINGS MERCHANT WEDS.

Charles Huston Married to Miss Althea Sentf of Saltillo. Are Away on Bridal Trip.

Chas. Huston of Three Springs, and Miss Althea Sentf, of Saltillo, were married Friday afternoon, August 18, at 2:15 o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Samuel Crottsley, 1533 Third avenue, Altoona, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Simpson B. Evans, pastor of the church. The only witnesses to the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. Crottsley. The beautiful ring ceremony was used. The groom is a prosperous young merchant, doing an extensive business in general merchandise. The bride is an attractive lady and for her bridal was daintily gowned in white. She is just out of school, having been a student for several terms at Juniata College, Huntingdon, where she was very popular. Mr. and Mrs. Huston left at 3:18 for Philadelphia and New York and will tour New England. After the trip they will reside at Three Springs where they will receive the congratulations of their friends.

Cow Went Mad.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are those who make fun of the idea of a mad dog scare, to Mr. W. R. Foster in Wells Valley it has meant the loss of two valuable cows. Last week one of his cows known to have been bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago, showed unmistakable signs of hydrophobia, and the animal was killed by Howard Tice. In order not to be taken any chances from infection from the poison virus, Howard climbed a tree and shot the cow from the treetop. This is the second cow thus lost by Mr. Foster.

Tendered His Resignation.

President Granville, of Gettysburg, received from Prof. Oscar K. Klingor his resignation as professor of Greek in Gettysburg college. It is to take effect June 1, 1912. Prof. Klingor gives ill health as the reason for relinquishing his duties at the college.

to her breakfast. This was the third attack of paralysis Mrs. Hewitt had. She was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. William Culler. Her parents both dying when the children were young. About 42 years ago she was married to Jacob Hewitt who died in March 1906. To this union was born 8 children all of whom survive to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted mother.

The children are namely, Mrs. Isadiah Fey, of Baltimore; Warner, on the old homestead near Plum Run; Calvin, of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. Dessa Cavander, of Bedford county; Richard, of Cumberland, Md.; Isaac, near Clear Spring, Md.; Mrs. McCaulcy Pittman, of Thompson, and Daniel, of Sharpe. She is also survived by two step-children, Mrs. Sarah Hook, of Bedford county, and Mrs. Howard Pittman, of Dickey's Mountain; and four brothers and one sister, Peter, of Johnstown; William, of Waynesboro; John, of Lemaster; Isaac, of Plum Run, and Christina, widow of the late John Carbaugh, of Plum Run.

Her remains were laid to rest at Rehoboth on Sabbath afternoon, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The services were conducted by Rev. Munger, pastor of Rehoboth M. E. church, of which church she was a member.

BLOOM.

Harold Phineas Bloom, son of Jesse and Elsie Baker Bloom, died last Sunday evening, at half past eleven o'clock. He had always been a healthy child—never sick—until the Tuesday previous, when he became ill, the physician pronounced it cholera infantum, and from that on, he steadily grew worse, until death came. He was aged 8 months and 3 days,

Birthday Surprise Party.

Last Friday evening a birthday surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McClain who live in Coles Valley about one mile north of New Grenada, for their son Eldon, it being in honor of his twenty first birthday.

As the last rays of the evening sun had illuminated the Western horizon and the shades of night began to creep slowly over Coles Valley a traveller passing through the valley might have been impressed by the calmness of the evening, but sometimes calmness of the atmosphere precedes a big storm and this fact was soon verified to Eldon. As he was making some preparation to go to New Grenada to spend the evening, a few of his friends called, and later the few became a host. By 8:30 all available space in the house was filled, and you should have heard those boys and girls laughing and singing until they shook the mountains on either side of the valley. After several hours of enjoyment in games suitable for the occasion, a supper was served consisting of pie and the most elaborate cake any lady could bake. After all had done justice to the supper, they left for home feeling that such a party in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McClain was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Was there a storm? Was it a surprise? Ask Eldon. Eldon was the recipient of many useful and practical gifts. Among which was a beautiful gold watch presented by his parents and all good wishes for many happy birth days.

Those present were: Marion Edwards, Laura Early, Mary Day Foreman, Laura Edwards, Eleanor Sipes, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Cunningham, Queen Houck, Olive Cutchall, Mary Cutchall, Odette Barnett, Blanche Alloway Edith Shaffer; Roy Cutchall, Roy Early, W. Bergstresser, Harry Stunkard, Harry Edwards, Chas. Davis, Chas. Sipes, R. Edwards, John Houck, R. Shaffer, James Alloway, Guy Alloway Ernest Cunningham, Dean Bergstresser.

Fine New Barn.

A large number of persons attended the "raising" of Samuel Mellott's new barn on the "Logan" farm in Ayr township last Saturday. Contractor John Bard, of Belfast township, is erecting the building, which is 45x80 feet, and will contain about 25,000 feet of lumber. Contractor John Comer, had charge of the men at the "raising" and everything went together without a hitch much to the credit of the mechanics. The wall erected from choice limestone attracted much attention and shows that David Lauer is a past master in the art of masonry. The stables, which are large and commodious, are so arranged that they may be emptied of live stock on three sides, a very important arrangement in case of fire.

Run-off.

As Lewis C. Mann was returning to his home in Everett on Thursday morning of last week from a sawmill he was operating near Crystal Springs, the Mustang he was driving became unmanageable, ran off, and threw Mr. Mann and a Mr. Fisher who was accompanying him, out, and injured both men. The horse ran on about a mile and dashed into a horse driven by Amos Felton, killing Mr. Felton's horse almost instantly.

Mr. Harrison Hoover, of West Dublin, called at the News office a few minutes while in town last Saturday. Mr. Hoover is a graduate of a Commercial institution in Ohio, and has been engaged teaching in a Commercial school in Iowa during the past year. He is a very capable instructor and may locate somewhere in the East during the coming year.

SIPES STILL AT LARGE.

Sheriff Harris to Answer for October Court. Charge for Allowing Prisoner to Escape.

Just as we were going to press last Thursday morning, we learned that Russell Sipes had escaped from jail during the night. The story that the sheriff told us that morning was, that some one had gained access to the jail through the back yard, and had aided the prisoner, who was locked in the murderer's cell to escape from prison.

During the day an impression prevailed that there was something "fishy" about the transaction, and several citizens intimated to the Sheriff that it would be to his advantage to make an effort to recapture the prisoner.

The story current is that early Friday morning the Sheriff was seen with the prisoner going from the home of James Sipes to that of the home of the prisoner's father, F. B. Sipes. Later, the Sheriff started with the prisoner from F. B. Sipes' home, down the alley in the direction of the jail. When the Sheriff and Russell came to the crossing of the alleys, going westward, Russell left the Sheriff and ran northward, crossing the Commons and entering a field. The Sheriff chased the prisoner to the field, and then returned.

A few hours later, four citizens of the Borough went before Justice S. M. Robinson and made formal information against the Sheriff on three counts, as follows: Suffering one Russell Sipes, charged with arson, to escape through gross negligence.

Refusing to execute a lawful process committing Russell Sipes to the county jail.

Allowing said Sipes to escape and be at large after having had him in charge.

As soon as the Sheriff heard that information had been made, he appeared before the Justice and asked permission to enter bail for his appearance at a hearing which had been fixed for Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The Sheriff was then allowed to go out and hunt bail, which had been fixed at \$2,000. Not being successful, in finding any one willing to bail him, District Attorney Lynch and Attorney John P. Sipes appeared before Justice of the Peace and insisted that the amount of bail was exorbitant and that it should not be over \$500, whereupon, the amount of bail was made \$500 and the Sheriff was released upon his own recognizance.

On Sunday evening District Attorney Lynch notified the Justice of the Peace that there would not be any hearing Monday morning, and on Monday morning District Attorney Lynch and Sheriff Harris went to the Justice's office and renewed the recognizance for the appearance of the Sheriff at October term of Court.

The prisoner is still at large. A reward of one hundred dollars has been offered by the Town Council for his arrest and return. No other reward has been offered. Our local authorities have been active, advantage taken of every clue.

To add to the tension to which our people are wrought up, it was discovered last Friday morning that some one had coal oiled the cellar of the building in which R. M. Downes' barber shop is located. So thoroughly had the work been done, that it required only the application of a match to start a conflagration right in the heart of the town.

The News is not here to say that Russell Sipes is guilty of all the fires, or of any of them; for that has not been proven. Nor does the News say that Russell is the only dangerous citizen McConnellsburg has. That the Borough has suffered at the hands of some person or persons, is very evident, and it is up to the people of McConnellsburg and vicinity to join hands in running

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Broken Bone Necessitates Surgical Operation at Hospital. Patient Mrs. Fannie Kendall Wilson.

Mrs. Fannie Kendall Wilson is a daughter of the late R. M. Kendall, of this place, and the wife of W. C. Wilson, a farmer, residing near New Wilmington, Pa.

On the evening of the 13th of August, Mrs. Wilson was assisting her husband to do the milking in the yard at the barn. After the milking had been done, the cows were being driven out of the barnyard into a pasture field. In passing out through the gate one of the cows turned to run back, and passed Mrs. Wilson. In her attempt to head off the cow, Mrs. Wilson turned about suddenly, and being a woman who weighs about 225 pounds, the femur of one of her legs snapped off, and she fell to the ground. She was at once taken to the hospital at New Castle and placed upon the table. The surgeons found it necessary to cut the flesh open to the bone. They then removed a splintered portion of the bone about the size of a finger of an adult, brought the fractured bone together and held it in place by a silver plate and four screws driven into the bone. The operation lasted for an hour and a half, after which Mrs. Wilson rallied from the effects of the anaesthetic in good condition, and at last word, she was getting along well.

All Varieties of Wheat Subject to the Hessian Fly.

The inquiry is made by a farmer from Indiana County, as to whether certain varieties of wheat are free from the attack of the Hessian fly. Prof. Surface gives it as his opinion that not much dependence must be placed on the selection of varieties of wheat to control this pest.

"You can get no better information in the country concerning seed wheat and different varieties of wheat, than you can obtain by writing to Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, Director of our State Experiment Station, State College, Pa. They have made particularly valuable experiments there on the subjects of varieties of wheat. They have not made special tests in freedom from Hessian fly, but I can assure you that there is not the difference in varieties of wheat in this regard, that is generally supposed. I would suggest that you write to Dr. Hunt for any information needed along this line, as there is no specialist with this office who is doing such work."

Cinch Bugs Nearby.

State Economic Zoologist has received reports of the appearance of cinch bugs in a number of the counties in the Susquehanna valley and steps are now being taken to head off a plague of them next year.

The cinch bug is a small black insect with white wings and it attacks corn, grain and orchards. Farmers who have noticed the cinch bugs on their places are urged to spray with a ten per cent. emulsion of kerosene and burn all the rubbish in the fields where the bugs have made their appearance.

United Brethren Statistics.

The board of control of the United Brethren church gives out the information that at present the church has 3,479 Sunday schools, with 89,778 officers and teachers; 342,354 pupils, making a total enrollment of 382,322. The cradle roll has 85,000 members. There are 1900 organized adult classes with an enrollment of 57,000. The Christian Endeavor society has a membership of 86,000.

down the guilty ones whoever they may be, or wherever they may be found.

REPORT SHOW ALL CROPS FAILURES.

The Present Year A Bad One For Pennsylvania Agriculturists All Along The Line.

Pennsylvania will establish the record of having a general crop failure in all lines for the year 1911, according to reports which reach the state department of agriculture. This does not, however, mean a complete failure, though most of the crops are not better than 50 per cent of normal.

Corn will be about the best crop of all that the Keystone state raises, and its yield will be but 60 per cent of normal. Even at that, it is not advisable to brag too heavily of the quality. The wheat crop was poor and the oats and rye and other grains are all far below par. Alfalfa yields have been good, but alfalfa growing in Pennsylvania is new, and the state has no standard of comparison. Unfavorable conditions prevented this crop from being what it should be, at that. The yields of hay have been only fair.

Apples will be harvested in fair quantity and quality. Peaches will be only about one third in quantity and the quality, except from orchards that specialize on fancy grades, will not be exceptional. Other fruits are in the same class.

Generally unfavorable weather conditions are responsible for such a pessimistic summary. Late frosts did not occur to nip the fruit blossoms last spring but one or two chilly nights came that may have blighted the tender peach blossoms without actually frost biting them.

The rainless weeks of the spring and early summer got in their work, however and when the rains finally began to fall copiously a few weeks ago the relief came too late to do much good in many quarters. Moreover, when the rains did come they came with such a vengeance in many localities that some crops were washed out.

Weevils in Wheat.

A prominent farmer in the western part of the State writes to Prof. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist of the Department of Agriculture, asking how he can ride his wheat in the granary of weevils which are destroying it. The following reply to this inquiry may interest others who are suffering from the same pest:

"To destroy the weevils injuring your wheat, I would recommend you to put your wheat into tight barrels or boxes, and over each pour at least a teacupful of the liquid known as Carbon bisulfide, and cover it with a wet blanket.

"If you have a tight granary you can fumigate it in the granary. Pour over it one pound of the carbon bisulfide for each hundred bushels of grain, and cover it with wet blankets to hold down the fumes. Keep fire away, as these fumes are explosive the same as those of gasoline or benzene. Let it remain covered for a day or two. It may be possible that you may have to use a greater amount of the material than this, as much depends upon the amount of ventilation received. At any time after fumigation you can examine the wheat and see if the weevil is cleaned up. If not, repeat the dose by using it strong er.

"It, of course, is decidedly wrong to put any new wheat in a granary, bin, box or barrel with old wheat that is infested, or even where the weevil have not been cleaned out thoroughly. Spraying with five per cent. kerosene or crude carbolic acid is still more certain to clean them up in the bins and granaries."

The many friends of F. McN. Johnston, Esq., are glad to see him on the street again. Mr. Johnston has been confined to his home several weeks suffering from chronic liver trouble.

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

Lewis Shaw of Hustontown was in town on Saturday.

R. R. and E. C. Hann, of Salvia were in town on Monday.

A. R. Palmer of Sipes Mill was at the City Hotel on Monday.

H. K. Stevens and wife of Laidig paid our town a visit on Monday.

H. I. Wilson and wife of Fort Littleton were in town on Thursday last.

George A. Winters of Plum Run was at the County Seat on Monday.

S. C. Burkhart, of Fort Littleton was at the County Seat on Monday.

James Waltz of Thompson township was one of our pleasant visitors on Monday.

Frank Irwin, wife and little child are visiting J. A. Irwin's family in this place.

Dr. A. K. Davis and N. E. Hoover of Hustontown were town visitors on Monday.

Max Irwin of Philadelphia spent several days visiting his father J. A. Irwin's family the past week.

Charles Eitemiller, wife and daughter Myrtle of Mercersburg spent Sunday with the family of Henry Comer.

Rev. George Shimer, wife and two daughters, Lillian and Madeline of Port Royal are visiting, friends in this place and vicinity.

Dr. A. H. Stevens of Hancock, Iowa, spent a day or two this week in the homes of his brothers Thomas and Dr. Frank of this place.

M. V. Malot one of the good citizens of Taylor township was in town on Monday. The News will be a weekly visitor to his home hereafter.

J. C. Hewitt of Cumberland, M. D., was a very pleasant caller at our office on Monday. Mr. Hewitt will be posted in Fulton County news through the News for the next year.

Mrs. W. H. Staley (Sadie Sipes) has returned to her home in Carnegie, Pa., after having spent ten days very pleasantly in the home of her parents ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes.

Mrs. G. E. Wagner, of Newville, Pa., accompanied by Misses Myrtle Felix and Ella Finiff, returned home last Friday after having spent a week very pleasantly visiting Mrs. Wagner's father Mr. George Finiff, Sr., and other relatives in this county.

Harry E. Spangler, and Frank Guillard, of Wells Tannery, drove down to McConnellsburg last Saturday and returned home Sunday. While here they were guests of Judge Peter Morton. Harry says that his mother, who has been confined to her bed for some time does not regain strength very fast.

Mr. Reuben R. Sipes, one of Licking Creek's thrifty farmers, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. Mr. Sipes has just finished the burning of another hmeokin. It takes about thirty days to haul limestone enough to burn a kiln of 800 bushels; but that work is done at a time when there is not much else to do, and it brings great results on his land.

Albert Alexander, of Altoona, was a welcome caller at the News office early Tuesday morning. He and his wife and baby are away on a week's vacation; and while he is over among his Fulton county relatives, she is visiting her mother at Hagerstown, Md. Bert had a close call for a siege of typhoid fever, but he is convalescing nicely, and is likely to be good as ever in a few days.