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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

REBECCA ROTZ STOOPS.

Rebecca wife of Lloyd Stoops, died at their home near Blue Rock chapel, in Franklin county last Saturday evening of pulmonary tuberculosis. The funeral took place at 9:30 Tuesday morning, at Blue Rock chapel and interment was made in the adjoining graveyard. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. P. E. Swope, of the Reformed church, Marion, Pa.

Mrs. Stoops was a daughter of Samuel and Martha Cobick Rotz, formerly of this county, but now residing in Chambersburg. She was born Feb. 14, 1881; hence she was aged 30 years, 10 months and 15 days. For several years she was a very successful teacher, she having taught both in this county and in Franklin county. It is suspected that she contracted the fatal disease by teaching in a school that had been taught by a consumptive the term preceding.

Besides her husband and an infant son, she is survived by her parents and the following brothers and sisters: Gertie, wife of John Myers, Chambersburg; Andrew Rotz, Mary, wife of Prof. Emory Thomas, and Daniel—all living near McConnellsburg; Samuel, a twin brother of Daniel, living in Illinois; Effie, wife of Harvey Wentling, Chambersburg; Benjamin and Jacob at Marion; Fannie, Ralph, and Earl at the home of their parents in Chambersburg.

JOHN ELDER CAMPBELL.

John E. Campbell died at his home on part of the old Campbell homestead in Dublin township, Tuesday morning, December 12, 1911, aged almost seventy nine years. The funeral will take place today, and interment will be made in the cemetery at Knobsville.

In young manhood Mr. Campbell learned the tanning trade, and worked in the tannery at Nossville, Huntingdon county several years. He served in the Union army during the Rebellion, and after the war lived in Rainsburg, Bedford county a while. For several years he has resided in Dublin township, where he died.

Mr. Campbell was an excellent citizen, a good neighbor, and had a wide circle of friends.

Robert, a half brother, and Mary, a half-sister, live in Rogersville, Tenn.; James, a brother, lives in the West, and Mrs. Jane Keepers, a sister, has been living in the home with her brother John for some time.

Not to Be Opened Until Christmas.

The postal department at Washington has given permission to write on all packages sent a Christmas gift, the sentence "Not to be opened until Christmas," even if they are sent at second, third or fourth class rates. This is done to prompt persons to send their Christmas gifts at any time now and not wait until a day or two before Christmas. By delaying the sending, there is always such a glut in all large post offices that with an extra force, many packages cannot be delivered until a day or two after Christmas.

Cito Dedication.

The new M. E. Church at Cito was dedicated last Sunday evening after an all day service. The Rev. J. V. Adams a former pastor of the charge was present and preached both morning and evening. The debt was all raised or covered but about \$75. The church is nicely finished and furnished so as to be attractive and comfortable.

G. J. Mellott, of Big Cove Tannery, was a business visitor at the County Seat Tuesday.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

The State Wants Every Child to Attend Regularly and no Looney Playing.

The state gives liberal aid for the maintenance of our public schools, and no extra expense is imposed for books or other necessary supplies, upon the parents of those who do attend, thus making our schools free in the fullest sense of the term. But in return the State wants every child between the ages of six and sixteen years to be regular in attendance, in order that they may be qualified for the activities of life. To this requirement there is a provision that children between fourteen and sixteen years of age who have acquired a certain degree of proficiency may be given certificates excusing them from attendance. But with all these liberal provisions some parents are so indifferent as to allow their children to attend school or remain away, just as it suits them, and some require them to work when they should be preparing themselves for work, hence we have compulsory attendance laws. The new school code makes the following provisions for this:

Section 1432. The board of school directors of every school district in this Commonwealth of the first, second or third class, shall, and in any school district of the fourth class may, employ one or more persons to be known as attendance officers, whose duties shall be to enforce the provisions of this Act regarding compulsory attendance. Such attendance officers shall, in addition to the duties imposed upon them by this Act, have full police power without warrant, and may arrest or apprehend any child who fails to attend school in compliance with the provisions of this Act, or who is incorrigible, insubordinate, or disorderly during attendance at school or on his way to or from school. Parents should not neglect their duty or they may be made to feel the penalty of the law.

SEVERE WINTER.

Fierce Cold Waves and Bizzards are Forecasted—Holiday Period Will Be Mild One.

Prepare for a severe winter! The goose bone reading has been announced, a news dispatch from Reading this week giving this forecast:

The coming winter, as indicated by the readings of the goose hatched last spring according to the theory of the late Elias Hartz, will be a hummer. The coal bins are likely to require more frequent refilling than for some winters.

The bone shows many dark markings. This means severe weather. Such a bone was submitted to Erastus Moyer, a veteran weather sharp for his opinion.

A fierce blizzard covering a wide territory is predicted by him after the holidays.

"Blow! Well if the black wavy lines are correct the snow plows will surely be taxed to their utmost to prevent a general tie-up of railroad business," he declared.

"Real winter weather will set in with a sudden drop in the temperature of from 35 to 40 degrees," he says. "This will occur about December 20 and continue for some days, when mild weather will prevail. Good sleighing is promised. Several weeks after Christmas another storm is probable.

"This will be followed by a cold wave which will sweep over this section like a whirlwind. Drifts of snow will block avenues of travel.

"January and February will be cold. Several considerable drops in temperature may be experienced but they will be of short duration. The marking of the bone indicates but slight assurance of very mild weather before March. There will be an abundance of ice."

OFFICIAL BONDS.

County Officers Elect Are Busy Arranging to Meet the Demand of the New Laws.

Blank forms of bonds for the newly-elected county officials have arrived at the recorder of deeds office and because of the large amount of surety that is required by the state these forms are attracting considerable attention. The forms set forth that the respective officials have been elected to serve four years beginning January 1, 1912. After the sureties have been secured they must be returned to the recorder of deeds who will forward them to Harrisburg for approval.

Sheriff-elect James J. Harris is required to file a bond amounting to \$8,000, and in addition he must file a recognizance in the same amount, making a total bonded security of \$16,000. B. Frank Henry puts up \$22,500, divided up as follows: As Prothonotary, \$2,000; Recorder, \$7,500; as Register of Wills, \$7,000; and as Clerk of the Courts, &c., \$8,000. Treasurer Samuel W. Hess must file a bond in the sum of \$30,000. Of this amount, \$25,000 is for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, and \$5,000 for moneys due the State, and pay and hand over to his successor all books and balance of moneys in his hands.

County Commissioners—elect F. M. Lodge, Jonas Lake, and D. F. Trout must each file a bond for \$2,000 each.

Fort London Boy Acquitted.

On the 19th of last July a moving picture show was on the school-house grounds at Fort London. A lot of boys were there and began throwing apple cores and green apples. One hit Barton, a brother of Frank Kann. Garnet Gish aged 13 years was there playing mumblepeg, and Frank threw an apple at Garnet who threw the one that struck Frank's little brother. Frank said, "Hit me and not my little brother and Garnet hit Frank with an apple or core. Frank and Garnet began fighting, striking each other with their hands. Some boys laid a stick between the two fighting boys, and Frank and Garnet stood on either side of this stick, and if one stepped over, the other would push him back. Frank, who wore slippers on which were half soles, kicked Garnet on the left hip with his right foot. About this time Garnet's mother called, and Garnet ran home on an easy trot. Four days later, Garnet complained of pains, a physician was called, and in a week from the time he began to complain, he died. An autopsy was performed, and it was found that death had resulted from injury to the spine and hip. The case was tried in the court at Chambersburg last week and Frank was acquitted.

Two Churches in Three Years.

The new M. E. church at Wood vale, of which Rev. G. W. McIlhenny is pastor, was dedicated free of debt Sunday, Nov. 26. The little church is a gem of beauty and a marvel of cheapness considering its excellent furnishings. It is 30x40 feet built of wood, tastefully painted within and without finished in southern pine wood, walls daintily decorated, hot air furnace, carpets, organ, etc. It is worth \$1800 but with careful management it was dedicated free of debt for \$1600. This is the second church built by Rev. G. W. McIlhenny on the Dudley Charge in less than three years with only \$400 debt yet on the former costing \$3800, built in 1909, at Coalmont. Rev. McIlhenny was formerly pastor of the M. E. church at Burnt Cabins, and is a hustler.

James H. Fix left last Saturday morning for Pittsburg where he expects to spend some time in seeing the big city and visiting friends.

A SALTY SENTENCE.

Judge Gillan, in Franklin County, Applies Heroic Treatment of the Tramp Question.

During the past few years thousands and tens of thousands of dollars have been paid out of the County treasuries of the counties of Pennsylvania, for the maintenance of tramps, and thus thousands of able bodied men have been encouraged to roam over the country during the summer time begging their living from people living in the country and in the smaller towns, and in the winter going into shelter in the County Jails by virtue of a card of admission from a justice of the peace.

In Chambersburg recently, a magistrate took the alternative of binding one of those travelling knights over to court instead of giving him a night's lodging in jail, and when the case was brought up before a jury in Chambersburg last Saturday, it did not take them five minutes to decide that he was guilty, and they turned him over to the tender mercies of Judge Gillan for sentence.

This is what the Judge said to him:

"Tramps in this county have become a great nuisance, a great expense to the taxpayers and a menace to the people of the county. Since I have been on the bench I have tried to break up the nuisance by endeavoring to make the tramps work, for I think that there is nothing a tramp dislikes more than work. But the work plan did not go well. Then I tried to secure a work house, but that plan did not succeed. I have another remedy. It is inflicting the full penalty of the law, and I have made up my mind to do this.

If the magistrates of the county instead of giving tramps a thirty day sentence would bind them over for court to answer the act you have been convicted by they would do well. I noticed in a newspaper the other day that a magistrate in Waynesboro had given a tramp a sentence of forty days in jail. I have succeeded in having a few magistrates co-operate and hold the tramps over for court.

"The sentence of this court is that you pay a fine of one cent, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the county of Franklin for a period of twelve months. You are remanded to the custody of the sheriff until this sentence is complied with.

"I hope that every other tramp will hear of this sentence. If you meet any in jail, you can tell them of it."

Corn And Dairy Awards Popular.

The farmers of Pennsylvania are greatly interested in the valuable prizes that are being offered by the management of the Pennsylvania Fruit, Livestock and Dairy Show that is to be held in Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa., January 15-20, 1912. A pair of Chester White pigs has been offered for the best 30 ears of corn, any variety. This affords an unusual opportunity for a farmer to start a herd of pure-bred hogs. The leading dairy cattle breeders of the State have been very liberal in their offers of pure-bred bull calves for butter, cream and milk prizes. Three Ayrshire calves and two Jersey calves, all from dams yielding large records of butter fat have been offered. For information concerning these awards write to T. D. Harman, Jr., 110 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Zimmerman-Weller.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. A. G. B. Powers at Needmore, on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Wilson Zimmerman and Miss Rhoda E. Weller—both of Thompson township, were united in marriage.

THE CARE OF YOUNG TREES.

What to Do For Young Trees Received From the Nursery Too Late For Fall Planting.

At this time of year many persons are writing to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, Pa., asking for information as to what to do with young trees which they are receiving from nurseries, but which can not be planted owing to the freezing of the ground. They wish to know if they can be kept until spring, and if so, how. Such inquiries Professor Surface has replied to as follows:

"As long as the ground is not frozen hard, or is not too wet, you can plant the trees, and expect just as good, or even better results, than though they were planted in the spring; but, of course, when the ground is closed by hard freezing it is impossible to think of planting them, and arrangements should then be made for holding them until it thaws. They can be planted at any time when they thaws enough to work the soil, but planters should be careful that the trees are not set when the ground is too wet.

"A damp cellar is a good place which to keep trees over the winter. Three years ago I carried a cellar full during the entire winter with nothing over them but some sacking material, which was wet once or twice a month by throwing a little water over it just to help keep it damp. If the cellar is warm it should be cooled off by ventilation during cold weather.

"If no cellar is available one can dig through the frozen crust of earth and get down into the loose soil, and make a deep trench in which the trees can be heeled in by burying the roots to a half foot in depth greater than they grew. Let the earth be mounded up well around them forming a ridge, and it will not be necessary to use straw, as this may possibly at tract and protect mice. In very cold regions, however, it will be better to cover the young trees with burlap or some other protecting material."

Local Institute.

The second local institute of Belfast township was held at Pleasant Grove School December 1. The meeting was called to order by the teacher Blair Garland, after which the president Lester Mellott took charge. Topics discussed were: 1. Arithmetic; How taught to primary grades. 2. Essentials of a good school. 3. Geography—How taught to all grades. The following teachers were—Orpha Snyder, Blanche Smith, Nelle Morton, Zoe Mellott, and Lester Mellott. Some songs and recitations were rendered by the school in a very creditable manner. Institute adjourned to meet at Needmore Dec. 15. All friends of education are cordially invited. —Nelle Morton' Sec'y.

The third local institute in Licking Creek township was held at Forest Dale school, Friday evening, December 1st. The meeting was called to order by the teacher Miss Brant after which director, R. M. Sipes was appointed president.

The topics discussed were: 1. How do you start and proceed with a class in percentage? 2. Discipline. 3. Interest—How acquired and how held?

The teachers present were: A. E. Deshong, Chas. Mellott, A. J. Strait, D. R. Sipes, Maude Strait, Grace Hann, Edgar Alexander, Daisy Strait, Zea Brant and Kathryn Hoop.

Also, four directors—R. R. Sipes, Joseph Sipes, Roy M. Sipes, and Isaiah Sipes.

Some good literary work was furnished by the school, for which pupils and teacher deserve much credit.—Kathryn M. Hoop, Secretary.

COLD WEATHER HINTS.

Save Health and Fuel by Seeing That Air in Room is Properly Moistened.

Karl de Schweinitz well known in McConnellsburg, and who is Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania society for the Prevention of tuberculosis, gives the following advice:

Don't complain if your coal bills are high this winter. It will be your own fault. To fill one's home with a hot, dry air, as most people do, is both expensive and unhealthy. Tuberculosis, pneumonia and colds lie in wait for persons living in this kind of atmosphere.

On the other hand, properly moistened air does not have to be heated to as great a temperature as dry air in order to be made comfortable.

When you feel cold, therefore instead of seeing whether the furnace needs fuel, find out if the air does not want water. On a cold day the windows of your room should have prespiced look of a kitchen window on washday. In very cold weather the panes ought to be frosted. If you find this is not the case, the air probably needs a drink.

Place a pan of water in the room or if you have steam heat, allow a little of the steam to escape. You will soon feel comfortable although the temperature of the room will not have risen. With properly moistened air a room need not be heated to more than 64 degrees.

Farmers' Week.

Farmers' Week at The Pennsylvania State College has become one of the established features of work in that practical institution. Many hundreds of the more progressive farmers of the state gather at State College during that week to listen to discussions of various phases of farming. This year the lectures will begin Wednesday, December 27th, and will close Wednesday, January 3rd. One hundred and ten lectures will be given by fifty-two scientists and practical men. Some of the most widely-known authorities in agriculture are on the program which is exceptionally good this year. Our readers should write to "School of Agriculture, State College, Pa." for programs that will inform them regarding the lecturers and their subjects. Anyone who has ever attended one of these Farmers' Week meetings knows their value to practical men, but there are other thousands of farmers who should avail themselves of this opportunity for meeting with the leaders in the best agriculture practices. This conference of farmers is divided into sections so that horticulturists, dairymen, animal husbandmen, general farmers, etc., may give all their time during the week to the particular line of subjects that interests them. Send for program and go to State College for this Farmers' Week.

While in town attending the Farmers' Institute Tuesday, Mrs. Levi Keefer, of the Cove, came into the News Office and pushed her subscription ahead another year. While Mrs. Keefer has a nice bunch of turkeys, there is a flock of nine—a hen and eight young ones—that she does not have. They strayed away from home, and have probably become tangled up with somebody else's flock. They belong to Mrs. Keefer.

Geo. Kline and his uncle Peter Kline, the former a son, and the latter a brother, of Uriah W. Kline, of Licking Creek township are visiting among their relatives and friends in this county after an absence of several years. They live near Desbler, Ohio.

Ellsworth Batdorff is all smiles this week owing to the arrival of a young woodchopper last Saturday.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Important Meeting Arranged to Be Held in McConnellsburg, Saturday, January Thirteenth.

Not any one thing aside from the public schools is of such vital interest to the people of Fulton county as the improvement of her public roads. Good roads mean increased value of farms; increased size of farmers' bank accounts; increased pleasure in driving or hauling; and an increased influx of outsiders who will want to come in make Fulton county their home, and help pay the taxes. More progress has been made, both in schools and roads, during the past decade, than in a century before, and those who are living a score of years from this time will see marvelous changes for the better in this county.

Owing to the recent changes in the law relating to public roads, it has been thought the part of wisdom for the supervisors of the County to assemble at McConnellsburg, and have First Deputy Highway Commissioner Hunter of Harrisburg present to put every officer straight in the matter of his official duties. Supervisors will learn more in an hour from Mr. Hunter about the law, than they would find out in a whole term otherwise. Hence, let every Supervisor in the County make it a point to be present at 10 o'clock, Saturday January 13th, at the Court house, McConnellsburg, and hear Mr. Hunter, and let Mr. Hunter hear what you have to say. What's worth doing at all, is worth doing with all your might.

BOY SCOUTS.

Russel Swartzwelder and Donald Waidlich "Hike It" from Mercersburg to This Place and Return.

On Friday, December 1, Russel Swartzwelder and Donald Waidlich, two of Mercersburg's Boy Scouts, left Mercersburg in the morning for a hike to McConnellsburg and return, a round distance of twenty miles.

The weather was delightful and the boys in fine keels, and when they reached Foltz at 10:15, at the end of the first lap, they were just warmed up about right for hitting the mountain. At four minutes after 12 o'clock they had reached the top, after a continuous climb of four miles and overcoming an altitude of 1500 feet. At this point, they gathered some wood, built a fire, using but one match to ignite the wood, and prepared their dinner, which consisted of broiled beef, coffee, bread, and butter. At 12:50, they broke camp, and went northward along the top of the mountain until they reached the famous Linton Rocks, where after feasting their eyes on the great stretch of landscape that lay at their feet, they broke down through the woods over rocks and fallen timber until they reached the pike, which they followed until they came to the planing mill at the Forks of the Pike, just east of town, at 2:30.

Here they stopped and "brushed up" for their entry into Fulton's metropolis. They spent the time until 4:40 taking in the sights of the town, walking on the splendid concrete pavements and incidentally calling at the office of the FULTON COUNTY NEWS when they turned their faces toward the big mountain, and had the satisfaction of gazing from its summit at 5:20. Here the boys spent thirty-five minutes for supper, walked on to the Gap (Foltz) until 6:45 and were in Mercersburg "before bedtime," somewhat wearied, but with the recollection of a very pleasant day's outing.

Miss Myrtle Stout eagle of McConnellsburg was visiting in the home of Mr. Geo. C. Steiger in Mercersburg over last Sunday a week.